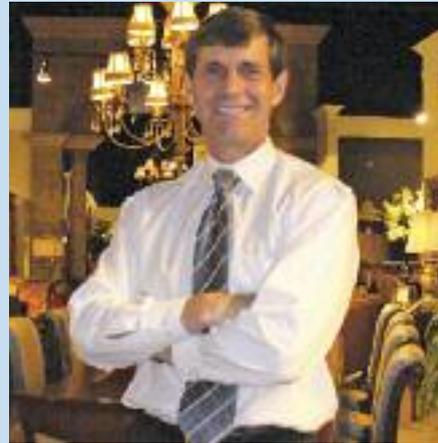




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Scouters raise funds for HIV/AIDS

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A number of prominent Westmounters in the Scouting movement hope to make a difference in the awareness fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa by holding a major fundraising dinner in Westmount on behalf of the Quebec Council of Scouts Canada.

Proceeds are to help educate African Scouts in HIV/AIDS through their Red Ribbon Badge.

"I'm so impressed by the work being done in this program," said co-chair Maggie Shaddick who conceived and spearheaded the event to coincide with the rooth anniversary of Scouting.

The dinner and show, which are already attracting a number of corporate sponsors to help offset costs, take place at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue that can seat some 600 dinner guests. *Westmount Independent* is proud to be among the sponsors.

Already, a number of citizens have committed to selling tables and Shaddick hopes the event will prove to be a sellout.

"I think Westmount is one of the most supportive communities," she said. "The community has always opened its doors for Scouting and opened them widely."

Emcee of the event will be city councillor and entertainer George Bowser.

The Red Ribbon Badge program of the *continued on page 2*



Preparing for the event are, from left: co-chair Maggie Shaddick, Trevor Bishop and Dermot Campbell. Absent from photo: Virginia Elliott, co-chair Andrew Macdougall, Ngaire Metcalf and Barbara Victor.

Fire Prevention Week focuses on cooking

While a number of Westmount students will be visited by local fire personnel for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-13, residents are being alerted to the dangers posed by cooking.

"We're asking everyone not to leave cooking unattended," said Fire Prevention Chief Daniel de Vries.

With cooking as the No. 1 cause of fires across Quebec, this year's theme of "Fire Burns Lives" is augmented by the added slogan "Don't Feed the Fire."

If a fire does occur while cooking, Chief de Vries said, turn off the stove and immediately smother the flames with a pot

cover or use a kitchen ABC (multi-purpose) fire extinguisher. Call the fire department.

Never carry a burning pot to the sink or window as flames can blow back.

Fire Prevention Week is traditionally the time before winter to change smoke detector batteries, he points out. If this is not possible, stock up and remember to change them when setting the clocks back next month.

The importance of maintaining functioning smoke detectors will be highlighted to Grade 5 and 6 students at Roslyn, West- *continued on page 3*

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Westmount Scouting supports Red Ribbon Badge

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Southern Africa Region is Scouting's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, which has heavily affected children aged seven to 18 - those of Scouting age.

The new badge, said Shaddick, puts the Scouting motto "Be Prepared" into action.

The program requires ongoing funding for the training of young leaders, booklets



and the badges themselves.

The badge, with four different age-related levels, teaches children and leaders about the disease, ways of contracting it and how to protect themselves against it. Shaddick proposed the idea of a fundraiser after learning about the program at various African conferences she has attended in Scouting.

The evening's African theme includes a menu of Portuguese fish soup, beef on a barbecue, salmon, sorbet and a 100th anniversary cake.

The cause is a very worthy one, Shaddick said. And she hopes the event may also highlight the need for a similar awareness program in Canada, adding: "Our own youth may be at risk in the future."

Special guests will include Adam Baden-Clay, great-grandson of Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell, and his wife, Nicole.

Judges award five blooms, cite heritage preservation

Westmount was awarded five blooms Sept. 24 in the 2007 Communities in Bloom competition with a special mention for heritage conservation.

All seven other competitors in the population category of 20,000 to 50,000 received the top, five-bloom rating, with Charlottetown named as grand winner.

Among the factors considered in the judging are environmental programs, cleanliness, improvements and conservation.

"We targeted some special areas this year such as the beautification of back lanes," said Westmount horticulturist Claudette Savaria. "It was a great team effort between the city staff and the population."

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How will Westmount deal with the HR crisis?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

How will municipal law enforcement leaders deal with the changing generational face of human resources in the years to come? And how will they manage in a pandemic and other crises?

These were key concerns explored recently by police chiefs across Canada that struck home with Westmount Public Security Director Richard Blondin.

"There is a big lack of human resources everywhere," he told the *Westmount Independent*.

Blondin was the only municipal public security director from the Island of Montreal attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in Calgary August 19-22.

The theme of this year's event, "Confidence in Crisis," was particularly relevant, he said, given the preparations that must be made for a pandemic.

The theme also went hand-in-hand with a key address on "HR Crisis in the Workplace."

"This topic is very important because of the lack of personnel and changes in HR," he explained. "Because younger workers want a more balanced lifestyle, it is taking three persons to replace two baby-boomers."

As well, he said, in cases where older personnel are returning from retirement to make up staffing needs - as with Westmount's Public Security Unit - there is bound to be a widening differential in gen-



Public Security Director Richard Blondin was the only municipal public security director from the Island of Montreal to attend the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police's annual meeting.

erational attitudes to be addressed in the workplace.

In the future, he said, limited budgets and personnel will require organizations to question not only "are we doing things well, but are we doing the right things?"

Coping with staffing shortages is also a key concern in preparing for a pandemic. "We can expect 35 percent of staff to not turn up. And what about truckers and suppliers that are also similarly affected?"

The conference, Blondin said, provided an excellent opportunity for networking and learning about new technologies displayed by more than 200 exhibitors.

Blondin, a retired Montreal police director, is a member of the CACP.

Delaney takes Westmount Park School's reins

With 27 years of teaching under her belt, Christina Delaney is Westmount Park School's new principal. She comes to the elementary school from Hampstead Elementary School, where she was principal last year. Before that she spent four years at Willingdon School in NDG as vice-principal. For 20 years she developed satellite programs for physically challenged children at Mackay Centre. When approached for the Westmount Park principalship, Delaney "had no hesitation." One attraction, she said, was the school's rich, multicultural environment that includes an English immersion program for Korean students who come to Montreal to study English for a year or two. "As a first-



year principal I look forward to building a vision with my teachers. I am a hands-on person and take a peaceful approach to solving problems." Delaney said she also hopes to "bring the school building's façade back to its glory" with help from the city.

Rummage sale on tap

St. Matthias' Church will hold a rummage sale starting at 10 am on Saturday, October 13. Available will be many household goods, clothes, books, toys, dishes, appliances, linens and more. The church is located at 131 Côte St. Antoine. For more information, please call 514-933-4295.

Class donation



Debbie Beitel's Westmount Park School Grade 2 students were thrilled to have her 11-year-old neighbour Harry Pompili give them the \$152.27 he raised by selling his toys. The 22 students were excited but polite as they awaited his arrival on the morning of September 25. The Kells Academy Grade 6 student handed her a heavy plastic bag, heavy because it contained the money he received from his yard sale. Beitel, a 31-year Westmount resident who has taught at the school for nine years, gave him a certificate for "Super Kindness, Thinking of Others." She said she plans to buy soccer balls, snacks for recess, books and other much-needed items for her students, who seemed thrilled to spend time with Harry, who had been inspired by an Oprah segment on giving to others.

Believing in the cause

Westmount employee Lucille Angers has given up every Saturday morning since June 6 to train out of the Westmount Y as a fundraising effort for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

She also trains three other days a week for her 21-km walk in the Nike Women's Marathon October 21 in San Francisco.

She has raised \$4,850 of the \$5,500 she needs for the participation fee. "Now I'm hopeful of reaching my goal."

Angers and her team have generated a high profile in their purple tank tops. On hers, she has the name of her "honour partner" who is living with leukemia. "This is a cause I truly believe in."



Lucille Angers, executive assistant to the Westmount city clerk, trains out of the Y.

Don't feed the fire

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mount and St. Léon during visits by Fire Inspector Tremblay.

They will be given forms to fill out after checking the smoke detectors of their parents and grandparents as well.



New law, new sign.

This sign at an entrance to Westmount Park explains Westmount's new park curfew law.



Fire Inspector Martine Tremblay will take the fire prevention message to Grade 5 and 6 students at several Westmount schools.

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At Second Glance

Political leadership 101: learning the lessons of Outremont

BY HEATHER BLACK

With the possibility of a fall federal election, many in Westmount are asking: Who are the candidates? And with our demographics similar to Outremont, what can be gleaned from the recent NDP win?

The fact is Thomas Mulcair's election was more than "Irish luck." It was predictable. As candidate, he applied the rules of good leadership.

Rule No. 1

The first rule is to involve everyone in the process. Mulcair did that. Before the election was called – and before the other candidates – he was in the riding, getting to know his constituents. And as he campaigned through multicultural Côte des Neiges, he was ably assisted by MP Olivia Chow.

Although Outremont is a wealthy francophone enclave, the riding includes various cultural communities. Candidates must be responsive to them. Demographically only half of the constituents speak French as a first language (42,935). Immigrants constitute one-third of the population (36,765).

The voter-preferred means of matching candidates to issues is through a party candidacy race. This process might have helped Liberal Jocelyn Coulon. With only a six per cent lead in 2006, the Liberal's needed to stimulate an interest in the election and to line up the party faithful.

Communicate ideas and the candidate

The second rule is, aim to understand and aim to be understood. Party platforms are philosophical umbrellas rather than ideas for particular ridings. Constituents want solutions – and preferably "blogged." A cyber "where I stand" is often more personal and effective than the party line. Dalton McGuinty's modest "dalton.ca" defends his measured progress and undermines opposition attacks.

Thomas Mulcair also has his own site where he stated his reasons for running, his record and his views on a University of Montreal extension. As many citizens rely on the internet for information, this is an excellent strategy.

Recruit champions

A third adage is "Hire up and hire now." Select the bright, the gifted and the powerful. But to the public, "star" means a defender of the people's interest. Our current rep-

resentative Lucienne Robillard was recruited as a pro-Canada champion. And look at Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams.

Mulcair is also considered a champion. As Quebec's environment minister, he walked the talk and defended Mount Orford from privatization. With Canadians rating the environment as their top issue, a passion for sustainable development is smart politics. And when a champion is elected, many – of all political stripes – think that the community is a winner.

And Westmount?

The NDP victory in Outremont illustrates that no riding can be taken for granted. Westmount-Ville Marie is similar in demographics. Only a third of citizens speak French as a first language (28,245). Immigrants number 31,810 of the population. And voters here have local concerns that they want addressed.

Mulcair's win is also a reminder that the campaign process counts. Voters want leaders committed to the riding, and not candidates rolled out like new cars. They want to know what's under the hood, and they want to be part of the process. A leader's maxim must be, "Luck is when preparation meets opportunity."

Politics is more than anyone's game; it's about leadership – smart leadership.

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City examining crumbling wall, fence

The city is examining who is responsible for a crumbling wall across the street from the police station on Stanton. Neighbour Frank Moller brought up the issue before city council on September 17.

Parts of the wall are falling. Atop it is a fence, of which a piece of concrete that supports one of the posts has become exposed and is eroding the wall, said Director-General Bruce St. Louis. "The fence belongs to the house (at 54 Thornhill) just to the west of Stanton. The wall is not on city property. We've looked at it before.

"The whole matter has been referred to our building inspectors," he said.

The city, which owns the sloping parkland east of the wall, will determine where the property line is and who owns the wall, he added.

"I'm not as worried about the rock as I am about the fence," he said. "There's no imminent danger but there could be an issue if there's further erosion of the fence. If anything needs attention in the short term it's the fence or the support for the fence." Contrary to what some city residents have long believed, the wall isn't a retaining wall but what St. Louis called "a natural rock outcrop." He said, "It's exposed limestone which isn't unusual. We have that all over the city."

Rash of thefts from cars

Do you leave laptops, briefcases and purchases in plain view when leaving the car?

If so, your car is an open invitation to thieves working Westmount and adjacent communities, said local police community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

"We're asking citizens to be aware of a rash of thefts from cars in the last month," he said.

Always keep everything out of sight in the trunk or under a cover in a hatchback, station wagon or SUV-type vehicle. A blanket is not sufficient – only an added come-on. Buying a cover, he said, is less trouble than hanging around a shop waiting for a car window to be repaired after a break-in.

"We're patrolling aggressively to try and stop these thefts. So far three suspects were arrested in September in separate car

incidents just east of the Westmount border."

City posts captain's position

Westmount's Public Security Unit is seeking a new captain for the second-in-command position.

The position has been vacant since the June departure of John Everatt.

"We're hoping to have our new captain by the beginning of November," said Director Richard Blondin.

The management position pays in the range of \$59,740 to 71,950 at 2006 rates. Posted internally and externally, it called for a bachelor's degree in administration or related field, five years' relevant experience and a good knowledge of laws and municipal by-laws governing the public security field.

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Citizens pose diverse questions at public consultation

Presenting the urban planning 'vision'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When is a vision a program or a program a vision?

Differences between the two seemed to lie at the crux of many citizen concerns expressed at Westmount's public consultation meeting September 24 on its draft "Planning Program."

The meeting was called to present the document intended to modify Montreal's master plan which Westmount inherited after reconstitution in 2006.

It began with a lengthy presentation by urban planning consultant Pierre Landry and the city's urban planning director Joanne Poirier who both stressed the focus on preservation and sustainability.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chaired the meeting, explained that the document was essentially a consolidation of Westmount's 2001 planning program (bylaw 1302) that had been replaced by Montreal's master plan in 2004 during the merger.

Citizens, however, questioned a large number of items in the new document, led off by a long list of "inconsistencies," objections and suggestions from local architect and resident Bruce Anderson, a former member of Westmount's Architectural & Planning Commission.

Both Lulham and Mayor Karin Marks, repeatedly explained that the document represented a planning "vision" that would be realized through the adoption of future bylaws.

What the city was seeking at the meeting was endorsement of planning principles.

In its introduction, the document was described as presenting the city's "planning approach" and goals as well as "proposed directions" for the revitalization of certain sectors.

It would provide a "clear reference" for citizens, council and the administration for further action affecting the territory.

The plan calls for prohibiting the growth of commercial sectors, limiting parking as well as excavation on the mountain, and the redevelopment of the area close to the MUHC hospital site.

Given its importance, Councillor Patrick Martin, who spoke from the audience, said he was disappointed so few citizens were attending – about a dozen or so "not paid to be here", as he put it.

He questioned the document's plan for establishing affordable housing on the site of the Tupper parking lot to attract young families. Commercial development of the land, he suggested, could bring the city \$40 million, "enough to build two sports complexes" with money left over.

He also questioned the "alleged need for more young families," saying, "we have more kids than we have facilities for."

Other citizens suggested that if the city wanted to attract young families it should consider attractions such as restaurants at the pool and King George Park.



Pierre Landry and Joanne Poirier

Skunked!

Lansdowne Ave. residents woke up on September 25 to an unwelcome wildlife experience: skunk odour. A dog may have provoked the incident.

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Residents of Clandeboye Ave. have also recently seen skunks.



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Parking Inspector initiates Haunted House

There's a real treat in store this Halloween for Westmount ghosts and goblins.

Building on the brainwave of a local parking inspector, a number of citizens and city workers are busy transforming the lawn bowling clubhouse into a haunted house

"I worked on Halloween last year giving out candies to the kids," said Parking Inspector Pierre Thibault. "And when I attended the Public Security's Christmas lunch at the lawn bowling club, I found it



Parking Inspector Pierre Thibault promises good old scary fun at the upcoming Haunted House.

to be so cozy, that it occurred to me what a wonderful haunted house it could be-

come for Halloween."

He proposed the idea to his sergeant who brought it to the PSU's council, and the idea snowballed from there.

Public Security Director Richard Blondin credited Thibault with initiating the idea.

Complements Public Security program

"It will complement the Halloween program that we already have in place for Halloween," Blondin said. "It will give the kids in the city a place to go when they visit all the nicely decorated homes." Every year, the PSU operate a home decorating contest in conjunction with its safety campaign.

The Haunted House project involves many partners, including Roslyn School, whose students will be decorating pump-

kins for display.

It will be open October 31 from 5 to 8:30 pm.

Four kings need a home



Henry VIII, Charles II, George I and Edward VII need a home. Homeless kings, you ask? The four kittens were born August 3 at Hôpital Vétérinaire de Montréal on Victoria Ave., where Birgit Koch boarded their pregnant mum after she found her in her Blenheim Place backyard at the beginning of June. Koch has made a habit of boarding and having strays fixed pending adoption. "The hospital gives me a discount. I pay on the installment plan like a sofa," said Koch, who first noticed the cat at the beginning of June. She named her Lucifer "because she was fearless." That got shortened to Lucie, as in Queen Lucie. Koch gave the litter royal names because of Blenheim Palace, Sir Winston Churchill's birthplace and the 11th Duke of Marlborough's home. "Blenheim Place is such a grand name for street. The boys needed grand names." They now go by Harry, Charlie, Georgie and Eddie and they need homes, as does their mum. Adoptive parents must pay for a \$65 booster shot. Koch has taken care of everything else, including getting all five cats neutered. "A female cat has the potential of having 420 babies in her lifetime and you have to remember they multiply and divide as well," cautioned Koch, a 35-year Westmount resident, artistic director of the Montreal German Theatre and former CBC Radio arts producer. If interested in adopting one of the kings, please call Koch at 514.932.0643.



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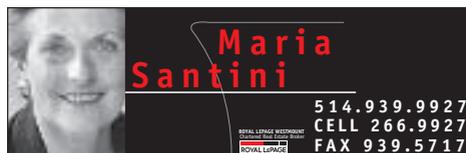
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Westmount Profile: Ross Fraser

Fourth generation legacy

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

His name, the pictures on his office wall and his love of the bagpipes all leave little doubt as to his Scottish heritage. But the legacy that fills Ross Fraser with the greatest pride is being the fourth generation to run the family's high-end furniture business.

And not because Fraser Furniture was his to inherit from his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, but because he had already proven his business ability elsewhere before taking over the reins of the 127-year-old company 20 years ago.

"There are very few businesses in North America that have survived four generations," he says.

And the hard work, focus and energy that he puts into moving the company forward with the times is the same enthusiasm for which he is well known in the community.

Halloween home symbolizes his involvement

With Halloween beckoning, neighbourhood trick-or-treaters know they can count on the Fraser home being brightly decorated in its usual award-winning style with costumed members of the family greeting them. "What we love about it is the number of the kids that come by," he says. "Last year we had about 350."

And it's symbolic of Fraser's participation in a wide range of programs and charities, most of them involving kids.

He not only sponsors "a bunch of kids" for the annual Dreams Take Flight event to Disney World, but he and his wife, Donna, actually serve as escorts. "It just lights up your life," he says.

And for the past five years, Fraser has been one of a core group of parent volunteers who organize and run Westmount's championship Dolphins swim team.

He's also past president of the local YMCA's winter swim team to which two of his sons belong, and a member of several committees at his alma mater, Lower Canada College, where his wife chairs the parents' committee.

Ran the Boston marathon

Fraser is an avid tennis player, skier and runner, having participated in several marathons including the Boston event.

Born into a longstanding Westmount

family, Fraser was actually raised in Pointe Claire where his father, Ian, and mother Claire Johnson, moved when he was a child.

After obtaining a B.Comm. from Queen's University in 1977, he went to work at Sears in Toronto, becoming a national sporting goods buyer.

Just like his father, who had worked at Alcan before joining the family firm, Ross Fraser began forging his own career. "My father was smart. 'Make your mistakes with someone else,' he said. Sears was a top merchandiser and a great training ground."

Learned French while skiing

In 1984, at age 29, Fraser was invited into the firm by his father. "I had one request," he recalls. "I wanted to take some time off to ski at Whistler. But my father refused, telling me to go to the Alps instead and learn French. That was a very wise move since I had been out of Quebec for quite a few years."

In 1986, Fraser assumed the presidency of the company.

"One of the secrets to our survival as a family business has been the ability of each generation to ensure the company evolved with the times," he says.

The first generation (David and his brother) founded the company in 1880 as Fraser Brothers to auction off estates, including livestock, and liquidate illegal shipments of wine seized by port authorities.

The second generation (his grandfather, Brigadier Robert Fraser) built up clientele. Ian, the third generation, launched the company into selling new furniture – antique reproductions.

Changed the name

Ross, in his turn, divested the auction business to concentrate on the import and sale of prestige furnishings from around the world, and changed the name.

He also added a contemporary gallery on the second floor of the spacious quarters on Devonshire Rd. "That has totally changed the business," he says.

One of the benefits he has is a somewhat unique relationship with the sons and daughters of his father's suppliers, he adds.

He has also instituted a number of customer events, one of which is an upcom-



Ross Fraser carries on from three generations before him.

ing tea in mid-November with Paul Burrell, the late Lady Diana's butler. He will be at Fraser's to introduce his line of furniture inspired by living in the homes of British royalty.

Fraser, who has two sisters – Sandy an interior designer in Vancouver, and Cindy in Toronto – also attributes the survival of the company to the fact that in each generation only one member of the family has been involved, thereby eliminating any potential sibling differences.

Generating team approach

"Also, it enables us to be a family business in which employees can really feel part of the team and a critical part of the company success which leads to a focus on our unique type of customer service."

In 1992, Fraser and his wife bought their home in Westmount where he has long played hockey on various house teams.

Describing himself as energetic and fun-loving, "I try to bring a positive atti-

tude to what I do," he explains. "And I really love my community. We're very fortunate to live where we do in a city like Westmount and a country like Canada."

And it's this community where he and Donna have chosen to raise their three sons: Sean, 17; Jordy, 15; and Kevin, 12 – the fifth generation, perhaps, in a very special family business.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Evaluation</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Transferor</i>	<i>Transferee</i>
8/30	3157-61 St. Antoine	\$465,800	\$170,000	Jason Rudland, Thu Tran	Phillipe Lafave, R. Bradley Wing
8/31	205 Victoria #302	\$450,200	\$245,200	Ellen Sevin	Richard Boudreaux
8/17	378-80 Clarke	\$658,600	\$246,666	Nadia, Eva & Angel (estate) Alonso	Karina Zarnon
8/24	4855 de Maisonneuve Blvd.#104	\$284,000	\$260,000	6488331 Canada Inc	Les Investissements Lew Inc.
8/24	4855 de Maisonneuve Blvd.#303	\$320,700	\$315,000	6488331 Canada Inc	Les Investissements Lew Inc.
8/15	4476 St. Catherine St. #202	\$269,200	\$320,000	Therese Pouliot	Nabeel Ali
8/17	435/7/9 Grosvenor #16	n.a.	\$322,500	Developpment Villa Grosvenor Inc.	Howard & Gayle Shulak
n.a.	4 & 6 Windsor	\$404,500	\$332,492	Michael Brian (estate)	Mary, Catherine & Jessica Brian
8/31	346 Grosvenor	\$291,100	\$365,000	Frank Manley, Dian Halfpenny	Tamara Scullion
8/30	368 Kensington	\$613,200	\$416,959	William Connolly	Heather McKeown
9/12	27 Renfrew	\$898,900	\$449,450	D. Paul Cleland	Diana Daoust
8/29	321 Melville	\$476,100	\$480,861	Susan Purdie	Sean, Ryan & Anne Outerbridge
8/31	34 Winchester	\$563,300	\$512,500	Sonia Charland	Edward Harman, Nancy Heath
8/20	3787 Grey	\$581,300	\$512,500	Elizabeth & Mabel Boulkind, Gwendolyn Heurtevant	Collin Niemi
8/30	4210 de Maisonneuve #3	\$497,000	\$536,250	Vivivan Doyle-Kelly	4370724 Canada Inc.
8/28	113 Blenheim Place	\$404,500	\$551,000	Zakria Mirza	Stefan Hess, Jacqueline Depocas
8/15	466 Argyle	\$553,100	\$600,000	Alain Weiss, Lousie Mundy	Stephane Vivet, Corrinne Habib
8/22	4700 St. Catherine #414	\$720,500	\$615,800	Jean-Claude Hébert (estate)	Madeleine Oulimar
9/13	552 Lansdowne	\$545,000	\$633,000	Michel Fleury, Johannes Labrosse	Marc-André Godard, Patricia Brisette
9/4	308 Lansdowne	\$595,800	\$675,000	Bernard Labrie, Halina Brafman	Joni Herscovici
8/14	426 Mt. Stephen	\$642,000	\$687,200	Caroline Lafleur	Mark Greenberg
8/16	3244 The Boulevard	n.a.	\$700,000	Louise Girouard, Paul Gratton	Jean-Sébastien Lebon, Angela Nguyen
8/23	303 Grosvenor	\$513,900	\$705,000	Joseph Marovitch	Ronald Vigneault, Bruce Walker
9/10	4134 Dorchester	\$429,300	\$725,000	Marc Richardson	Steven MacPherson, Maria Hannon
8/31	665 Grosvenor	\$553,300	\$777,000	Edward Harman, Nancy Heath	Oren Nutik
8/23	320 Prince Albert	\$779,700	\$795,000	Norbert & Gusta Roth, Norbert & Gusta Roth Foundation	4427718 Canada Inc.
8/30	530 Mt. Pleasant	\$886,900	\$800,000	Deirdre Molson	Brian Mitchell, Pierre Houde
8/21	338 Metcalfe	\$760,000	\$864,500	Liane Feldman	Lisa & Samer Faraj
9/13	1 Wood #504	n.a.	\$875,000	Clara Chaim	Susan Stromberg, David Stein
8/24	4342 Montrose	\$865,800	\$885,000	Isabelle Le Gouar	Adrian Abdo, Nikoleta Karamanos
8/15	20 Holton	\$916,100	\$885,000	Simon Dadouche, Linda Fisher	Sanjay Sharma, Pramodita Joshi
9/5	3606 The Boulevard	n.a.	\$925,000	9135-2963 Quebec Inc.	Faye Rossdeutsch
9/20	214 Côte St Antoine/489 Strathcona	\$690,800	\$935,000	C. Buitrago & Associates Inc.	Charles Beaudet, Virginie Dionne-Bourassa
9/10	119 Arlington	\$834,700	\$947,000	Karen Nunn, Ian Boeckh	Edward Claxton
9/12	451 Mountain	\$714,100	\$975,000	Pauline Little	Yves Hébert, Simon Tooley
n.a.	15 Forden	\$1,500,000	\$1,066,650	Harry Hopmeyer (estate)	Barbara Maldoff
8/29	567 Roslyn	\$1,085,800	\$1,100,000	Deirdre Falkner	Marie-Josée Nadeau
8/21	22 Arlington	\$614,400	\$1,100,000	Peter Feingold, Jennifer McGinn	Jean & Deborah Vernet
8/14	536 Côte St. Antoine	\$900,000	\$1,100,000	Paul King	Carolyn Farha
8/30	1 Wood #1902	\$1,077,500	\$1,180,000	Nabil Kabanni	Norman Coltin, Sadie Leon
9/4	651 Roslyn	\$975,300	\$1,198,240	Eileen Ressler	Kelly Hanson
8/30	754 Upper Belmont	\$1,079,400	\$1,200,000	Alain Chung, Monique Gravel	Julie-Martine Loranger
9/20	533 Clarke	\$1,254,800	\$1,370,000	Sylvia Manguelian	David Delnick, Tamara Haver
9/10	19 Lansdowne Ridge	\$1,380,200	\$1,600,000	Hiking Corporation Ltd	Alan Stein, Barbara Gates
9/20	21 Ramezay Rd.	\$1,870,700	\$1,850,000	Barry Cole	Monique Gravel, Alain Chung
8/28	511 Roslyn	\$2,600,000	\$1,975,000	Solomon Bierbrier in Trust	9059-4920 Quebec Inc.
9/11	77 Sunnyside	\$1,991,500	\$1,991,500	Gloria Kahansky	Liane Baizer
8/14	39 Aberdeen	\$2,117,600	\$3,386,000	Nicodemo Ieraci, Carolyn Farha	Claude Genereux, Myriam Legault
n.a.	8 small lots at #1 Wood	n.a.	\$4,100 to \$13,000	Nick Nanas/sheriff of Montreal/ Condominium No. 1 Wood Avenue	Devdip Chatterjee (3), Christopher Tombakis (2), Jackson De Bordes (2), Patrick Cadet (1)
8/29	364 Olivier	\$729,200		Jan Simon (estate)	Winifred Whittier



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The Westmount Gardener

Working in the fall garden

BY STUART ROBERTSON

Rather like the spring, jobs in Westmount gardens tend to pile up in the fall and many of them need to be done at about the same time. When you actually get around to doing them depends a lot on the weather. The sooner it gets cold, the sooner we have to start cleaning up the garden and putting it to bed.

Before shutting things down for the winter, there are a few ways to make the fall garden look a bit nicer.

- Brighten up your fall flowerbeds with some colourful chrysanthemums. If you didn't plant any in the spring, so what? Markets and garden centres usually have lots of them on special at this time of the year.

- Buy a few of the larger pots, dig holes in the flowerbed (removing a few poor performing annuals if you have to) and just drop them in and water them well. If you do it when nobody's looking, your neighbours will never know.

- When buying your 'mums, choose ones with lots of unopened buds, so that they

will open slowly and keep the show going a long time. They can stand a dose of light frost, and only die after the first really hard frost has burned them.

- You can put smaller pots of chrysanthemums into flower boxes and containers as well. They make a nice autumn replacement for those summer flowers that have faded away.

- Use a sharp spade or a curved lawn edging tool to trim the edge of the lawn where it meets your flower beds. Grass is always growing in towards the fertile flower beds, so if you cut back at least a couple of inches all along the edge and make a nice neat line, you'll not only tidy up the look of the garden but you'll also be halting the invasion of the grass roots into your beds. Put the trimmed turf on your compost pile.

- Perennials that you feel are in the wrong place can be dug up and moved. Use a large fork to loosen the soil all around and under the roots.

When you see the size of the rootball, go and prepare an appropriate-sized hole to put it into. Make the new hole a bit

larger and deeper and fill it in with some compost. Then move the clump of perennial into its new home, fill in all around it with more compost and water it really well.

- Perennials which are getting too big for their location can be divided now. Using a sharp spade or a fork, cut off a section of the clump from where you don't want it growing.

Prepare a hole for this divided section, as described above, and move it into its new home. If the foliage looks a bit floppy after the move, cut all of it off a few inches above the soil. It won't be around much longer anyway.

- Dig up any herbs like parsley or chives which you want to save for growing indoors, put them into a pot and start getting them used to spending time inside. You can do the same for rosemary which won't last the winter outdoors.

- If you want to save any geraniums or other plants for next year, now's the time to dig them up and put them into a large pot.

You'll need to have a very sunny window or fluorescent lights to keep them happy over the winter, but it can be fun to save a few and have flowers when the snow is on the ground.

Council recognizes dispatcher



At its September 17 meeting, city council lauded Claudette Gauthier for her response to the Dawson shooting last fall. Gauthier was the dispatcher on duty at the Westmount Public Security Unit on the morning of September 13, 2006. For her actions, she received a certificate for helping Dawson College with her courage and professionalism, said Westmount Public Security Director Richard Blondin. Gauthier has since retired after about 25 years of service, he said.



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ON THE SHELVES

Magazines

Canadian Quilter, Autumn 2007 "Fantasy: The Grand National Quilt Exhibition" Note that the Grand Prize went to Lily Lam for her Cloak of Imagining, the storyteller's cloak for the Westmount Public Library.

Gramophone, September 2007, "Music's Best-Kept Secrets" Gramophone critics reveal 50 outstanding but unfairly neglected recordings.

English Adult

Remembering the Bones by Frances Itani. Born on the same day as Queen Elizabeth II, Georgina Whitley has been invited to an 80th birthday lunch at Buckingham Palace but a moment of inattention on the way to the airport changes all that. A moving and original book by the award-winning author of *Deafening*.

Giller Prize longlist. Choose from the list of 17 Canadian novels written in the last year and enter the Library's contest to guess the winner of this year's prize.

French Adult

Semper Augustus : roman by Olivier Bleyes
An historical novel set during the Dutch tulip bulb mania of the 1600's.

Réussir l'examen d'entrée au secondaire : écoles privées, écoles internationales / Pierrette Tranquille by Françoise Tchou

Children's

Bad Dog Marley by John Grogan. Marley is a rambunctious puppy but proves himself in a most dramatic way a valuable member of the household.

Adèle et Simon by Barbara McClintock. Adèle and her brother adventure through Paris on their walk home from school.

DVDs

Duma – A young boy's courage is tested when he must try to save his beloved pet cheetah.
À force de rêves – This powerful film shows that it is possible to grow old happily. Winner of the 2007 Jutra prize for best documentary.

Reference

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HÔTEL DE VILLE Action de grâces

Veillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et des loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés **le lundi 8 octobre** en raison de l'Action de grâces. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée **les dimanche 7 octobre et lundi 8 octobre**.

Prenez également note qu'il n'y a aucun changement quant à la collecte des ordures qui s'effectuera à l'horaire normale. ♻️



SERVICE DE SÉCURITÉ INCENDIE Semaine de la prévention des incendies

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ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Margit Boronkay et Ron Jamieson jusqu'au 6 octobre. Info : 514 989-5226.

Opération patrimoine architectural Concours pour les jeunes

Les jeunes de 9 à 12 ans sont invités à participer au concours *Défi architectural de Westmount 2007*. Les participants auront à répondre à des questions sur l'architecte réputé Robert Findlay et ses œuvres dans Westmount. Les questionnaires sont disponibles au comptoir de prêt des enfants ou sur le site Web. Les questionnaires dûment complétés

DATES À RETENIR

Le 10 octobre - 19 h

Société d'horticulture de Westmount
Bibliothèque

Le 16 octobre - 19 h

Club de lecture anglaise
Lullabies for Little Criminals d'Heather O'Neill
Bibliothèque

Le 17 octobre - 14 h

Conférences 14 heures
Life Tips: 101 Green Tips avec Linda Handiak
Bibliothèque

Le 17 octobre - 18 h 45

Club de lecture française
Les oeuvres d'Hubert Mingarelli
Bibliothèque

doivent être remis, au plus tard, le samedi 6 octobre à la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5229. ♻️



TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de feuilles mortes

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Collecte des résidus domestiques dangereux

Veillez inscrire dans votre agenda la journée de la prochaine collecte des RDD à Westmount qui se tiendra le samedi 20 octobre. Disposez en toute sécurité de vos restes de peinture et de solvants, des piles usagées, des pesticides et autres en les déposant dans le stationnement de la Bibliothèque de Westmount entre 9 h et 17 h. Une collecte de vêtements usagés et de vieux équipements électroniques sera également effectuée à cette occasion. Info : 514 989-5390. ♻️



BUSINESS HOURS Thanksgiving Day

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on **Monday, October 8** for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Westmount Public Library will also be closed on both **Sunday, October 7 and Monday October 8**.

Garbage collection is unaffected, and will take place according to the regular schedule. ♻️



FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Prevention Week Don't Feed the Fire!

Each year, there are over 900 fires associated with cooking, resulting in \$15.5 million in damages. As part of Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department wishes to remind you of the importance of preventing cooking fires. Cooking fires cause more serious injuries and material losses than any other type of fire. Info: 514 280-3534. ♻️



COMMUNITY EVENTS Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of Margit Boronkay and Ron Jamieson until October 6. Info: 514 989-5226

Opération patrimoine architectural Contest

Children 9 to 12 years of age are invited to enter the 2007 *Westmount Architectural Heritage Challenge*. Participants must answer questions about renowned architect Robert Findlay and his work in Westmount. Contest forms are available in the Children's section of the Westmount Public Library or on our Web site. The deadline for submitting a completed form is Saturday, October 6. Info: 514 989-5229. ♻️

DATEBOOK

October 10 - 7 p.m.

Westmount Horticultural Society
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October 16 - 7 p.m.

English Book Club
Lullabies for Little Criminals by Heather O'Neill
Library

October 17 - 2 p.m.

2 O'Clock Series
Life Tips: 101 Green Tips with Linda Handiak
Library

October 17 - 6:45 p.m.

French Book Club
The works of Hubert Mingarelli
Library



PUBLIC WORKS

Autumn Leaf Collection

Please note that all leaves and other similar yard waste must be bagged in either CLEAR PLASTIC or PAPER yard waste bags for collection by Public Works crews. Leaves piled loose behind the sidewalk WILL NOT be picked up. For more information, consult our Web site or call 514 989-5390.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Mark your calendar - Saturday, October 20 is Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in Westmount. Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, old and broken computer equipment, etc. in the parking lot of Westmount Library between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Used clothing and electronic items will be collected the same day. Info: 514 989-5390. ♻️

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The Westmount Parent

New prices, changing room making Y more family friendly

BY ANNIKA MELANSON



The Westmount YMCA has revamped its membership package to attract more families. “With hundreds of kids participating in activities at the Y, it was surprising that more people were not coming as a family,” said Gary White, the Westmount Y’s executive director. The monthly cost of an annual family membership has dropped to \$86 from \$140. A “family” is defined as two adults living at the same address and all of their children under the age of 18. That means that a family with six kids will be able to join at the same price as a family with two. Weekend à la carte activities have been added (great for working parents wanting to participate in weekend classes with kids) and so have weekend babysitting services, which are available for a minimal fee, while parents exercise on site.

Family changing room

The Y is building a new family changing room, which will be ready at the end of November. This will be a central area with large cubicles, lockers and bathrooms for families. It will be wheelchair accessible. Having a family changing room will eliminate the awkwardness of a father taking his six year-old daughter into the men’s changing room to put on her bathing suit or vice-versa for mums with sons. This has been an issue for some members. “Our Y has always been a very family friendly place,” White said. “You can judge this by the thousands of kids that we have had here over the years. The goal has been to improve to make our Y more appealing for whole families to visit at the same time.” The whole family can enjoy activities together or adults can work out while kids enjoy age-appropriate activities. After all, the YMCA slogan is, “We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.”

Pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch

Pumpkin picking at Quinn farm (2495 Perrot Blvd. S., Notre Dame de l’Île Perrot, 514. 453.1510, www.quinnfarm.qc.ca) is on until the end of October. A tractor and wagon will take groups and families out to a field to pick their own pumpkins. Admission is \$1 per person and 30 cents per pound of pumpkins to take home. Groups are welcome Thursdays through Sundays. For families, the best days are Monday through Wednesday. The farm is open every day, weather permitting. It’s always a good idea to call ahead.

It’s the Great Pumpkin Ball, Charlie Brown

The Great Pumpkin is an imaginary figure that Linus dreams up in the comic strip *Peanuts*. In real life, The Great Pumpkin Ball is an annual Montreal event, hosted by Esmeralda the friendly witch that takes place at the Botanical Garden (4101 Sherbrooke St. E., 514.872.1400, www.museumsnature.ca) from October 5 to 31. Hundreds of decorated pumpkins will be decorated for the Great Pumpkin Ball and on show in the Botanical Main Exhibition Greenhouse daily from 9 am to 9 pm. The yearly pumpkin decorating contest will be held from 9 am to 5 pm October 5 to 12 and from 9 am to 7 pm October 13 to 19. Families, groups (a minimum of five people per group) and individuals can participate in this event. Pumpkins will be judged on the quality of the work, originality as well as clever use of recycled materials and participants’ age.

Prizes include \$50 to \$200 in gift coupons. As usual, Pépo the pumpkin will be starring in a play, shown on weekends at 11 am (except October 6 and 7), 1:30 pm, 2:20 pm and 3:30 pm. The play is also shown at different times on weekdays (check the website). This show is in French only and is suitable for ages 4 to 8. This year there is a new venue: The Little Monsters Courtyard for those under the age of 12. Kids can play peek-a-boo in the Ghostly Gallery or check out the spooky

Chamber of Illusions. This new addition is located in the inner courtyard in front of the Botanical Garden administration building.

Cloth diapering workshops

I recently attended a cloth diapering workshop at Azure Wraps, the boutique inside Maman, Bébé et Café (5814 Sherbrooke, 514.509.7892, www.azurewraps.com). Founded in 2004 by mums Ilana Grostern and Amy Appleton Venu, Azure Wraps carries a complete range of cloth diapering products, from hemp flats (the absorbent part that goes against baby’s skin) to stylish diaper covers and more. Hemp is four times more absorbent than cotton and very durable, they said. The hemp flats are so durable that they can be handed down to younger children, cutting costs and recycling. Proper cloth diapering was demonstrated on Grostern’s baby and the benefits of using cloth diapers were discussed and include tremendous benefits to your baby as well as to the environment.

When finished with cloth diapers, they can be used as rags around the house and eventually cut up into small pieces and dropped into compost. I was interested to learn that babies that wear cloth diapers are potty trained earlier, as they can feel when they are wet, and that the combination of urine and synthetic material found in disposable diapers causes off-gassing that has been linked to asthma. Yikes!

Another benefit for babies is less diaper rash. Cloth diapers are also less expensive than disposables. It costs about \$2,000 to keep a child in disposable diapers to age 30 months, versus about \$600 for cloth. Cloth diapering workshops are held once a month. The next one will be from 7 to 9 pm on October 17.

Chop! Chop!

In some cultures, children learn to use chopsticks as their first utensil. Proper chopstick use is a skill that a lot of children (and adults) in the West find difficult to master. My daughter Amel and I love to go to Chinatown with friends to have dim sum. Upon my last visit to Zone (5014 Sherbrooke, 514.489.8901, www.zone-maison.com) I noticed chopsticks for kids. They are plastic with a rubber figurine in red or pink that keeps the sticks together and under control – trust me, I have seen my daughter with chopsticks out of control. The chopsticks are \$7, useful and such a cute novelty gift. By the way, the next time that you are in Chinatown with



Pumpkin enthusiast Amel Melanson sits in the pumpkin patch at Quinn Farm. Pumpkin-picking and other outdoor activities will soon give way to indoor family fun such as classes at the Westmount YMCA.

your kids, be sure to go into Holiday Inn and visit the fishpond. It’s a great way to entertain little ones.

Finding Nemo at the Bell Centre

Disney on Ice is coming to town. This year’s show is *Finding Nemo*, the story of Nemo the clownfish, his father Marlin and sidekick Dory. The show is suitable for all ages. Different show times are available from Wednesday, October 3 to Monday, October 8. Ticket prices are \$15 to \$80. To reserve, contact the Bell Centre Box Office (514.989.2841, www.bellcentre.ca).

Trendy threads for the expectant mum

ZARA (1500 McGill, corner of Mansfield and St. Catherine St., 514.281.2001), the hip Spanish clothing line, started carrying maternity wear at the beginning of the fall season. Three collections are available for expecting mums and can be found on the downtown store’s street level near the main entrance. The ZARA stores at Rockland and Carrefour Laval are also carrying maternity wear but do not have as much selection as the downtown store.

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THE WESTMOUNTERS

NEWS

The **Women's Canadian Club of Montreal** is marking its 100th anniversary with a lecture series, luncheons and special events. Lectures are held at 12:30 pm on the third Monday of the month at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. A question and answer period follows. Sandwiches and coffee are available to members and their guests starting at 11:15 am. Upcoming lectures: October 15, Fred Bild, former ambassador to China, "China the future world power;" November 19, Louise Fréchette, former UN deputy secretary-general, "Meeting the challenges of our times: A role for Canada;" January 21, Abe Kestenberg, assistant professor and Woodwind Area chair, Schulich school of Music, McGill University, "Can musicians survive?"; February 18, Christine Meyers, emergency room physician, Royal Victoria and Children's hospitals, "How marketing influences health care." For more information, please call club president and Westmounter Andrée McNamara Tait at 514.481.3251.

Rotary watch

Gloria Coulter, director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Island, spoke to the **Rotary Club of Westmount** on September 19. The West Island agency was founded in 1975 and covers the island of Montreal from Verdun and Decarie westwards. Thirty-six percent of its budget comes from Centraide. None of Quebec's 15 Big Brothers agencies receives government funding, contrary to the practice in all the other provinces and the United States. Big Brothers' major fundraiser, Bowl for Kids' Sake, takes place in April.

The principal vocation of Big Brothers is matching volunteers with children in single-parent families to act as friends and mentors. There is a rigorous screening process before a volunteer is approved. Often, the targeted children come from families dealing with addiction, mental disorders, abuse and suicide. In the West Island case, 65 percent are from families living below the poverty line. A university scholarship, the Youthvision Scholarship, is open to children in the program. It is offered by the CIBC (which provides funds for tuition) and the YMCA (which provides employment during the summer).

Big Brothers also organizes an in-school mentoring program. Volunteers mentor one elementary school child for one hour a week. Children are selected by the school and need not be from single-parent families. The West Island agency is

present in 29 schools.

For more information call 514.694.6100 or go to www.bbbsowfi.org.

Rotary District Governor

The members of the **Westmount Rotary** heard from their district governor, Edmond Lanthie, at their September 26 meeting. He praised the group for its work and said it was in keeping with this year's theme of "Rotary Shares," put forth by the group's international president, who is Canadian. "We share out skills, our knowledge, our time, our listening and our love with those in need," he told the group after its luncheon. The Westmount Rotary meets every at 12:30 pm every Wednesday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. For more information, please contact 514.935.3344 or info@rotarywestmount.org.

COMING UP

The Auxiliary of the **Montreal General Hospital** is holding its **Early Bird sale** on October 16 to 18. Baked goods, jellies, jewelry, holiday gifts and antiques will all be available for purchase. The preview evening will be on Tuesday, October 16 (\$20 admission, including parking) from 5 to 8 pm and the regular sale continues on October 17 to 18 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The format is a bit different this year and will include a high tea offered by Salon de Thé. The Hospitality Corner will not be selling its goods at the sale, but will be offering a 20 percent discount for the duration. All purchased items are free of sales tax.

Couples **considering intermarriage** or conversion by one partner before marriage are invited to tour Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and learn about its policies and practices from Rabbi Leigh Lerner, 5:30 pm, Wednesday, October 10. For more information, please call 514.937.3575. The temple is located at 4100 Sherbrooke St.

Dyslexibility, a Westmount-based group helps people with learning difficulties, is hosting a get-together from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday October 6 at Victoria Hall. The non-profit charity is putting on the free event to celebrate its students' successes since it began in 2004 and to let others know that help is available for those dealing with learning difficulties. "I've worked with people who are ages 5 and 45, 65," said Renée Figlarz, who founded the organization. It is based at 4999 St. Catherine St., suite 231. For more information, see www.dyslexibility.com or call 514.815.7827.

'Old Boys' reunite at Selwyn House

Selwyn House 'Old Boys' had a chance to visit the updated facilities at their alma mater at the Sept. 28 reunion. Prefects gave alumni a tour of the school's new building and revamped facilities.

"Twenty years ago things were very different at Selwyn House. But they [the alumni] seemed more interested in the memories than the new building," said Louis Gervais, Class '08, after completing a tour.

William Daly, Class '52, attended the reunion with his sons Grant and David.

"I try to come to all of these events. They are really special," said the elder Daly.

Daly started a golf tournament nine years ago to raise money for financial aid at the school. He stressed the importance of making Selwyn House accessible to people who can't afford the tuition.

Kathy Funamoto, Director of the Elementary School, said the reunions are even more special for those who no longer live in the city.

Funamoto began teaching at Selwyn House in 1979, and now enjoys the satisfaction of seeing her former students return as successful young men.

This is Selwyn House's centennial year, and they will hold a celebratory event later this fall. The school was founded by Captain Algernon Lucas, a graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, when he arrived to Montreal in 1908.

Library re-opens its doors



It has been over a decade since the city completed major renovations to the Westmount Public Library – and the "new" front doors (facing Sherbrooke St.) have worn out. Some construction was done in late September to replace the doors, as well as the sill and walkway. At the moment the doors are operational, but the walkway is temporary as the city waits for the new stones to come in. There will be another short closure to install the stones.



This car's side mirror has been broken off three times in the past year. The antenna has been broken off, the VW insignia stolen from the front grill and vandals have walked over the entire car and made dents in the hood. Other neighbors on de Maisonneuve between Olivier and Clarke have experienced similar vandalism. The destructiveness generally occurs during weekends, late at night.

New gym teacher brings sports, spirit to St. George's

BY ANNKA MELANSON

Mike O'Connor has gone from being a "Redman" to being "Mr. O." That's what the kids at St. George's Elementary call the 2007 McGill University graduate who is their new physical education teacher.

While earning his BA in Physical and Health Education, O'Connor taught a seven-week *stage* at St. George's, as well as West Island College, Royalvale and Huntingdon Academy, near his parents' Huntingdon farm where he grew up.

He enjoyed his time at St. George's so much that after completing his *stage* he applied for a job. "I am happy to add my twist on Phys. Ed at St. George's," he said.

He has brought to the elementary school on The Boulevard a peppy attitude, parents said, as well as individual activities, including yoga and cross country running. Plus, he has started a cross country team and a soccer team.

The cross country team will participate in the Halo Road Race on Mount Royal this year, an annual event that takes place in the spring.

The soccer team held its first match September 20 at Royalvale. Parents, students, fellow teachers, cheerleaders and the school's new head, Tim Peters, attended the game in support.

"The kids played a great game and were very happy," said O'Connor.



Last academic year, Mike O'Connor was a McGill Redman. This fall he is the physical education teacher at St. George's Elementary School on The Boulevard.

THE WESTMOUNT TOWNSHIPPER

Wine and wheels in the Townships

Fall is the season when cycling really comes into its own and what better place to take to the open road than the Eastern Townships? Temperatures have cooled to a pleasant level for pedaling and the countryside is a panorama of colour.

The easy-to-ride Véloroute des Cantons was inaugurated last July. It offers almost 225 kilometres of designated bike trails. What's more, planning a cycling trip to the Townships is a breeze thanks to a user-friendly interactive map (see <http://www.eastertownships.org/ATRCE/en/modules/cahier/velo/>). It helps you to plan both your route and what you want to see and do along the way.

Bike Taxi to the rescue

New this season is the Bike Taxi. A call to 1.877.766.8356 gets you picked up along the bike trail by a taxi fitted with a bike rack. Each taxi can accommodate a maximum of four cyclists and their bikes.

Participate in the grape harvest

Ever wonder what it's like to be a winemaker? On October 6, Vignoble de La

Bauge in Brigham will give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into the gathering of grapes and turning them into the nectar of the gods.

Vignoble de La Bauge is one of 14 vineyards in the Eastern Townships. There, wine-lovers can purchase a package that will educate them, give them the opportunity to spend the day with a winemaker, taking part in all the stages of the creation of a new vintage and learn about the fermentation process that turns grapes into wine. They will also learn about the challenges of producing wine and the history of winemaking in Quebec.

At the end of the day, they'll get a bottle of their own wine, replete with a group photo on the label.



East Hill (Sutton) looking south towards the Sutton Mountain Range, September 30. The autumn leaves are at least a week away from peak colour.



FALL IS ALL ABOUT COMFORT for you and your family. When you start feeling the chill in the air, curl up by the fire or enjoy the spa on the back deck. Whipping up something yummy in the kitchen will be a pleasure with lots of counter space and open to the dining room. There's more, call today for a visit! \$285,000 in residential Knowlton.



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Riverdance fashion show raises money for Alzheimer's



Westmount One resident Mary Katz, escorted by her son Kenny Katz, models autumn colours at the fund-raiser for the Alzheimer Society of Montreal.

Photo Joe Alveiro

The mood in the lobby of Westmount One was upbeat on September 25 as family and friends gathered for a fashion show in support of the Alzheimer Society of Montreal. "Riverdance" was the theme of the evening and the show began with a performance by professional dancers. It was then time for the fashion show. Twelve residents descended one by one by elevator and

showed off autumn and winter fashions from Boutique Tout Pour Vous. The ladies were all very elegant and seemed to enjoy being on the catwalk. Attending were 150 people. The event raised \$1,500, which will go to the Alzheimer Society. "We couldn't have fit more people in. We are very pleased with the turnout," said Monica Margolis, Westmount One recreation director.

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Retail Watch

Westmounter Catherine Claman opened her new department store **Abe & Mary's** on September 29, named after her parents and billed as Montreal's "new trendsetting lifestyle mega shop."

The upper level carries designer wear and has a small vintage section that carries Chanel and Gucci. More than 75 labels are available, including Juicy Couture, Chip & Pepper, 7 For All Mankind, True Religion, Eileen Fisher, Velvet, Vince, Junk Food, Missoni, Valentino Red and St. John.

Popular **Greens & Co.** salad haven (4927 Sherbrooke, 514.227.1640) has changed its formula due to an amendment in city zoning bylaw 1303. The bylaw prohibits staff to prepare and assemble food on site as it is not a restaurant. Also, no more restaurant licenses are being granted in the commercial area along Sherbrooke St. So instead of custom salads, the signature salads will be pre-made and pre-packaged.

Meanwhile, owners and sisters Mandy and Rebecca Wolfe have been busy prepar-



Westmounter sisters Mandy and Rebecca Wolfe (left to right) opened their restaurant **Mandy's** on September 29 inside **Abe & Mary's** trendsetting department store (4175 Jean Talon W., corner of de la Savane).

ing their new restaurant, **Mandy's**, which opened on September 29 inside **Abe & Mary's**. Their sought-after trademark salads will be served, as will sandwiches, smoothies and vintage drinks, such as cream soda.

The **North Face** (514.489.1517) opened at 4924 Sherbrooke St. on September 26, east of its old location. The store is now on two levels. It will carry more items for men, women and children.

An **iStore** will open at the end of Octo-

ber at 386 Victoria Ave. It will sell Apple products, offer mobile services (technicians will come to your home) and be an authorized Apple service provider.

Priya Judge's new boutique, **Intermix**, opened on September 1 at 4928B Sherbrooke St. Judge worked at her family's textile business for 10 years until she decided to "switch it up." Judge is offering clients "a mix of everything." Boutique **Intermix** carries Johnny Was, Pure & Simple, Mackage, Industry, Debbie Shuchat, Sky and True Religion. It also carries jewelry such as Swarovski multicoloured bangles and exclusively carries handmade silver jewellery by Montrealer Karin Rosenfeld.

Westmounter Chantal Marquis-Culver is excited about importing **Dileka** water systems from Japan. This unique system is installed between your house main and the main inbound pipe from the city. **Dileka** is a revolutionary water conditioner that transforms ordinary city water or well water into a highly ionized state. This reduces the need for detergents or other chemical cleaning agents. For more information, contact Marquis-Culver at 514.933.2971.

Dining and discovering at temple

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom is offering Dine and Discover evenings this fall.

The four-part series "Sex in the Texts" takes place on Wednesdays October 10 and 17 and November 7 and 14. The class is based on Rabbi Paul Yedwab's book by the same name. Using sacred texts and Jewish writings, he will lead discussions on sexuality, romance, marriage, divorce, dating, gender identity and sexual politics.

On Monday nights October 22 and 29 Dine and Discover will focus on "Marc Chagall and Jewish Thought." Using Chagall's art, Rabbi Leigh Lerner will walk participants through the history of his times and the Jewish thought surrounding it, illustrating how Chagall's paintings and technique reflect the tenor of his part of the 20th Century.

"Post-Holocaust Jewish Thought" is the topic on Monday, November 5. Rabbi Lerner will discuss a few of the key philosophical changes which have shaped Jewish thinking since the Holocaust, an event that, among other things, radicalized Jewish thought.

The cost is \$10 per person. Dinner is from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, followed by the class, which ends at 7:15 pm. Please reserve dinner by noon one week before each event. People interested only in the class should arrive at 6:15 pm. For more information, please call 514.937.3575. The temple is located at 4100 Sherbrooke St.

Set for Westmount on October 23 and 30

Canadian National Bridge Team Championship Qualifying Stage

BY GEORGE RETEK

The 2007-8 National Championship Finals will start on May 24, 2008 in Montreal. The winners will represent Canada at the 2008 World Championships. While the finals are held in various cities across Canada from year to year; this year is an exceptional opportunity to participate without the need of travelling.

The Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Bridge Club (450 Kensington) is one of my favourites, under the expert guidance of our city's most dedicated volunteer, Barbara Brownstein. Game time is 12:30 pm preceded by lunch served at 11:45 am.

Teams may consist of 4 to 6 players. Everybody is welcome. Red and black masterpoints are being awarded. Teams finishing in the top half in the two-session event will qualify for the next stage, tentatively scheduled for March 2008). From there about six to seven teams will proceed to the May 2008 National Final. Novice, intermediate and expert players mix and find this event the most interesting competition.

To double or not to double?

Some experts will tell you that if your opponents don't make a few doubled contracts against you, then you don't double often enough. The most important element a bridge player will acquire during

the development process is judgement. Two interesting examples will illustrate the point. Both times you were dealt four spades: KQJ 7.

Example one: Your side silent during the auction, in addition to your spade holding you have:

♥ 976 B ♦ KQ9 B ♣ 765

Dealer on your right opened 1 ♣ B Responder 1 ♥

1 ♠ B Responder 4 ♠

What is your bid?

At my table, this hand decided to double and I finished the action by redoubling.

Dummy showed up with

♠ A 852
♥ KQ 10 x
♦ J 106
♣ K 5

I won the Diamonds King lead with the Ace and led a small spade. Doubler played the 7 and dummy followed with the 8 winning the trick and scoring a redoubled overtrick. Without the double, I doubt very much that I would have played the hand this way. Conclusion? Don't provide declarer with a blue print how to play the hand.

While you are reading this column, the best Canadian players (men, women and seniors) are playing in Shanghai at the World Championships. Many great Montreal players are on the Canadian teams:

Joey Silver, Fred Hoffer, Nick L'Ecuyer, Kamel Fergani, Julie Feijgelzon, Sylvia Caley and Francine Cimon. You can follow their play at www.bridgebase.com.

When I return from Shanghai, I'll tell you about the second hand and present some other deals from the World Championships.

Example two: Opponents bidding:

1 ♠	B 2 ♥ (Unconditional game force)
3 ♣	B 3 ♠ (Difficult bid. I would prefer 3 ♥ but then the 3-card ♠ support is not shown).
4 ♣	B 4 ♥
5 ♣ (Q)	B 5 ♦ (Q bid, control showing)
5 ♥	B 6 Spades

Since you are sure of defeating six ♠, do you double holding ♠ KQJ7 and ♥ Q9, ♦ Q1094, Clubs J73?

If you did, then you gave a chance for opponents to "escape" to 6NT or 7 hearts, that cannot be beaten.

Opponents hands:

♠ 985	♠ A 10632
♥ A 1087654	♥ K 3
♦ AK6	♦ 2
♣ B	♣ AK 1096

Conclusion? Don't chase the opponent from an unmakeable contract to a makeable one.

Underdog

BY FERN BRESLAW

This week's hard-to-place dog is Nala. She is a one-year-old female pitbull mix, already sterilized and vaccinated. She was abandoned at the SPCA in June because her owners decided to move without her.

Nala is relaxed around people, and enjoys attention, though she does pull on her leash. She is obedient, playful and cute as a button but perhaps because of her breed nobody seems to want her.

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