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Unions answer mayors' group: *Sat. afternoon lively at street fair* pension negotiations don't need Bill 3's 'gun to the head'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Labour negotiations do not need "pressure" from Quebec's Bill 3 to help reduce pension deficit burdens on municipalities, spokesperson Marc Ranger for the coalition of unions against the legislation told

the *Independent* last week.

Ranger was reacting to a press release August 18 from the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) stating concerns that without the framework legislation, negotiations to reduce pension deficits would not lower overall remuneration (see story August 19, p. 10).

Successful negotiations regarding pension deficits in several municipalities showed they "absolutely" did not need Bill 3, Ranger explained.

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Noa Graham inspects wares at Envers' sidewalk sale booth on Sherbrooke St.

Photos: Ralph Thompson



Tired of shoe shopping, 10-month old Ilan falls asleep on his mum Elisabeth Prass in front of the North Face store. For more photos, see p. 22, 23.



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WDOA, WMA, activist react

Dog run report raises questions of poll, policy and timing

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Reaction came swiftly last week to the recent release of a report on potential sites for a new dog run to replace the one closed at Lansdowne and St. Catherine for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

Both Brian Baxter, as president of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association (WDOA), and dog run activist Joanne Gibbs said they were pleased to read the report and generally agreed with three "preferred" areas listed.

On the other hand the Westmount Municipal Association requires more time to walk the sites and develop a consensus, said vice president Maureen Kiely. "It's generated a lot of interest and concern over where you put a large dog run."

Gibbs, however, said she was now concerned how long it would take the city to prepare a new site since a poll on sites to be suggested by city council is not scheduled until late September.

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The *Independent* meets with Station 12's new commander, Mathieu Bastien. See p. 10.

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Work began last week to replace a section of water pipe and interconnection of sewer at Lansdowne and St. Catherine as part of the city's capital work budget announced in January. The northbound lane of Lansdowne was closed as a result. The goal of the project is to ease water flow.

It was scheduled to last about three weeks but has now been temporarily suspended until a design issue is approved by

Montreal concerning a deviation involving its collector sewer down Glen Rd., said assistant director general Mike Deegan August 25.

The contract for the work was awarded at the July 7 city council meeting to Canbec Construction in the amount of \$149,899, tax credit included. It was the low bid of eight received, the highest being more than \$100,000 higher. —LS

Digging on Lansdowne



"More digging, more detours," said Lansdowne Ave. resident David Asch, who submitted this photo August 18 at 10:05 am. Photo courtesy of David Asch

Car 'ketchupped,' house egged and 'cheesed'

Public Security officials said patrollers answered a complaint August 9 at 9:20 pm regarding a car on Belmont Cresc. that had been written on with ketchup squeezed from a bottle. At 10:15 pm, the complainant called back to say the house had now been egged and splattered with "Kraft-dinner cheese." A suspect was described as a "skinny white teen wearing a white shirt." The caller was advised to call police.

Leaf blowers operate off season

Two users of leaf blowers were ticketed within four days for operating the equipment out of season. Public Security officials said a ticket for \$269 was issued August 14 to a contractor working on Westmount Ave. near Carleton at 1:18 pm. He had been issued five previous tickets so was reported to have been well aware of the fall and spring clean-up periods.

On August 18, a patroller found a leaf blower being used at 12:42 pm to clean a driveway on Clarke near its south intersection with Anwoth. A ticket for \$148 was issued to the operator who was also "well aware" of regulations.



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Rezoning by-laws now destined for adoption

No referendum registers to be opened in 2 St. Catherine St. rezoning by-laws

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An insufficient number of petitioners was received at deadline August 20 for referendum registers to be opened in two rezoning by-laws, city officials said. Both involve the south-central area along St. Catherine St. from approximately Grosvenor to Clarke.

Only three signatures in total were received in the case of By-law 1467 to convert three commercial zones to residential, explained assistant clerk Nicole Dobbie. One came from a concerned zone C2-32-01 (along St. Catherine, Blenheim Pl. to Abbott) and two from contiguous zone R3-32-02 (immediately south).

2 requests concerning By-law 1468

In By-law 1468 to prohibit the establishment of any new medical clinics or

doctors' offices along the St. Catherine strip, only two requests were received, both from the contiguous zone R3-32-02.

In each case, the minimum number required to open a register was not reached and the by-laws are expected to be adopted at an upcoming city council meeting in September or October, Dobbie said.

The contiguous zone R3-32-02 from which two signatures were received for each by-law includes Abbott, Irvine, Lewis and Blenheim, streets dead-ending at the railways tracks.

The three commercial zones to convert to residential are already either wholly residential – occupied by the large condo buildings at 200 Lansdowne or 4700 St. Catherine – or mainly so in the strip along the south side of St. Catherine from Blenheim Place to Abbott.

PSO follows suspect in bike theft, no charges laid

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A suspected bicycle thief was followed through Westmount Park on foot by a public safety officer August 15 after he showed up at the scene of the theft soon after, believed to have returned to retrieve his own bike, Public Security officials said.

Calling 911 as he pursued him, the officer kept the man in view until he was stopped by police on de Maisonneuve at Roslyn. He was questioned, demanded a lawyer and was released when the victim refused to press charges. He was reported to have been driven home by police.

In relating the incident, officials said it began shortly before 3:15 pm when the victim, a resident of de Maisonneuve near Kensington, looked out a window to see the suspect checking out the bikes on his car at the back of the house and asked what he was doing.

A few minutes later, the victim discovered a bike had disappeared from his other car parked at the front and called Public Security.

While the responding officer was tak-

ing down the information at the front of the house, the victim suddenly noticed the suspect return and said: "that's him!"

As the suspect fled west along de Maisonneuve, the officer followed until the man was apprehended.

His identity was not revealed but he was described as being in his late 20s.

The abandoned purple bike was taken to the Public Security station. The stolen bike, a new \$400 white and aqua-green Giant, was not known to have been recovered.

Tree falls on Victoria

A tree on private property fell August 13 causing branches to hang over the sidewalk and street on Victoria just north of Côte St. Antoine, Public Security officials said. The city's tree gang was called just after 7:30 am to clear the public way. The tree was described as being of a "smaller" type.

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Walking the talk?

Council to discuss need to raise own pension dues to 50-50

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council is expected to follow an example set by Montreal last week in asking the Quebec government to modify the provincial pension plan for elected officials so they will contribute an equal amount to their pension as the municipality.

“I intend to discuss it with my colleagues at our September committee meeting,” said Councillor Victor Drury, Fi-

nance commissioner when the *Independent* asked if the matter of council contributions had been previously discussed.

“We’re going to be asking our employees to pay an equal share, and I believe we should lead by example.”

Mayor Peter Trent has gone on record in stating he and the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) believe elected officials should contribute an equal share just as employees are being asked to do under Bill 3 pension reform legislation.

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to the head to negotiate,” he said.

In fact, he added, pension discussions had been going well in Westmount until they were stopped by the city on the approach of pending pension legislation.

Ranger, who is assistant regional director of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) for Quebec, pointed to an agreement that had been reached with the city of Montreal in December 2012 in which the contributions of blue collar workers were increased and those of the city decreased to near equality of 45-55 from 30-70.

In another with Pointe Claire, “we made sacrifices in pay for two years to allow the municipality to put the money into the pension deficit.”

Ranger also disputed figures used in the ASM press release stating that municipal workers on average earned a total “all in” remuneration that was 38 percent higher than provincial counterparts. He said he had been “arguing” in the past with Mayor Peter Trent, ASM president, over his use of these figures.

“They are the same ones he has been bringing up year after year,” Ranger said. “It’s true that some of these jobs are paid higher in the municipal field,” but he contends that while Trent calculates them

based on figures from the Institut de la statistique du Québec, it depends on which workers are included. These figures are updated yearly.

“You cannot make a true (overall) statement. It’s cherry picking.”

The union coalition to fight Bill 3 includes all employee groups: blue- and white-collar workers, police, firefighters, transit and professional workers as well as retirees.

Even some non-unionized management employees are involved in the Bill 3 fight by association. On a show of support, for example, police commanders have been wearing red ties and a distinctive red baseball cap. The reason is that their pension plan is negotiated by the police union, explained local Station 12 commander Mathieu Bastien.

And, like other public employees, while they may agree with the goals of Bill 3, they may not necessarily agree with the bill’s means of getting there.

Local union reps contacted by the *Independent* either said they were not authorized to comment on the issue or did not return calls. City director general Duncan Campbell said recently the protest had been putting some employees “in a difficult position” (see story August 5, p. 17).

“I’m embarrassed to say that as council members we currently contribute 6.15 percent while the city pays 20.73 percent of our salary,” Drury said. Councillors currently earn \$14,645 a year in base pay. This works out to a contribution split of about 23-77.

“Now that I’m fully aware of the issue,” he added, “I think I can safely say that I hope we as a council adopt the 50-50 split that the ASM has adopted in principle.”

This, however, has to be done at the provincial level.

In the case of Westmount, where councillors have agreed to set their base salary at a lower level than in many municipalities, the saving to the municipal budget would amount to a “drop in the bucket,” he pointed out, but would serve as a model.



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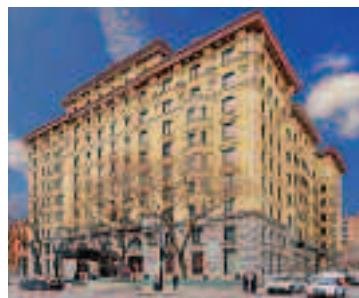

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SUMMIT WOODS NEEDS CAMERAS

What does it take to get the city of Westmount to install security cameras up on Summit Circle, especially in the parking lot next to the main entrance of Summit Woods?

I'm writing because my car was broken into just before 9 am recently while parked at the Summit Woods parking lot. This is



A note was left by the woman whose purse was stolen.



Claire Desjardins's car window was broken while the car was parked at Summit Woods parking lot.

Photos courtesy of Claire Desjardins

the second break-in that I know of in as many weeks. Fortunately, nothing of mine was stolen, however, in the previous break-

in on August 11, the woman, whose car window got smashed, also had her purse stolen. Bummer.

I have been told that this sort of activity has been going on for years. We need to try to stop it and keep our neighbourhood safe.

When I called the police, the first thing the officer asked me was if anyone had seen the offender. When I told him no, he asked me if there were any cameras that may have caught the activity. Obviously cameras can make a difference. If this is so, then why don't we have more of them?

The point in my writing this letter is first to warn people against leaving valuables in their cars and be more vigilant about their surroundings. Secondly, I'd like to get more people on the bandwagon in support of having security cameras installed in the areas that are known as having higher crime.

CLAIRE DESJARDINS, SHERBROOKE ST.

'CRUEL' TO PLACE DOG RUN IN MIDDLE OF PARK

Many people who like parks speak of Westmount Park as a delicate, beautifully landscaped outdoor recreation space, although not very large and often a bit crowded in the summer.

A dog run is, in a sense, nothing more than *continued on p. 7*

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Catherine West, the Westmount Recreation Centre.

[There are] no words to describe this deception.

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.



Image submitted by letter writer Diana Hernandez, showing a pool that does not appear to be the new Westmount pool.

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an open-air kennel. Inflicting that kind of space right in the middle of this uniquely beautiful park is an act of serious cruelty against the park itself, as well as disrespect for its creators and the people who use it. It would also mean a constant flow of dogs between the perimeter of the the park and its center.

There seems to be a large enough space between St. Catherine and Lansdowne, right behind the pool. This space is mostly unused, unvisited and invisible from the rest of the park. All it needs is a fence, and there is the dog run.

FRANCISCO GONZALEZ,
ST. CATHERINE ST.

'NONE OF THE ABOVE' BEST CHOICE IN DOG RUNS

The report by Hodgins & Associés on the dog run contains so many omissions and inconsistencies that it renders making a sound decision impossible.

It was designed not to provide viable options but lead only to a councillor's personal choice of the shuffleboard area. For fairness and transparency Westmount must add "none of the above" as a choice for the upcoming poll. I say that as a Westmount resident and a dog owner.

The report summarily dismisses the Lansdowne area as an option as it claimed that it is "incompatible with city entrance." From de Courcelle? It ignores the fact that the previous dog run was put there three decades ago by a council, under former mayor Brian Gallery, on which the current mayor, Peter Trent, then sat as a councillor.

It was moved, for reasons still valid, from a site now under consideration as an option for moving back to. What absurdity!

For almost 30 years no one raised any approach issue. At present, a dog run at the corner would hardly be seen, as it would be behind a six-foot wall of existing dense shrubbery, which can be extended at both ends with cedars, eliminating all visibility from the streets.

The report states that the shuffleboard area is underutilized but then neglects to mention that the Lansdowne/St. Catherine location is a totally vacant piece of land that will never be used other than as open space.

Turning the shuffleboard court into a dog run or leaving it unchanged is a false choice as a far better option would be to re-landscape this truly beautiful location into a respite for everyone. Instead the designer claims that this space would be "enhanced" by the dog run. If this is meant as

a joke, I don't get it!

And please give up on the tiresome and totally silly argument that proximity to streets constitutes a risk to dogs. For the last time, a *too low* fence provides the risk, not nearby traffic.

Given the sloppy analysis, the unsupported options offered, at this time "none of the above" is the only responsible choice.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

BLUES SONG ABOUT MORGAN THE DOG NEEDS PUBLICITY

In response to Sheila Whitzman's kind letter ("Kert's blues song was touching," August 19, p. 6) about my song for Morgan, the song is all original and has been arranged and recorded.

For a "YouTube" video to do justice to the song, some promotional assistance would be most welcome.

With thanks to all who may be interested.

BRUCE KERT, ST. CATHERINE ST.

HOPING COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE ON MISSION TO FIND GOOD DOG RUN SITE

It is a considerable relief to see that council is making progress towards pro-

viding the southwestern part of the city with a dog run. We hope that council will keep in mind in applying its policy of not disserving one group to serve another and that the disserving of dog owners is ongoing, that it began right at the start of the arena project and that it got progressively worse until, over two years ago, the run was reduced to a postage stamp-sized rump and disappeared entirely in early 2013.

Furthermore, council originally promised to maintain a dog run and, once there no longer was one, first decided on a location, only to reverse itself, and then promised during the last elections to provide one.

We hope and expect that council will be true to its word and that it will have the courage to withstand the howls of protest that will no doubt flow no matter what sites are proposed or which one selected.

MARY PAT AND GEORGES HEBERT,
LANSDOWNE AVE.

QUICK THINKING NEEDED FOR DOG RUN

One has to wonder what brilliant planners decided to close the dog run in May of 2013 and take 15 months to table a report on options to relocate it.

The report sets a priority to avoid disservic-

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ing other groups of users while dog owners have been inconvenienced for over a year now when this was entirely avoidable.

How about making a quick decision and then implementing it in a matter of weeks? It can be done!

SAM ALTMAN, ROSLYN AVE.

IF DOG RUN IS A MUST, OPTION 6 IS OK

The front page headline in your August 19 issue was “3 sites proposed from 8 assessed in dog run report.” Many dog own-

ers and I propose zero sites for a dog run in Westmount Park.

Any dog owner will tell you that flies will alight on the droppings of his dog quicker than his hand can get out a plastic bag. In the warmer and even cooler months, dog run garbage containers will be filled with flies. And the odour of dog urine in the ground and sounds of barking and fighting at any time will greet residents out for a quiet walk in the relatively fresh air of Westmount Park.

Within a year, the run will become a prominent and permanent blight in Westmount Park, like the wretched one on Lansdowne and St. Catherine.

Dogs, like children, love playing with their friends and are happiest chasing each other on fresh grass. But not on the coarse gravel of Westmount dog runs amid strange or fierce dogs, which may attack and seriously injure them.

A majority of dog owners never bring their dogs to the run because of the above reasons.

If the leash law was not so severely applied, and for a couple of minutes owners were allowed their pets off leash to play with a doggie friend, there would be less, little, or even no need for a dog run.

But if a run is considered an absolute necessity by the city and some dog owners, then I think the site least harmful, offensive and unhealthy to strollers in Westmount Park will be site 6 (the grassed roof of the WRC arena).

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

WESTMOUNT PARK'S ROWAN TREES (SORBUS) AND CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

Walking to through Westmount Park, as summer is coming to a close, one can't help but notice the beautiful coral-red berries of the rowan trees (commonly know as “mountain ash”).

The history of this species is fascinating, dating back to the classical period (500 BC).

Greek mythology tells the story of Hebe



A rowan tree in Westmount Park.

Photo courtesy of Michael Walsh

(the goddess of youth) dispensing an ambrosia drink, conferring immortality, to the Mount Olympus gods. The story continues telling of how she lost her magical chalice to the demons, causing the gods to send an eagle to recover it. The ensuing battle with the demons resulted in the eagle's feathers and blood to fall to earth and turn into rowan trees – hence, the shape of the tree's leaves descended from the eagle's feathers and its red berries from the bird's blood droplets.

The rowan is also prominent in Norse mythology, dating back to the 11th century. According to myth, the first woman was made from the rowan (the first man descended from an ash).

A bent rowan tree saved the Norse god Thor from the underworld preventing him from being swept away.

In Westmount Park, these trees are prominent above the lagoon – adjacent to the area used by Shakespeare in the Park.

After just “scratching the surface” of

this tree's ancient mythological origins causes one to admire these trees in an entirely different light and truly appreciate the arboretum that comprises our Westmount Park.

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A resident of Grosvenor near Westmount Ave. was ticketed \$76 August 15 for a barking dog following two complaints received the night before, Public Security officials said. Officers had found the dog barking at 9:47 pm in the back yard but received no answer at the door. The dog owner was described as having “priors” but had never been ticketed.



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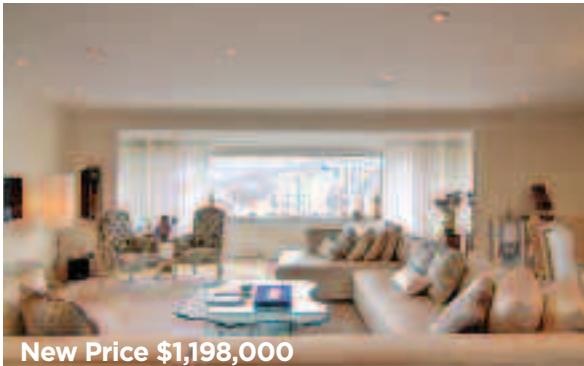
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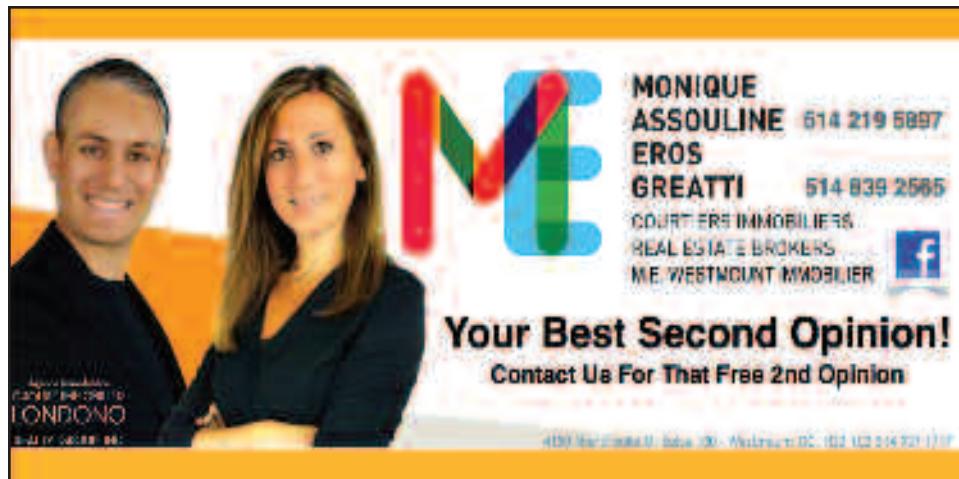
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Sight of electrical poles unpopular with some

BY MICHAEL MOORE

For pedestrians and drivers passing into Westmount, there are various visual cues that clearly mark the edges of the city's limit: different street signs, smoother roads and the sudden and conspicuous absence of utility poles along streets.



A utility pole in an alley between Prince Albert and Victoria, seen on August 19, carries cables and other electrical components from various utility companies.

A historical view of utility lines in Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Backyard utility poles and transformers as well as connecting electrical and phone wires have continued to bug many Westmount residents through the years. But the relatively recent proliferation of pole-mounted utility boxes by telecommunications firms have just added to the eyesore.

And the contrast is perhaps even more pronounced given that Westmount has long laid claim to being one of the first municipalities in Canada to lay its main hydro distribution lines underground – an option for secondary distribution lines that has been dismissed as being too costly and logistically too challenging in many cases, due to the small size of properties, the lay of the land and rocky terrain.

One of the most politically-charged fights by residents involved those on the north side of Holton Ave. starting in 1983 and lasting more than four years to prevent the installation of utility poles in their small but well-appointed back gardens. One of the people on the hot-seat at the time was the councillor responsible for urban planning at the time, (now mayor)

Roughly half of the Westmount's 200 km-long electrical grid is nestled underground, leaving the city's sidewalks and front yards free of the multiple-storey-tall poles that dot those of most municipalities.

"It's an old network but unique at a same time because it's all underground along the main arteries. So if you go along

any street, you won't see any Hydro poles because the network is all in the backyards of houses," said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise.

Though the natural hue of the poles themselves may blend in with the trees, the shiny metallic coating or dull plastic of the utility boxes from Hydro Westmount, Bell and Vidéotron adorning the posts can be harder to miss.

In some back alleys, a mishmash of cables, conductors and amplifiers from the various utilities has drawn the ire of some

residents for their lack of aesthetics.

Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier admits the heavily-laden posts can be an eyesore, albeit one that is crucial for the technology residents rely on.

"I myself at times find it to be ugly but it's a service. If the citizens want the service, there's a compromise to reach. Until the technology arrives that makes [the wires] disappear, we have limited control," she said.

"It would be nice if the big boxes could all be hid- *continued on p. 10*

No plans to expand underground electric network: Hurtubise

While Westmount boasts of its extensive underground network, any further subterranean electrical expansion is unlikely, according to Benoit Hurtubise, Hydro Westmount director.

"We are fortunate to have an extensive underground network, one of the largest in the province. But it would be extremely expensive to go underground for the secondary distribution, which is going through to the residents," he explained.

Instead, Hydro Westmount is focused on upgrading and refurbishing its network, which dates back to the turn of the 20th century. Any subterranean electrical work will be to update the current system to ensure the viability of the underground conduits.

"You're talking about underground conduits that are from the 1930s, 40s and 50s, so you can imagine the state they are in," said Hurtubise.

While city-funded subterranean expansions aren't on the docket, some residents have paid out of their own pocket to have the wires in their backyards placed under-

ground. However, Hurtubise cautions that residents willing to spend that type of money still won't eliminate all signs of the electrical network.

"You've got to be careful because there are still some transformers that are required. They won't be on a post, but it'll be one of those green boxes sitting on the property," he said. – MM

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Mathieu Bastien takes over at Station 12

New police commander likes community interaction here

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It didn't take long for Mathieu Bastien to feel the pulse of Westmount after becoming the new police commander of local Station 12 in June and attending his first city council meeting August 4.

"It's great the way people interact between city hall, the police, Public Security and the different community organizations," he said last week.

"People here have high expectations and do something about it. It's a relationship with city hall that people can have in a smaller municipality that you don't see in Montreal."

Bastien took over from Commander Daniel Gervais, who served only a year at the station before leaving to assume command of the SWAT team. And like Gervais, this is his first station command.

At age 40, Bastien has an LLB degree from the University of Montreal, is part way through his master's degree in public administration and is the father of three

children aged 11, 8 and 4 months.

He has served in all four Montreal police divisions including last year as a field commander in the south division, where Westmount is located.

As a result, he had become familiar with Station 12. So when it came time for him to assume command of a station, he said, "I asked for one in the south division, where I knew so many people."

It was during his last station posting, as a sergeant at Station 5 serving Pointe Claire and Dorval, that he became interested in emergency preparedness. He was assigned to emergency planning involving the Lac St. Louis area, including the risk of a plane crash in the lake.

For this, as well as assignments in officer and recruit training, he received three police citations of "Mention de qualité."

Born and raised in St. Leonard, Bastien attended Collège Maisonneuve in health sciences before embarking on his law degree.

"I wanted to be a lawyer," he explained.

Hydro Westmount swapping out poles

As part of its renovations to the city's electrical system, Hydro Westmount is swapping out the decades-old electrical poles in residents' backyards and public alleyways.

"In some parts of Quebec, Bell owns the posts and Hydro rents them. But in Westmount, the posts have historically been owned by Hydro and the utilities rent them from us," said Huterbise. "Posts have to be changed every once in a while, usually between 50 and 60 years, so we are gradually changing them out."

Prior to the swap, Hydro Westmount will inform utility companies like Bell and Vidéotron of which posts will be changed, allowing them time to plan and avoid any

service disruptions.

Before changing the posts, Huterbise says residents are informed of the planned swap and are provided with a map detailing any changes in the locations of poles or transformers.

"When we do change our posts, we advise our residents. They receive letters and so on telling them we are changing the post and informing them of the new location. We tell them they can call us if they have a specific question or concern about the change. And many do have questions, so we take the time to meet with them individually to go through the explanations," he said. —MM

But part way through his studies he came to realize he was more interested in the enforcement arm of the law and spent one summer almost 20 years ago working for the Town of Mount Royal's Public Security. "Time goes by so fast!"

As a result, he pursued police technology at John Abbott College and joined what was then the Montreal Urban Community police department in 2001 on the approach of the mergers with Montreal. He was posted first to a Rosemount station.

Subsequent moves took him to St. Leonard, back to Rosemount, and then to Pointe Claire in 2007. He also did his training as a commander at the large Station 38 in Plateau Mont Royal.

It was shortly after his arrival at Station 12 on meeting with Westmount's Public Security officials that he recognized a familiar face: assistant director Kim Colquhoun, who had been in his class at John Abbott.

Hoping to meet with community groups in the fall, Bastien's message to all residents is: "Please do not hesitate to call

us even if you consider it is too small. It could turn out to be an important piece in the larger picture.



Commander Mathieu Bastien in his office on Stanton St.

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den or behind bushes, but the companies need access. There's a whole set of rules that surround installation for the safety of the workers."

While Hydro Westmount owns the poles, Huterbise says there's little communication or collaboration between the various utilities to try to ensure a cohesive and aesthetically pleasing set-up of the various boxes.

"Anything that's cable like Bell and Vidéotron are under the responsibility of that utility. They rent our poles but that's as far as it goes. We're not allowed to touch their wires," he said.

According to Huterbise, the only universal requirements for the posts deal with safety standards, such as the minimum spacing between the Hydro wires and other cables, which varies based on vegetation and the size of conductors.

"Hydro wires have to be on top and then a space and then the Bell or Vidéotron wires. You certainly don't want to have the Hydro wire right next to the Bell wire. That wouldn't be a very good idea," he explained.

Ultimately, however, each utility requires the installation of boxes to keep its services in working order.

"Each organization has their own regulations for what can go on the posts. Each

company has different requirements. They aren't adding things for the fun of it. Hydro needs transformers, Bell has junction boxes and Vidéotron does too."

According to Poirier, Westmount's geographical placement can wreak havoc with signals, requiring more installations on the posts.

"Already, because of the topography of the mountain, Westmount is an area that is sometimes difficult. It can create an interference or blockage in some areas," she said.

To conform to by-laws, the utilities must first contact Westmount's Public Works and Urban Planning departments before installation, theoretically giving the city some control over the location. However, Poirier admits that control is limited by residents' reliance on the utilities.

"It's happened in the past that we've asked them to reconsider a location because it was totally unsuitable because of its visual impact. In those cases we have some control, but we can't totally refuse the installations because citizens won't have access to their internet and telephones," she said.

"We live in a world of compromise. We have to achieve a balance between services and the aesthetic. Within that scope there is a bit of manoeuvrability, but not that much. We do our best."

Bell and Vidéotron did not return calls.



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Roslyn's new principal Katalifos looks forward to new challenge

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

School doesn't start till September 2 but things were busy at Roslyn elementary school on August 22 when the *Independent* visited new principal Nick Katalifos.

Office staff registered a new student and gave her and her parents a tour of the school. And Paola Miniaci, the English Montreal School Board's (EMSB) deputy director general, dropped by to discuss an action plan with Katalifos, who was appointed as principal in June.

"We're looking at 615 students overall, which makes us the second biggest [elementary level] school at the EMSB," Katalifos said. The school normally attracts 30 to 40 international students. "We're hoping to get more."

Katalifos's background with schools is extensive and varied. Before becoming Roslyn's principal he was principal at Pierre de Coubertin elementary school in St. Leonard for almost seven years and principal at General Vanier elementary school, also in St. Leonard.

He's been a vice principal at Gardenview elementary in St. Laurent and spent two years as a vice principal at Westmount High School.

"I'm pretty familiar with Westmount," said Katalifos. "I've moved around a bit. I'm also familiar with the EMSB."

Before becoming an administrator, Katalifos worked as a consultant, acting as a liaison officer at the EMSB's Community Services department. "I did a lot of case work and moved around quite a bit from school to school helping out with different situations involving students who might be in difficulty for a variety of reasons," he said. Coordinating efforts for students who might be in difficulty involved liaising and working as a team with CLSCs, health and social service agencies, high schools, elementary schools and the police.

"I've heard nothing but wonderful things about the school, the staff and the kids and the community so I'm very excited to be part of the team here," Katalifos said. "I'm genuinely looking forward to it."

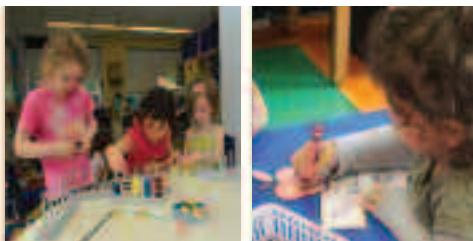
As for plans and goals, Katalifos said he wants to get to know the school and the community before he delves into anything "too drastic."

"I have been deeply involved with some community-based efforts in the past with schools that I've worked in," he said.

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Nick Katalifos, Roslyn's new principal, discusses school business with EMSB deputy director general Paola Miniaci on August 22.



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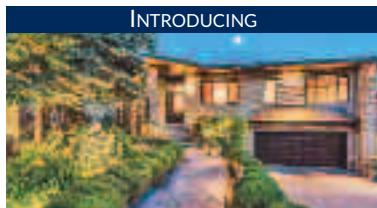
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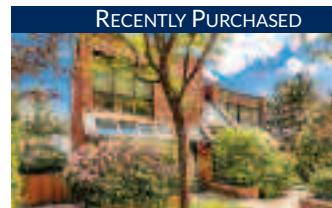
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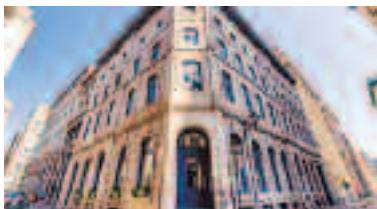


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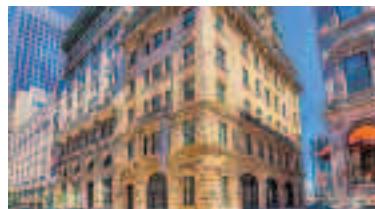
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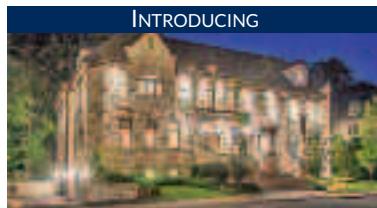
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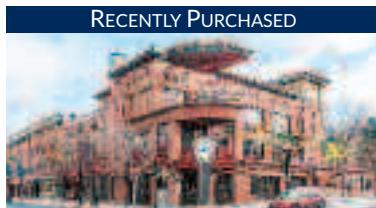


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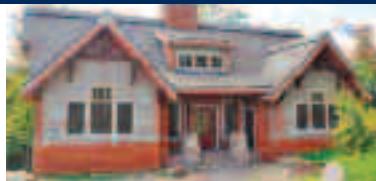
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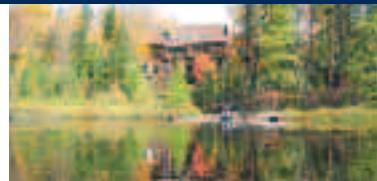
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Selwyn House hopes to fix muddy

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

It may look like piles of dirt now but in coming weeks Selwyn House school will have a new landscaping project that the school not only hopes will create beauty but make students tracking in mud a thing of the past.

As well, the school hopes the new project, located in front of the school near Stanton St., will act as a visual façade that ties the old part of the school with the Macauley building across the street and with Westmount city hall, said Selwyn House headmaster Hal Hannaford.

“We’re creating a plaza, planting trees, creating new landscaping, bushes,” he said. Paving stones and a seating area with

outdoor benches will be bordered by plants that include astilbe, snowdrop crapple and ginkgo biloba.

“What it does is it just cleans up that whole area,” Hannaford said. “Most of it was grass that within eight days of school starting would turn to mud and just make the school unattractive.”

Hannaford said it took a while to get the appropriate permits but the end result is “a pretty cool project” that is functional but also adds green space and beauty to the surrounding area.

“I think it’s going to be quite stunning for the whole area. If you look at Westmount city hall and Selwyn House across the street and moving up Côte St. Antoine, it should have a really cool aesthetic.”

the lessons that are videotaped and they now appear on the Learn Quebec website as tutorials.

“I’ve been involved with a few projects like that that I’d like to discuss here if possible to see if the staff and the community might be interested. Obviously what I hope to do is build upon what I understand is already a fantastic community school.”

Roslyn cont'd. from p. 12

Projects he’s participated in include choirs that performed on Parliament Hill, the publishing of children’s books and a big project for Learn Quebec that involved students developing their own lesson plans in French.

“The lesson plans were developed by the kids. The kids actually come back with



Construction for a landscaping project surrounds an preexisting art installation with the word “veritas” near the northeast corner of Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Stanton St. August 21.

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problem with landscaping



Piles of dirt lie near Selwyn House's Macaulay building at the northwest corner of Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Stanton St. August 21. Of the landscaping projects, this one "will be smaller," according to Hal Hannaford, head of school.



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Surveillance set up for cyclist looking into parked cars

Answering a call at 12:12 am August 18 for a cyclist looking into cars on Dorchester near Hallowell, public safety officers set up surveillance, but the man continued on his way through the Westmount Athletic Grounds. The area was searched and no cars appeared to have been broken into. It was not the first time the same person had aroused suspicions in the area. He was described as a white man aged about 30.



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A fresh air break for The Study's new faculty



New faculty and staff at The Study take a fresh air break during the second day of a two-day orientation session last week. From left: Mona Bosnakyan, physical education teacher; Jinglin Xiong, Mandarin teacher grades 5 to 11; Samantha Schneider, grade 2 English teacher; Fabienne Saade, senior school science teacher; Marjolaine L'Eveille, grade 3 French teacher; Yuly Gonzales, Spanish teacher, grades 5 to 11; Jeong Min Lee, senior school music teacher; Donna Hasting, senior school English and psychology teacher; Tamara Ohnona, communications coordinator; and Jason DeGaspairs, senior school science teacher.

Photo courtesy of The Study

Both experienced and first-time teachers have been assigned a mentor to help them through their first two years. Mentors are experienced faculty who not only

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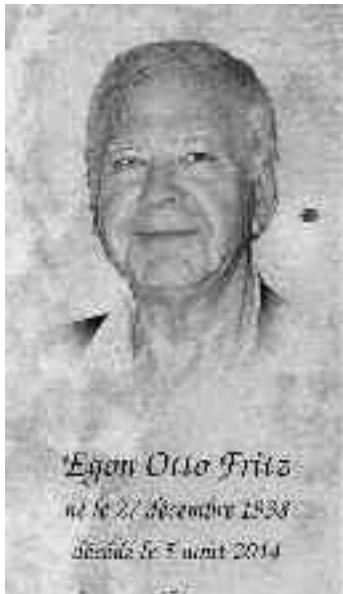
Westmount Lives

Leaving behind a legacy of dance moves, Egon Fritz

BY COLLEEN AND CLAUDE BISMUTH

Are you a ballroom dancer? Did you ever have the urge to dance? Did you respond by registering for one of the classes offered by the Westmount Recreation department? If so, you probably met and came to appreciate Egon Fritz, as we did.

In searching for an activity to pursue as a couple, we were lucky enough to stumble upon ballroom dancing classes some nine years ago. Our first sessions included



The late Egon Fritz.

a mixed group of novices, most of us suffering from two-left-feet syndrome, others lacking confidence in their ability to dance at special events. We were thankful for Egon's flexible and accommodating style. He showed the same compassion, encouragement and respect to all, constantly adjusting to the group's ability to assimilate new dance moves.

Egon introduced us to the steps, as well as the etiquette of ballroom dancing and eventually we even came to enjoy the tango, although it was an acquired taste.

As classes progressed, we delighted in our newly discovered moves in cha cha, rumba, slow waltz and fox trot, even daring to indulge in a mean zorba during the end-of-course parties.

In class, he took great pride in performing new steps or, when needed, frequently repeating ones introduced earlier. He offered us hope that we would eventually improve and come to enjoy ourselves as much as he did when he danced. With the right partner, we admired his demonstrations of the more sophisticated moves we would be learning next.

Over the years we developed a special relationship with Egon. A hard core group of veterans continued to attend his classes as he majestically helped newcomers find their place. Those seeking additional practices were encouraged to attend one of many dances Egon and his friends organ-

ized around the city on weekends, including summertime Dancing Under the Stars on the waterfront in Verdun.

When Egon had to miss a session, he always managed to call upon one or more competent dance teachers who formed part of his social circle. He constantly incorporated new moves, which he admitted to having picked up at weekly dance studio sessions for instructors that he attended religiously.

We had a wonderful time and benefited from new friendships as well as a challenging and entertaining couples' activity, eventually learning to dance somewhat competently at our children's weddings and charity balls. Many of the dance move combinations he taught us remain in our bank of favourite dance floor moves.

Egon passed away recently, and his Westmount legacy will surely remain with

the number of individuals who found joy in dancing, no matter what the level of ability. He leaves behind his spouse Cécile Seguin and his daughter Patricia. We will miss him and the fun, passion and dedication he brought to the classes he animated for close to 20 years.

Colleen and Claude Bismuth are Upper Lansdowne residents and were students of Egon Fritz.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Marc Garneau presents "My experience in space and how it changes one's perspective," 7 pm at Victoria Hall. Free.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Free public lecture on "The Power of Magic in Ancient Egypt," at the Greene Centre, 1090, Greene Ave. (Sun Room) at 3 pm. The talk lasts around 1 hour. Info: 514.845.8325. Questions and discussion to follow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

City council meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, Janet Torge, Project Manager of Radical Resthomes, discusses housing options that allow seniors to stay in charge of their lifestyle as they age. Free admission, donations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

"The History of Nursing at McGill University" exhibition starts at The Gallery at Victoria Hall.

Please send your events in the above format by Friday at 2 pm to cu@westmountindependent.com.

For additional information, you are invited to visit the Fulford website:

www.fulfordresidence.com
or call to speak to a member of the Management Team,

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The ladies of Fulford will welcome you!

Police Report

Thief breaks into home while family sleeps

The following news story is based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

By MICHAEL MOORE

A burglar broke through the rear patio door of a Burton Ave. house overnight on August 14 while the residents were asleep upstairs, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Sometime between 11 pm and 6 am the following morning, the suspect allegedly used a knife or other tool to jar open the patio door's lock to gain access to the house. Per Pimentel, the door was only secured with a low-quality lock that offered little resistance to the intruder.

"It's definitely not one of the best lock systems out there," he said.

The suspect reportedly took an iPhone 5, an iPad Air and two bottles of alcohol before exiting back through the patio door. The residents, who weren't woken by the

break-in, called 911 when they awoke in the morning to notice the items had been taken.

According to Pimentel, potential thieves are usually reluctant to break into occupied homes, but the suspect may have been tempted by items that had been left in plain sight from outside.

"It's very rare that people do a break-in while residents are in the house. Usually it's in a situation in which [valuables] are in view and the security system is minimal," he said.

The house is equipped with an alarm system but it had not been set by the residents during the night of the break-in, according to the police report.

"If you have an alarm system in place, you may as well use it," said Pimentel. "Security is all about adding more and more layers. What it does is buy you time by having that added layer of safety. If a person opens the door and the alarm starts ringing, then obviously that person is going to leave right away."

Katz's Galerie M turns 5

By MARTIN C. BARRY

It's been five years this month since Marcy Katz decided to use her years of expertise in retailing to set up Galerie M, a boutique which specializes in high-quality, pre-owned furniture and household accessories.

"We're very pleased with how Galerie M has been received by the community," said Katz, a Westmounter, who co-owns Galerie M, in an interview at the store on Devonshire Rd. in Town of Mount Royal.

While Katz's clientele towards the beginning consisted mostly of Montrealers, the store's reputation spread outside the city and today she has clients from Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto and some parts of the US.

Galerie M operates on a relatively unique pricing system. Prices on the consigned items start at a certain level and remain there for three weeks, then drop by 10 percent every few weeks until a bottom price is reached and the item is sold or returned to the consigner.

Katz refers to Galerie M as an "alternative" retail environment, where there is regular rotation of merchandise rather than only with the changing seasons as is the case at major retailers. The line includes "transitional" items such as end-of-



Marcy Katz's Galerie M furniture consignment boutique is five years old this month.

lines, overstock and showroom samples.

"This is fabulous for our customers," she said, "because they're getting an incredible price on merchandise that is technically pre-owned but which is new."

PSOs help woman stranded at bus stop

An 18-year-old woman appealed to a public safety officer for help August 10 when she was found on Sherbrooke near Metcalfe. She had three bags in her possession and reportedly no money to get home to Granby.

Public Security officials said they had received a call at 8:40 am from someone saying a young woman was hitch-hiking. When they spotted her, however, she was not soliciting a ride but approached them for help.

They asked her for identification to verify whether she might be a runaway. She then told them she had come to Montreal with friends and was now alone. Police also checked her out and were reported to have driven her to a bus station.

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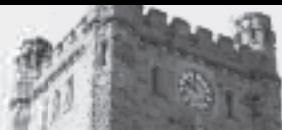
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BUREAUX MUNICIPAUX FERMÉS

Le lundi 1^{er} septembre 2014 : Fête du travail

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, dont l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics, seront fermés le lundi 1^{er} septembre en raison de la Fête du travail. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le dimanche et le lundi.

Il n'y a aucun changement quant aux collectes des résidus alimentaires et des ordures, qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

La séance du conseil aura lieu le mardi 2 septembre à 20 h.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, September 1st, 2014: Labour Day

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be closed Monday, September 1st for the Labour Day holiday. Westmount Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday.

The kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.

The council meeting will take place Tuesday, September 2nd at 8 p.m.

Catching on to wheels-to-curb parking

Westmount drivers seem to be receiving the message about parking on hills with wheels to the curb, Public Security officials said last week.

As of August 20, a total of 53 tickets costing \$53 had been issued in the nine days of a ticketing campaign. These came on the heels of 246 warning tickets issued in the same time frame July 9 to 18. "This indicates a greater adherence to parking rules," said director Greg McBain.

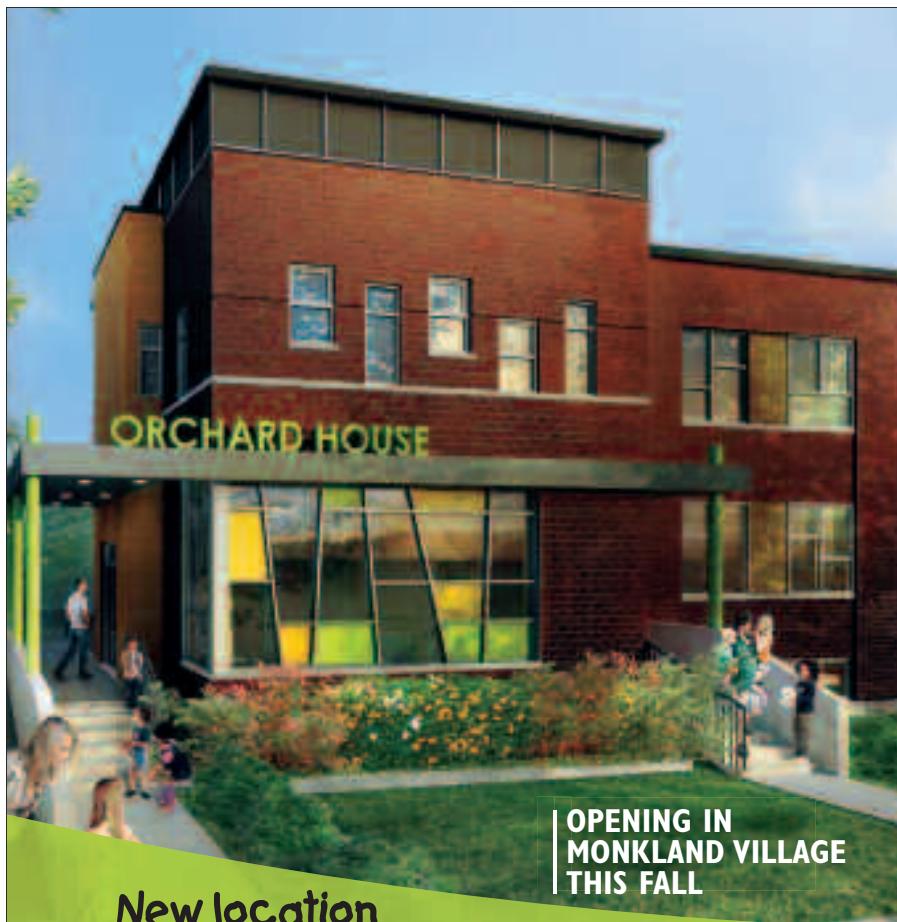
"Our officers have been seeing the improvement, and we hope people will continue to realize the importance of taking the time to park safely on our hills especially now with back-to-school time approaching."

Painting contractor strikes out after many warnings

It appears that two documented warnings and a ticket over the past two years weren't enough for one painting contractor who was issued yet another ticket for \$638 August 11, according to Public Security officials. The company was found using a hydraulic lift from the street without a permit at 3224 The Boulevard shortly before 6 pm. Patrollers also recalled having given the company other undocumented warnings.

Open window gave access to WHS

A ground floor window at Westmount High School was found fully open August 12 by a public safety officer at 2:50 am, Public Security officials said. It was not known whether cleaners might have been inside but building security was called since the window provided full access. The school was searched and found in order.



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From bottled ghee to Pilates demo, Vic

Photos by Ralph Thompson



This was the last sidewalk sale for Wilfred & Adrienne at this location. It is set to move next door, adjoining Ben & Tournesol. Employees, with their backs to the camera, Sheila Smith, left, and Juliana Mills tend to customers.



Clara Kwan, right, owner of Another Choice mini market on Victoria Ave. stands at her booth with her colleague Andrea Lee, to the left, and Abbie Perkins. Kwan's "other choice" is locally grown organic foods.



Bumbleberry Tart

The mixture of cooked and fresh berries gives this pie its originality.

INGREDIENTS:

- Crust**
 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) salt
 2 tbsp (30 mL) sugar
 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter (1 stick),
 frozen, cut into pieces
 1 tbsp (15 mL) vinegar

- Filling**
 3 tbsp (45 mL) all-purpose flour
 3/4 cup (185 mL) sugar
 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) cinnamon
 4 cups (1L) mixed fresh blueberries,
 raspberries, blackberries, straw-
 berries, and cranberries

- Garnish**
 2 cups (500mL) fresh blueberries
 Confectioners' sugar

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C)
 To prepare the crust, put the flour, salt, sugar, butter, and vinegar in a food processor and process just until crumbly. Remove the dough from the

food processor and pat into the bottom and sides of an 11-inch (28cm) fluted tart pan with a removable bottom.

To prepare the filling, combine the flour, sugar, cinnamon, and the mixed berries and pour over the pie crust. Place in the



oven and back for 50 to 60 minutes. Remove the pie from the oven and sprinkle with blueberries. Set aside and cool, and then remove the pan rim and dust with the confectioners' sugar before serving. Yield: 8 servings

Best served with Grilled Chicken with Sun-dried Tomato Vinaigrette (page 82)
 To purchase a copy of Mosaic, or to find a retailer that carries the book, please go to www.mosaiccookbook.com.

village lively on Saturday



Lydia Jenvey, left, and Dita Dolejsova, who runs Estela Annang demonstrates one configuration of a multi-way wrap to Parvin Dokht at Artizan on Sherbrooke St.



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Our jury of local professional photographers: Pierre Arsenault, Ralph Thompson and Raphael Ghahveh Rokhi will judge the photo entries.

Winners will be notified by e-mail on October 6. Selected entries will be exhibited on-line. e-mail us at the address above for the link!



The Victoria village sidewalk sale took place August 22 to 24 on Sherbrooke St. between Claremont and Grosvenor, and on Victoria Ave. under mainly blue but partly cloudy skies. On Saturday, it started slowly with only a handful of pedestrians at 10 but by lunchtime, the sidewalks were

Missing man found far from home

A caller to Public Security August 13 reported that an elderly man outside 4937 Sherbrooke near Claremont seemed confused. When officers questioned him just after 1:45 pm, he stated he lived "nearby," Public Security officials said. In fact, he had been missing from Résidence Papineau in north-east Montreal since 2 pm the previous day. Police were called and drove the man, aged 70, back.

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quite crowded with bargain hunters jostling for space with locals chatting to vendors. Offerings included everything from bottled ghee and spicy snacks to a Pilates demonstration, fine shoes and sparkling jewelry. – RT

Workers 'frustrated' by work hours

A call was received for construction in progress after permitted hours August 12 at the office building, 245 Victoria, Public Security officials said. Workers were found inside throwing dry wall and other material into a container shortly after 7 pm. They were described as "frustrated" by having only one hour after office hours in which to work before having to stop at 6 pm. They left on request.

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Goodman gala raises record \$2.5 million



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On June 1, the third biennial Goodman Cancer Research Gala was once again held in a massive white tent at McGill University. It sold out, raising a record \$2.5 million for the Goodman Cancer Research Centre at McGill.

Westmounter **Tony Loffreda**, regional vice president of RBC/Royal Bank, attending with wife **Angelina**, was gala chair. Spearheading the gala were **Morris Goodman** and the late **Rosalind Goodman**.

The 800 guests were totally impressed by the work of gala vice chair **Sandy Martz** (there with husband **David**); fundraising chair **Sam Altman**, president, Joddes Limited; décor co-chairs Westmounters **Penny Echenberg** (with **Gordon**) and **Amy Kornik** (with **Michael**); dinner chair **Etty Bienstock** (with **Ralph**); and magazine co-chairs **Sheila Fried** (with **Dr. Isaac Fried**); **Sylvia Quint** (with **Ted**); and **Kathleen Maher-Wagner** (with **Gary**).

Noted guests included **Robert Poëti**, Quebec Transport minister; **Marcelle** and **Jean Coutu**, chair of the Jean Coutu Group Inc.; **Alice** and **Joel Raby**, investment counsel at MacDougall Investment Counsel; **Gail Gold** and **Norman Zavalkoff**, chair Presud Inc.; **Harriet** and **Marvin Corber**, consultant at Richter; **Myriam Legault** and **Claude Généreux**, director at McKinsey & Company; **Frances** and **Lawrence Bloomberg**, chair, BloombergSen; Westmounters **Joëlle** and **Bruce Kent**, vice president/director and portfolio manager at RBC Dominion Securities Inc.; **Guy Breton**, rector of the University of Montreal; **Diane Ferrara** and **Sam Scalia**, president of Samcon; and **Blema** and **Arnold Steinberg**, then-chancellor of McGill University, one of the invited speakers along with principal/vice-chancellor **Suzanne Fortier** and **Dr. Morag Park**, centre director, attending with her husband **Alain Nepveu**, a researcher at the Centre.

The Goodman family was well represented by sons **Jonathan Goodman**, founder and CEO of Knight Therapeutics, and his wife **Dana**; **David Goodman**, CEO of Pharmascience, and his wife **Mia**; and **Deborah Goodman Davis** and hubby **Gerald Davis**, principal at Alchemy Properties.

Other Westmounters attending included **Dominique Bertrand** and **Jacques Maurice**, **Marina** and **Henry Etingin**, **Louise McLellan** and **Michael Taub**, **Marlene** and **Joel King**, **Max** and **Eunice Palayew**, **Robert Bard** and **Dr. Leah Moss**, **Jessica** and **William Miller**, **Mark Nawacki** and **Sandra Churchill**, and **Naomi** and **Eric Bissell**, as well as **Sylvia** and **Louis Vogel**, and **Sarah** and **Allen Rubin**.

The efforts of gala coordinator **Annette Novak**, who worked tirelessly with fundraiser **Rayna Goldman**, the fabulous food catered by **Java U**, and the get-up-and-work-off-dinner music of
Paul Chacra were praised *continued on p. 26*



From left: Tony Loffreda, Morris and the late Rosalind Goodman, David and Sandy Martz, and Sam Altman.
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From left: David and Mia Melmed Goodman, Gerald Davis and Deborah Goodman Davis; Jonathan Goodman and Dana Caplan Goodman.



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Bureaux administratifs fermés le 1^{er} septembre
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SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Inscriptions pour activités d'automne et d'hiver À compter du lundi 25 août à 8 h 30 au Centre des loisirs de Westmount, 4675, rue Ste-Catherine O. Places assurées pour presque toutes les activités si l'inscription est reçue au plus tard le 3 septembre. Procurez-vous le guide d'activités dans un des édifices municipaux ou consultez-le au www.westmount.org. Info : 514 989-5353.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition : De cœur et de courage : une histoire des soins infirmiers
Jusqu'au 11 septembre à la Galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter cette exposition en collaboration avec le Centre du patrimoine du CUSM. Horaire : lundi, mardi, mercredi, vendredi et samedi (sauf les 30 août et 1^{er} septembre) de 11 h à 17 h et le jeudi de 11 h à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5521 ou hmitko@westmount.org.

Marc Garneau : « My Experience in Space and how it changes one's perspective »
Le mercredi 27 août à 20 h. Victoria Hall. Joignez-vous au Dr. Marc Garneau, premier astronaute canadien dans l'espace, qui parlera de son expérience. Présenté par le Projet ville en santé et la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada. Info : 514 989-5226.

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Association municipale de Westmount : une rencontre avec M. Denis Coderre
Le mercredi 17 septembre à 19 h. Victoria Hall.
Info : www.wma-amw.org.

Association historique de Westmount
Le jeudi 18 septembre à 19 h à la Bibliothèque.
Info : 514 989-5510.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

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Les 5, 19 et 26 septembre, 14 h. Info : 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le mardi 2 septembre

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Conférences de 14 heures : Lynda Ryan

Le mercredi 17 septembre à 14 h. « *Experiencing Joy and Presence in Everyday Life – The Way of Mindfulness* ». Info : 514 989-5299.

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CITY HALL

Administrative offices closed September 1st

The City's administrative offices will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** for the Labour Day holiday. The regular City Council meeting will take place **Tuesday, September 2nd**. Kitchen waste and garbage collections will follow the usual schedule. The City's regular office schedule, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., resumes September 8th.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration for fall and winter activities Beginning Monday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Westmount Recreation Centre, 4675 St. Catherine St. W. Places guaranteed for most activities if registration is received by September 3. Pick up a copy of the activities guide in any City building or consult it at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5353.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: Caps of Courage – Nursing's Journey Until September 11 in the Gallery at Victoria Hall.

The Gallery is pleased to present this exhibition in collaboration with the MUHC's Art & Heritage Centre. Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (except August 30th and September 1st): 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5521 or hmitko@westmount.org.

Marc Garneau : *My Experience in Space and how it changes one's perspective*

Wednesday, August 27 at 8 p.m. Victoria Hall. Meet Canada's first astronaut in space as he speaks about his out-of-this-world experience. Presented by the Healthy City Project and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Info: 514 989-5226.

Stargazing at the Lookout

Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Summit Lookout. Join members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to observe the night skies through their telescopes. Learn about the planets and stars from knowledgeable astronomers! Free. In the event of rain or poor viewing conditions, the event will be cancelled. Info: 514 989-5226.

Westmount Municipal Association: Meet Mr. Denis Coderre

Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Victoria Hall.
Info: www.wma-amw.org.

Westmount Historical Association
Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. at the Library.
Info: 514 989-5510.

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Chess and Scrabble Club
September 5, 19 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Info : 514 989-5299.



Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 2

Closing party for the TD Summer Reading Club with *Decibel Science*!

Saturday, September 6 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Be there! Food, entertainment, prizes! Info: 514 989-5229.

Reflections on Aging: a Reading Circle with Abby Lippman

Wednesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. Explore the experiences of older adults as presented in a wide range of writings (fiction, poetry and articles). First meeting; registration required. Info : 514 989-5299.

English Book Club with Wanda Swiderski

Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. Join the Club for a discussion of *Dear Life* by Alice Munro. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'clock Series: Lynda Ryan

Wednesday, September 17 at 2 p.m. *Experiencing Joy and Presence in Everyday Life – The Way of Mindfulness.* Info : 514 989-5299.

Runners' Guide to Avoiding Common Running Injuries

Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Learn how to prevent and treat common running injuries in this talk by Certified Athletic Therapist Marc-Antoine Doré. Info: 514 989-5299.

PUBLIC SECURITY

A Safe Back-to-School for All

With the reopening of the schools, the Westmount Public Safety team reminds drivers to:

- pay attention to school zone signage;
- reduce speed in school zones;
- ready to stop at any time; children do not always do not always notice oncoming traffic;
- be patient - wait for children to finish crossing before proceeding ;
- always follow the directions of crossing guards.

Info : 514 989-5222.

Reminder: parking safely on slopes

The Westmount Public Safety team reminds drivers to use the proper technique for safe parking on slopes: turn the steering wheel towards the road facing uphill, and towards the sidewalk facing downhill, and by ensuring that the vehicle transmission is in park or in gear and that the hand brake is fully engaged. Info: www.westmount.org or 514 989-5222.



Atwater Library suspect caught, driven to Douglas

A man reported to be causing damage inside the Atwater Library and trying to steal the donation box August 4 was followed by a witness and a public safety officer along Tupper and through a parking lot to Alexis Nihon Plaza, Public Security officials said. Once inside the mall, they managed to escort him outside and into the hands of police, who had been contacted. Identified as aged 30 and described as appearing to be “quite violent,” he was driven to the Douglas Hospital by police.

Dog run cont'd. from p. 1

Hodgins consultants' report are in Westmount Park: the former shuffleboard location, the raised area of a former dog run between the comfort station and the playground, and a large area along Sherbrooke west of the Melville pond.

“Westmount Park is a popular and sensitive area that took a long time to assess,” said Baxter. The WDOA had decided some time ago not to pronounce on one site over another, he explained.

“As an organization, we clearly said that we don't intend to be experts in urban planning or park design, as long as a dog run provides reasonable space and is of a similar quality to what we had before.” All three preferred sites in the report appeared to fit the bill, he said.

Gibbs, who has been questioning city council regularly over the delay in finding



Arnold, left, and Blema Steinberg.



Penny, left, and Gordon Echenberg.

Goodman cont'd. from p. 24

by all, as guests departed into the good night.

In memoriam

As a volunteer on Rosalind Goodman's committee for this gala, I experienced her amazing ability to inspire engagement.

Her positive energy brought smiles to many people. Rosalind passed away on August 11. This column is dedicated to her memory.

a new site, said that if a new run is not ready for the winter, she hopes the city will find some accommodation for dog owners until a new one is open.

Surprised by city policy

She also said she was surprised to read the city had a policy on the use of land areas for recreational purposes.

Quoting from the report stating a city policy that “land use may not disservice one group to serve another,” she said “that was exactly what the city did to those of us who used the dog run when it moved us out of the space at Lansdowne and St.

Catherine” to gain extra space for the new pool.

While the site was officially closed in May 2013, it had been reduced in size, deteriorated over construction and “temporarily” closed for what amounted to three summers, she said.

Of the three preferred potential sites, she said as a dog owner she preferred the space along Sherbrooke mainly for its size. She acknowledged, however, it was close to the street and the children's playground.

On the other hand, the former shuffleboard site, which appeared to meet most of the criteria laid down in the report as-

essment, was her least favourite because it was smaller and would probably take the longest to fix up.

While the city plans to conduct a poll on suitable dog run sites, its criteria are as yet unknown. Nevertheless, Baxter suggested some residents might find the Sherbrooke site to be least appealing because of its high visibility and proximity to the busy street.

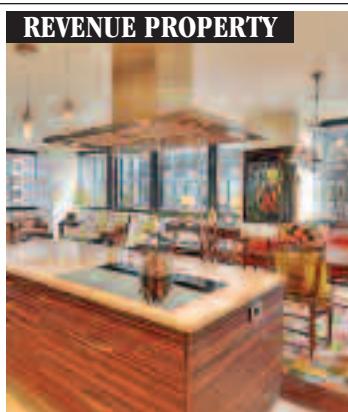
The WDOA has a membership of about 200 dog owners, he said.

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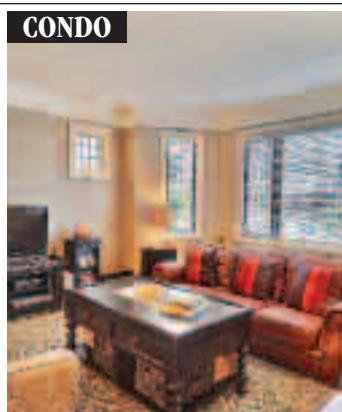
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Pearson on the 25th anniversary of MCLL art exhibit



In conversation

HEATHER BLACK

The McGill Community for Lifelong Learning (MCLL) will hold a 25th anniversary art exhibition “MCLL Artists” from Thursday, August 28 to Saturday, August 30 at the Visual Arts Centre. To find more about the event and the MCLL, I spoke to organizer and special events chairperson Westmounter Ann Pearson.

Anniversary art exhibition

This exhibition at the McClure Gallery will feature the paintings, photography and sculptures of 32 MCLL members, including Westmounters Liliane Aberman, Jackie Cytrynbaum, Jane and Pierre Desjardins, Hannah Franklin, the late Mary Landry, Pamela Sachs, Helen Tarsis-Shapiro, Sally Spilhaus and Ann Pearson. The MCLL regularly exhibits members’ work at their offices and classrooms within the McGill School of Continuing Studies. This event, described by Pearson as “a celebration of our members’ talent,” will show work not previously displayed.

Pearson also noted that the event celebrates the MCLL, which provides “a unique opportunity for seniors to share their interests with the community.”

A photographer, she has individually moderated study groups on journalism and documentary photography. More recently, she co-moderated a fine art photography session with Westmounter Jackie Cytrynbaum. Unlike graded courses, there are no entrance requirements or examinations.

For Pearson, a former professor in the Humanities department at John Abbott College, the MCLL “enables members with common interests to meet with like-minded individuals.” Modeled on an innovative Harvard University program, the MCLL offers a series of study groups on the arts, literature, science and current events. Members propose either five- or 10-week sessions on a topic of expertise or one which they would like to explore.

Lifelong learning

The MCLL also offers a series of Friday lectures and summer Wednesday lectures. For Pearson, the MCLL provides an “opportunity for seniors to keep their minds

active,” an important factor in healthy aging. As part of their recent celebrations, a conference on lifelong learning was organized by Westmounter Fiona Clark, who founded the MCLL as assistant director of continuing education.



Ann Pearson August 22 near the Visual Arts Centre on Victoria.

Pearson who has been involved with the MCLL for the past ten years, describes the organization as “life-enhancing, socially as well as intellectually.” The MCLL also provides community outreach events such as the successful Bloomsday celebration held June 12 to 16. A time to remember author James Joyce and Irish heritage, this year Chris Joyce, Joyce’s great grand-nephew, now living in Montreal, participated in the event.

Pearson also mentioned that “at a time when many of us are losing friends, the MCLL offers a great opportunity to make new friends.” An important social outlet for many, over the years, the MCLL has become a learning community. Opening its doors as the McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement in 1989 with 150 members, today there are over 600 with 49 study groups planned for the fall.

The “MCLL Artists” vernissage will take place at the McClure Gallery on Thursday, August 28 at 6 pm. The exhibition continues on Friday and Saturday, during which a MCLL member will answer questions and distribute information on upcoming sessions.

Heavy lifting at the Y



An industrial-sized crane lifts a 12-ton swimming pool dehumidifier onto the roof of the Westmount YMCA August 19. Traffic was diverted into one lane heading west on Sherbrooke. Other work being carried out at the Y is the renovation of the women’s changing room, re-painting of the pool, installing a new sauna in the men’s locker room and renovating the reception hall. “The building needed an upgrade, so we are getting it done and completed by September 15. It’s all to the benefit our members,” explained Gail Pickles Eden, the member-service receptionist.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Jogger taken to hospital in traffic accident

An 18-year-old jogger was treated for possible injuries to the hip and knee August 18 after being hit by a car at Lansdowne and Westmount Ave., Public Security officials said. Officers arrived at the scene just before 1 pm to find the woman being treated by Urgences Santé and leaving for hospital. No other information was reported.

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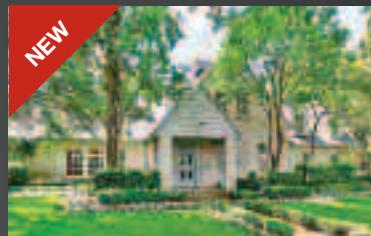
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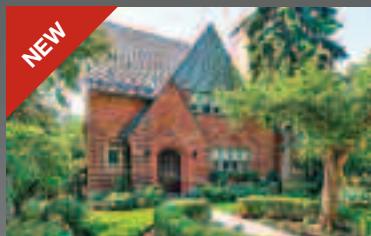
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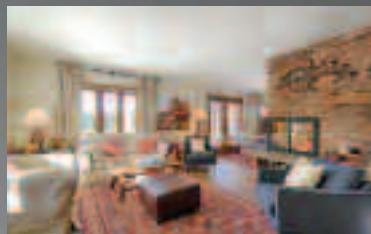
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