

Home opener October 15 at WRC

City launches all-girls M11 hockey team, joins its first all-girls league

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's first all-girls team at the M11 (under age 11) level will face its home opener game October 15 at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) as will four other (mixed and boys') teams in the Westmount Minor Hockey Association.

This new M11 team includes eight players from the city's first girls' team founded last year in the under-9 category and will play in a league of all-girls teams called the Ligue Interrégionale Hockey Féminin (LIHF). It will face a team from Montreal in the home opener.

"It's our first dive into an all-girls league," said Andrew Maislin, operations manager for the WRC. "All-girls teams are the wave of the future."

In announcing the home openers tak-

ing place at the WRC, Maislin also issued an urgent call for coaches required for three of the city's mixed and boys' minor hockey teams. These are at the M11, M13 and M15 levels.

"We're always looking for coaches, but it's unusual for us to be this close to starting off the season without coaches for three teams," he explained.

The home opener games on October 15 will bring five outside teams to the WRC, with the first game at 3:30 pm to be kicked off by the new all-girls M11 team. The other local teams hosting the visitors are the mixed and boys' M13 A and B levels, and M15 A and B levels.

In addition to his position at the WRC, Maislin is also vice-president of the Lac St. Louis League and runs the Eastern Hockey league as its administrator.

Autumn is beautiful, fun



On a spectacular October 5 at the playground in Westmount Park, this group was enjoying the fresh air and trying to keep an eye on three rambunctious kids. From left, Julie, mother of Xavier; Jiaoyue; and Laura and Tony Liu, parents of Olivia and Brian; back row, Olivia, Brian and Xavier.

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Endorses 'rehabilitation'

Province backs city on approval of Goode House work

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Quebec ministry of Culture has endorsed the city council's approval of a "demolition" permit and proposed work to dismantle and restore several protected historic elements in the Goode House at 178 Côte St. Antoine.

A letter from the ministry provided last week to the *Independent* by Mayor Chris-

tina Smith stated, in effect, that it would not be overruling the council on its authorization of work on protected elements at the 1840 house and, in fact, commended the city's initiative to "rehabilitate" it to preserve its cultural heritage.

"Your city is one of the rare municipalities in Quebec to protect interior elements through regulation," it states. The Goode House *continued on p. 5*

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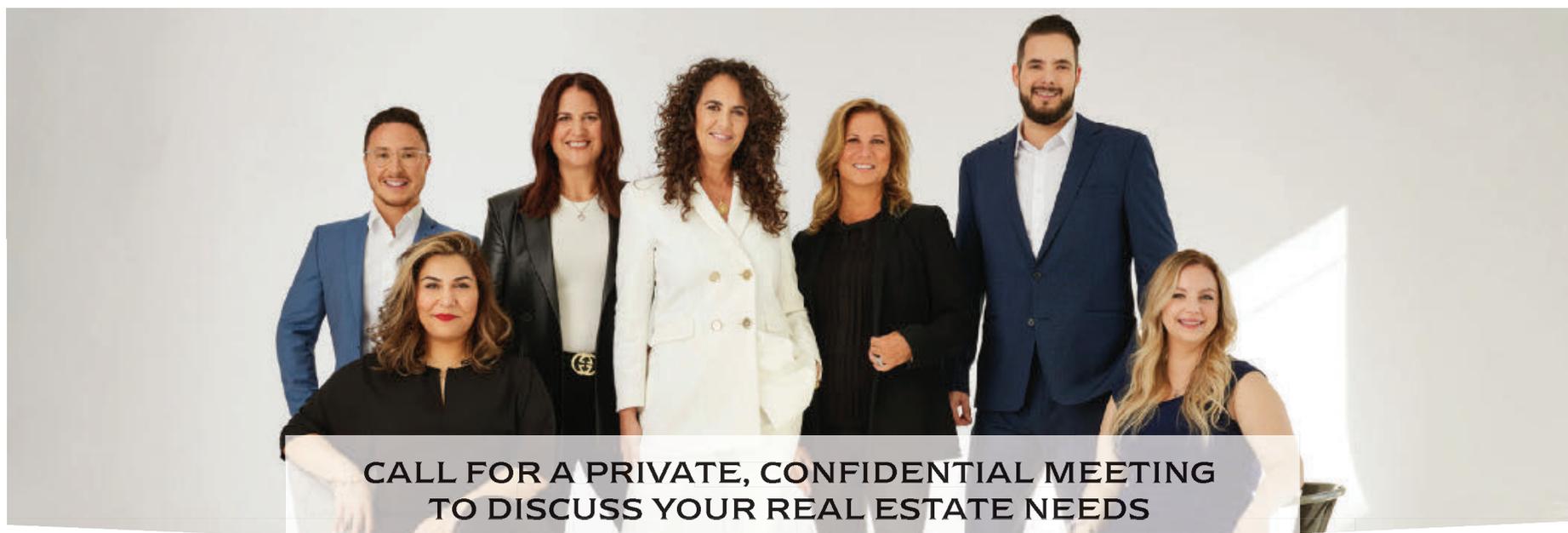
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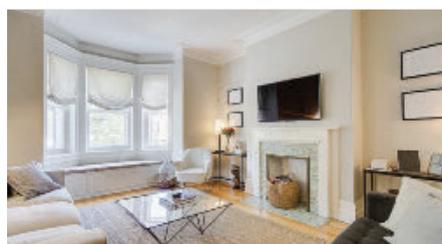


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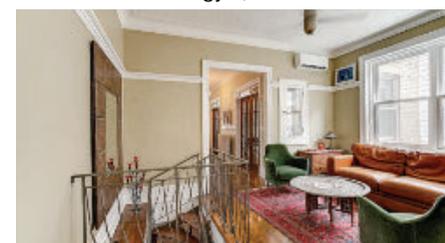
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PSOs arrest 2, recover stroller with stolen power tools

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man and a woman were arrested by public safety officers October 3 after a resident of Mountain Ave. called at 10:16 pm to report his car had been entered, Public Security officials said. A baby's stroller had been taken by a woman as well as several large Ryobi power tools stolen from the garage.

Patrollers began searching the area for a woman pushing a childless stroller until spotting someone doing so on the east side of Wood Ave. near Dawson College. The bright green markings of the Ryobi-brand tools were visible from the bottom compartment of the stroller.

The two suspects turned and went east on St. Catherine toward Alexis Nihon Plaza, during which time the man was seen trying to enter two parked cars. The two were arrested and detained until the arrival of police. The complainant identified the tools that had been in his garage, including a mitre saw, drill and torch.

The woman was described as aged 43 and the man, 30. No other details were available. The victim's car was reported to have been unlocked, allowing the thief access to the remote garage door opener.

Contractor faces possible \$2,000-\$4,000 fine for repeat offences

A Public Security patroller noticed a loader moving a very large pile of dirt back and forth over a sidewalk outside 4331 Montrose September 30 at 4:53 pm, department officials said. The area was not securely closed off and the driver of the loader was shown the city's database confirming that no permit had been issued to the contractor for this use of the public domain.

Since the company had incurred previous violations and fines for similar offences, it was reported that this time the city would be requesting the court to allow a fine of \$2,000 to \$4,000 for a repeat offender.

Construction taboo before 7 am

A ticket for \$277 was issued October 29 when a truck was seen on Melville at 6:15 am unloading a Skyjack lift, Public Security officials report. The work was to be carried out on Melbourne but is not permitted before 7 am on weekdays.

Mayor, councillors to join school safety campaign October 12-14

Mayor Christina Smith and several councillors will join the city's school safety campaign this week to drive home various traffic-safety measures around elementary schools.

The school zones targeted by this campaign have alternated for the last three years. This time, the council members will join police and public safety officers outside Akiva (October 12), The Study (October 13) and St. George's (October 14).

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Blindfolded eye doctor Saheb runs to fundraise for glaucoma awareness

By JENNIFER BALL

An MUHC ophthalmologist and Westmount resident, Dr. Hady Saheb, ran 50 kilometres blindfolded with the last five kilometers being run along the Lachine canal with his sighted guide, right across from the Atwater market. He's raising awareness about vision loss and raising money for the McGill Academic Eye Centre.

His family, some McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) patients and Tarah Schwartz, who is director of communications and marketing at the MUHC, were on hand to cheer him on as he crossed the finish line on October 7.

His goal is to raise \$50,000 and he has currently raised \$29,000. "He is just trying to get the support that he needs because he is so passionate about this cause," Schwartz said. "He is on the last stretch on what it feels like to run blind."

A little over a month ago he decided to challenge himself to run 50 kilometers blindfolded. "I am an ophthalmologist and glaucoma specialist and every day I take care of patients who are either worried about vision loss or struggling with vision

loss," Dr. Saheb said. "This is a great way for me to feel a little more connected to my



Dr. Hady Saheb on the south side of the Lachine Canal, across from the Atwater market on October 7.

patients."

Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in people in North America and around the world. It is also a disease of the elderly. As our population continues to age, the frequency of glaucoma will continue to rise, he said.

"The efforts made to diagnose glaucoma early and prevent blindness of glaucoma is so important," Dr. Saheb said.

Glaucoma is not preventable but it is treatable. "The key with glaucoma is to treat it early. Really what we recommend to everyone is to have an eye exam every one to two years and after the age of 50, really every year, to detect any early signs of glaucoma. If anything is detected, then treatment or more specialized care can be offered."

Scariest for Dr. Saheb than running blindfolded - where the presence of tree roots, gravel, uneven pavement threatens - is the way that glaucoma presents. "Often when it is detected, it is too late," he said. "If you notice effects of glaucoma, you are often at that more advanced stage. The only way to detect it is really to do an eye exam."



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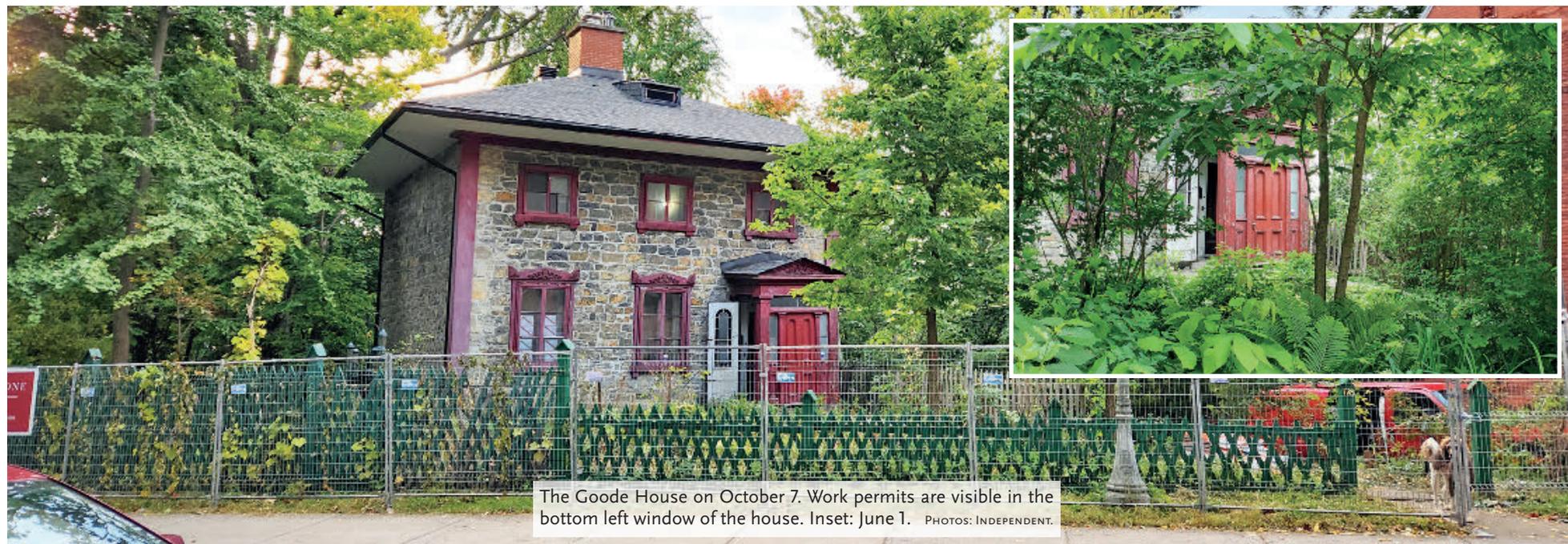
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The Goode House on October 7. Work permits are visible in the bottom left window of the house. Inset: June 1. PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.

Goode House, cont'd from p. 1

was the first private residence in the province to have its interior designated as such.

The province's letter was in response to a request from Heritage Montreal to defer or suspend the city's decision to allow certain work at the house.

"The [province's] decision will be a very big relief to the owners," Mayor Smith said.

"Hopefully the house can be renovated and updated into a family home by today's standards while retaining its heritage value."

She said she would be announcing the outcome at the council meeting October 11, after press time. This followed an onsite visit by the ministry to review various elements that had been challenged. The

ministry had until October 4 to render a decision (see story September 6, p. 1).

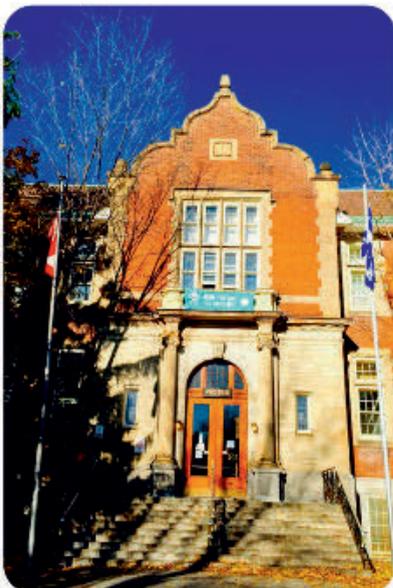
The ministry's letter, dated October 3, explained that the home's interior represents a "lower middle class" way of life in the 19th century through features of "great authenticity."

Purchased two years ago, the distinctive house had remained relatively unchanged through the years pending renovation

plans.

It had been advertised for re-sale a month ago (see story September 27, p. 5) following the current owners' concerns over invasions of privacy emanating from complaints about the council's approval of a permit to undertake some work to protected elements. The house is no longer for sale and work permits are on display in one of the front windows.

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CONSIDER THE (GREENHOUSE) OBJECTIVE, NOT JUST ITS ATTAINMENT

While I am in complete agreement with every word about the shocking results of restorations to the Westmount conservatory (“Why spend \$6.3 million on one room?” October 4, p. 8), I do not think an audit would identify the causes.

As was reported earlier, the consulting process failed to take into consideration what repairs and renovations might be required on the basement level (see June 15, 2021, p. 2). Once these were discovered while work on the project was under way, the budget incurred significant increases in costs.

How the council and municipal Public Works department overlooked this egregious error does call into question their competence and rigour in management.

The detailed description in Janis Kraut’s letter including all of her comments on the aesthetic choices made for this structure, and more generally in the city, are spot on. Everyone I have spoken to who has visited the conservatory has had exactly the same reaction – not only about extent and appearance, but also about the lack of public outcry.

What this project so clearly demonstrates is the apparent incompetence of council.

It is not sufficient to boast about moving forward to achieve an objective. The

objective itself must be rigorously considered in every aspect and detail.

EDITH KATZ, OLIVIER AVE.

ELECTRIC SILENCE

The sound of electric leaf-blowers is music for my ears as I have almost always worked in heavy industry and that does not only mean large equipment, but also there are many places in the plant where ear protection is mandated by law so you do not go deaf, plus other potential hazards.

Of course, I do not doubt that present-day electric leaf-blowers may be no match for the gasoline-powered ones. However, electric cars that came out some years ago were also pitiful when compared to gasoline engines, but today they are definitely getting competitive.

So if the demand is there, manufacturers will provide adequate electric leaf blowers.

The question is “When?”

Of course, I wonder if a proper scientific study was done to compare the gas-powered blowers to just manual raking. This would of course include labour costs, equipment costs, maintenance costs and material costs.

Note that I am aware that some individuals see the gas-powered machines as being simply a macho thing. Also, in the fall I still rake my leaves as I do not like the noise and of course, I am only doing my small yard.

ALFRED EDEL, VICTORIA AVE.

GETTING THERE, IN THE 24

A friend without a car once told me that she considered the very reliable and frequent #24 bus that runs through the centre of our gorgeous city as her personal taxi.

I received the best proof of this when I found out, too late, that the 24 could have taken me to the corner of Decarie and NDG Ave., the very street that would’ve led me to where I was to vote on October 3, the apparently very unfamiliar Marianopolis College.

I say “apparently very unfamiliar” because after calling city hall, a candidate’s office and Marianopolis College itself for instructions on how to get there on foot, none of them even mentioned the 24, but instead gave me suggestions that put me inconveniently off track, even with a map in hand.

Finally, after taking the Metro to the closest stop to Marianopolis, Villa Maria, and after poking around the vicinity thereof and asking, initially, several clueless people where Marianopolis was, I found the corner I was seeking.

That’s when I noticed a 24 bus stop across the street, just like the one on the corner where I live on Sherbrooke! So, as an unexpected reward for the long and rambling trek I took to do my civic duty by voting, I waited just a few minutes for our ubiquitous friend the 24 bus to take me right back to my front door.

P.S. Elections Quebec please note: not all of us have cars and GPS, and many of us walk for a living, so please give *street directions* next time!

RICHARD ORLANDO, SHERBROOKE ST.

UNEQUAL TO THE PAST

There is one election pledge Colin Standish kept.

He said his party wasn’t going to be Equality 2.0, and so it wasn’t. Equality elected four MNAs; CaPQ elected none.

Standish was the candidate here, and I voted for him despite having only met his larger-than-life poster. Audacious strategy on his part, to parachute into a riding with a popular incumbent and not make himself visible.

Be that as it may, he now has the next four years to work on not being Equality 2.0, 3.0, etc.

HOWARD GREENFIELD, HILLSIDE AVE.

▶ Campfire on Clarke?

The apparent remains of a fire on Clarke at de Maisonneuve, as seen the morning of October 7 on the northwest corner, looking north.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

**Many received over summer moving
Donations already
at capacity for book
sale Nov. 19-20**

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Donations to the upcoming fall book sale of the Westmount Public Library are on hold until after the sale takes place Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20.

There were so many donations over the summer moving period that “we don’t have the capacity to accept and keep any more,” explains library director Anne-Marie Lacombe.

The library also experienced the same issue with large numbers of donations for the spring sale in April this year after the cancellation of four semi-annual sales during the COVID closures (see story March 22, 2022, p. 1).

Run by the Friends of the Library group, the sales have raised thousands of dollars over the years, allowing the library to add to its collections and services. This included the expansion of its online materials.

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Winners of submissions for new one to be named

City hall's time capsule to be opened October 14 at Vic Hall

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

The contents of the city's 100-year-old time capsule buried at the cornerstone of city hall on October 14, 1922 is to be opened at a public event this Friday, October 14 at Victoria Hall at 2:30 pm.

It's also at this time that three winning submissions for a new time capsule will be announced.

These winners are among some 30 others that have been on display in the Gallery at Victoria Hall where visitors have been asked to vote for their three favourites (see story October 4, p. 1).

People attending the opening event in the concert hall will be able to watch it up close in real time even from the back of the room because it will have a camera attached to project the action on a screen, according to Donna Lach, assistant director of the library and community events, who has been organizing the event.

Details of the new capsule, which will include the new submissions, and its burial have not even been discussed, city archivist Anthony Chiasson explains.

What size will the new one be? Where and when will it be buried? No one knows.



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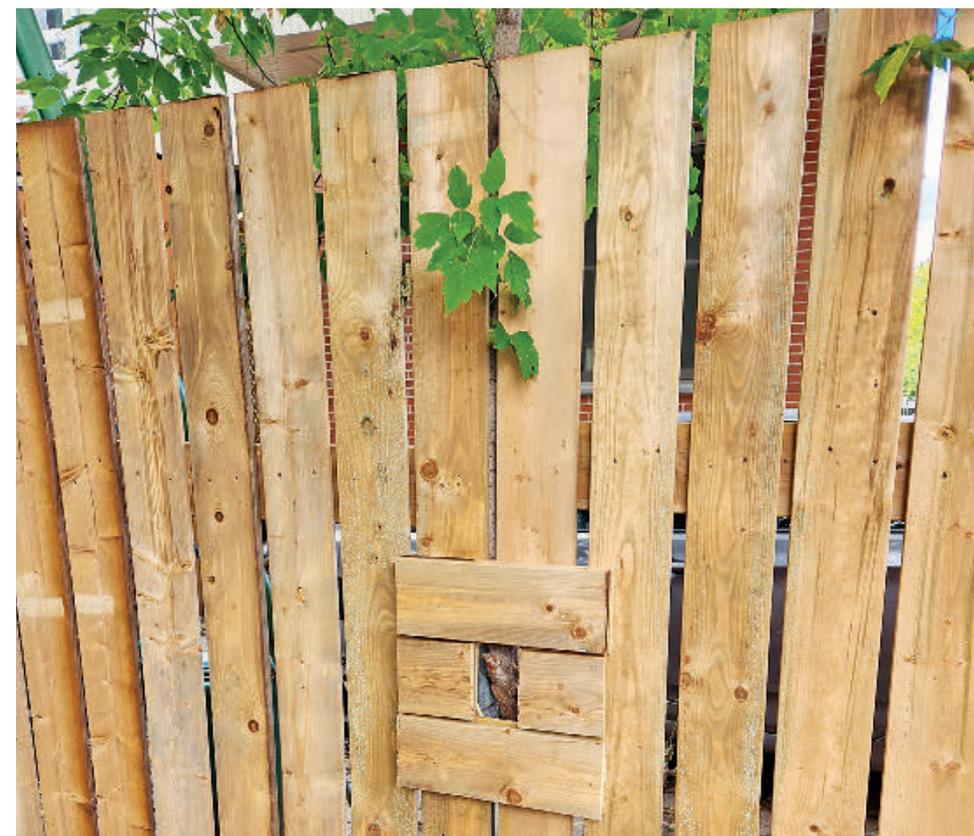


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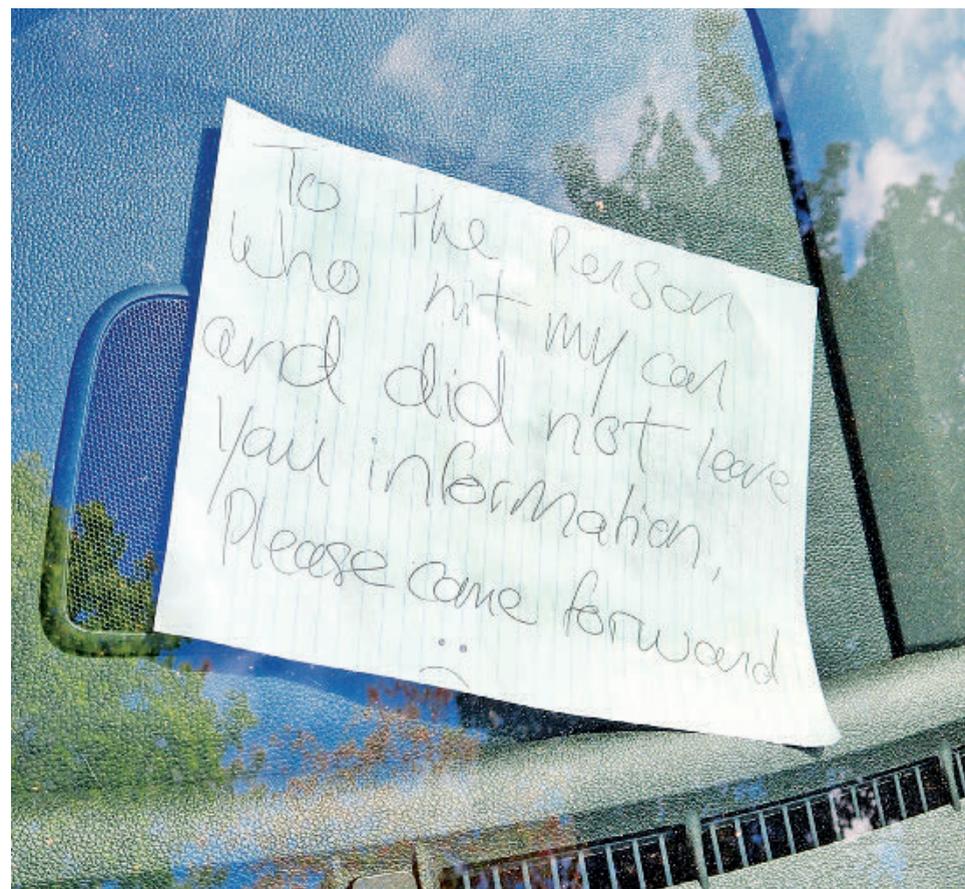
Making room for plants



This fence on Prince Albert near de Maisonneuve has a hole cut for a branch to grow/re-grow into the alley, as seen September 29. In fact, two other branches have already found their own way through.

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Inter-driver communication



As seen on Elm Ave. September 29.

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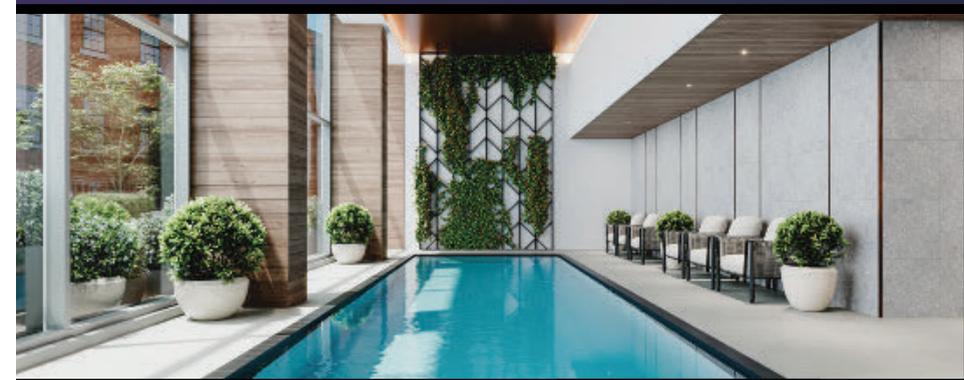
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Police Report

By-stander hurt when STM bus hits benches, trash can

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A spokesman for the Montreal police has told the *Westmount Independent* that an Société de Montréal (STM) bus driver who left the scene of an accident at the corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor was within his legal rights because he was following accepted STM protocols.

By-stander Simona Buth told the *Independent* that she was hit by debris when an STM #24 bus hit a bench and trash can on the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor on September 24.

She wrote to the *Independent* after seeing the newspaper's p. 1 photo (October 4) describing it as a hit-and-run.

"I was there" at 8:45 pm, she said.

"Debris from the trash and perhaps the trash can itself (I'm not sure because my back was to all of this) hit me in the back of the leg and I turned around in shock, after which the driver opened the door and asked if we were okay," she continued.

"I replied, 'I guess so' and he closed the bus door and sped off... I was still in disbelief and was limping.

"The next day, I had trouble with stairs and as I walked to work, I thought 'I better report this to the police.'

"When I spoke to the police at Station 12 that afternoon, they told me that no one reported the incident and that it should have been reported to the police because it was considered a hit-and-run. They told me they would open up an investigation.

"It made me feel sick to think that we could have all ended up in the hospital or worse, and thank goodness no one was sitting on that bench.

"The next day, I submitted a complaint and reported the incident to the STM and a few days later, they sent me a short reply that I could contact the SAAQ [Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec] to report the situation in case I needed medical

attention."

Station 12 spokesman Cst. Mike Yigit acknowledged that Buth filed a declaration with the police the following day. Although he said a police investigation is under way, he added that the investigators are waiting to receive an accident report from the STM.

"The police are not always called," he said, maintaining that the accident protocol that STM drivers follow requires them to report accidents to an STM supervisor. "So, it's very possible that the incident was reported, that within the STM, the driver reported it to his supervisor, and the police were not aware."

He said the police are categorizing it as a hit-and-run incident because "on our part we don't know who the driver is," while adding that "there's no guarantee that the driver reported it to his supervisor."

Asked whether the STM driver did the right thing and was within his legal right

to leave the scene, Yigit replied, "If nobody got hurt, yes."

Clarke/Boulevard collision

On September 23, a motorist heading west along The Boulevard who was attempting to make an illegal left turn onto Clarke Ave. collided with an eastbound vehicle.

The intersection is well-known for being hazardous, as the curve on The Boulevard can make it difficult to judge the speed and position of oncoming traffic.

According to Station 12 spokesman Cst. Mike Yigit, the driver of the first vehicle either didn't see or ignored the no-left-turn signage, leading to a collision he described as "violent."

"Both air bags were deployed," he said. Although neither driver was seriously injured, he said one of the drivers had to be taken to hospital by Urgences-Santé to be treated for shock.

Break-and-enter at Arc'teryx

An Arc'teryx apparel store on Sherbrooke St. near Victoria was robbed of around \$20,000 worth of merchandise during the early hours of October 4 after two suspects broke a front window to gain entry.

According to a Station 12 incident report, officers responded to a call around 1:30 am about a break-and-enter incident after a burglar alarm was triggered. "When the officers arrived, they saw the broken window," said Station 12 spokesman Cst. Mike Yigit.

Although store supervisors were contacted to come and take measures to secure the store, he said they weren't able to and two police officers remained on the scene until 7 am.

He said Westmount Public Works was also contacted but was unable to send anyone to board up the breach.

Security cameras installed inside the store captured images of the suspects.



The Arcteryx store and the broken window pane in its door, as seen on the south side of Sherbrooke between Victoria and Prince Albert on October 4 at 8:20 am. Inset: the door.

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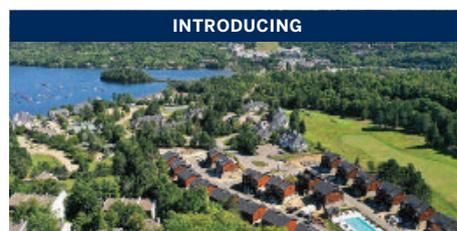
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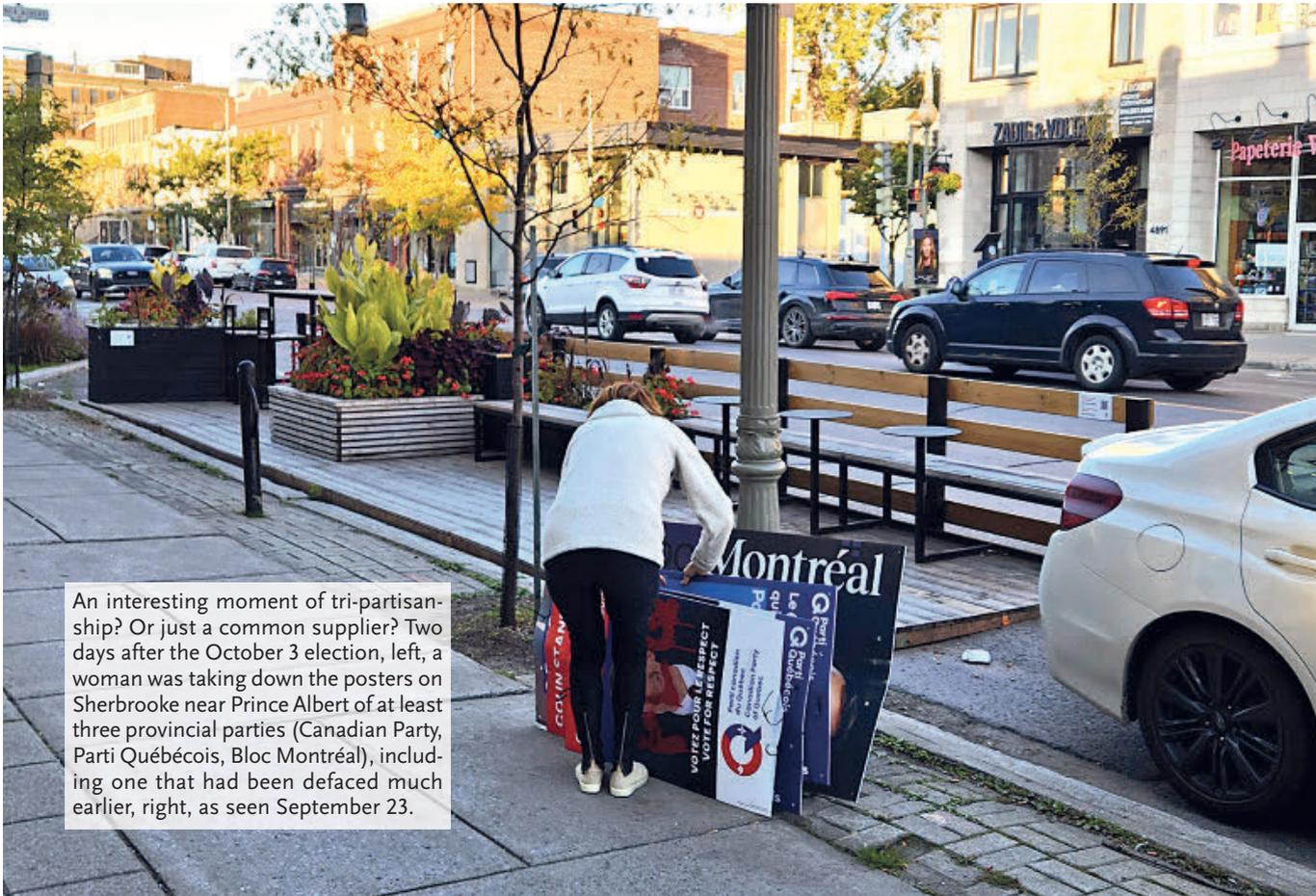
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Post-election clean-up



An interesting moment of tri-partisan-ship? Or just a common supplier? Two days after the October 3 election, left, a woman was taking down the posters on Sherbrooke near Prince Albert of at least three provincial parties (Canadian Party, Parti Québécois, Bloc Montréal), including one that had been defaced much earlier, right, as seen September 23.



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Another day, another strike (#14, that is)



Another truck struck the CP rail bridge over Greene Ave. south of Dorchester October 2. Passer-by Alan Glen Harris said the truck was stuck from 9 am to 12:15 pm. It is the *Independent's* unofficial strike #14 since November 5, 2020 (23 months). A warning panel that sometimes hangs from the underside of the highway before the rail bridge had been missing for at least a week at least (right), as seen September 22. See p. 17 for strike #15.

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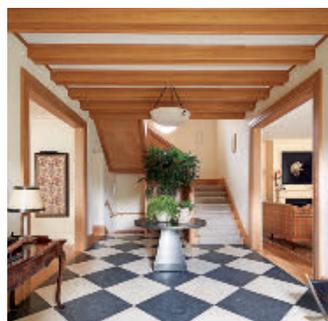
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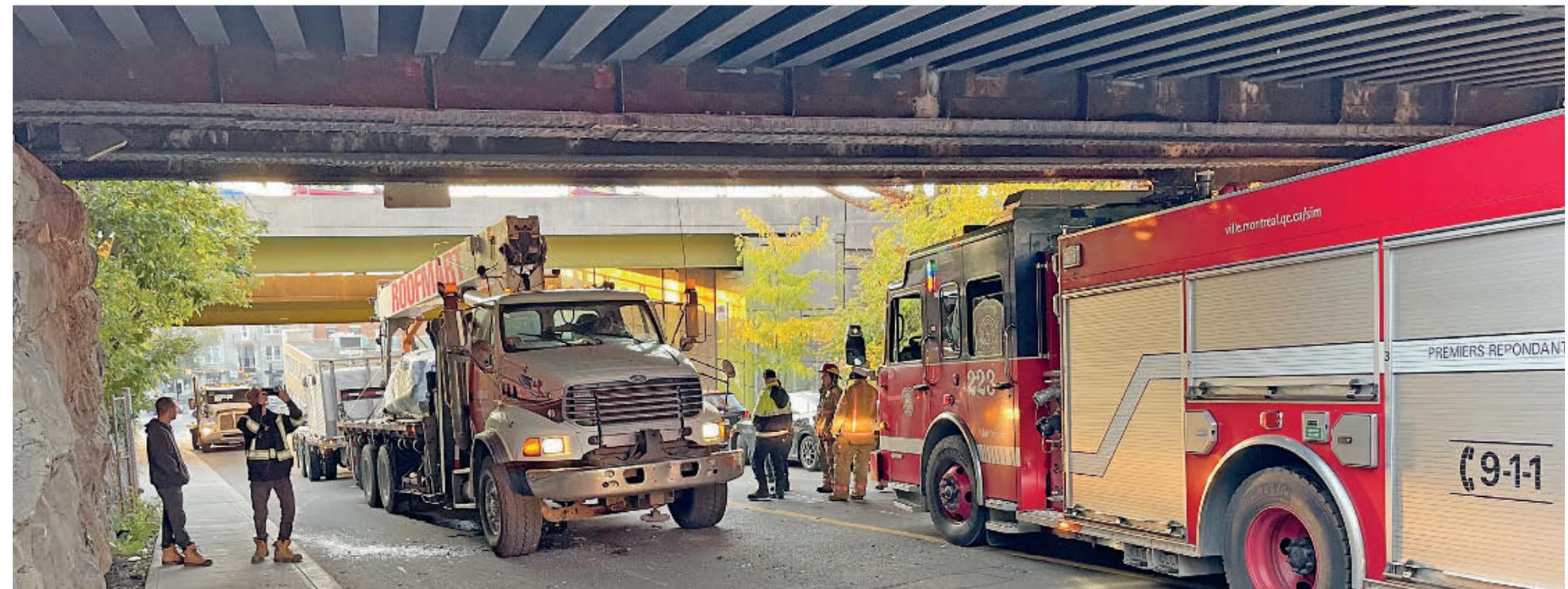
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New unofficial record: 4 days between strikes!

On October 6, another truck struck the CP rail bridge over Greene Ave. south of Dorchester. It was unofficial strike #15 since November 5, 2020, but was also the shortest period strikes to the *Independent's* knowledge: four days (see p. 16), beating the previous record of six. There were also more emergency service personnel in attendance than "normal": police, fire, ambulance and Westmount Public Security.

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Westmount's hockey dynasty: The Montreal Wanderers (1902-18)

BY CRAIG CORMACK

Once upon a time in a place called Westmount, a hockey team came into existence called the “Montreal Wanderers.”

Founded by owner James Strachan, supported by English fans – mostly people living in Westmount – they won three Stanley cups before the Canadiens were formed in 1909, plus one more. (The Wanderers took home the Stanley Cup in 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1910.)

Wikipedia reports that the very first hockey game ever was played at Victoria Rink, located on Drummond St. in downtown Montreal, in 1875 between Victoria Skating Club members and McGill university students. James Creighton, a judge of skating at the club, organized the match.

The Montreal Victorias and the Montreal Shamrocks

One of the first dynasties of amateur hockey was the Montreal Victorias formed in the late 1870s. They won the Stanley Cup from 1895 to 1899.

Another amateur hockey team, the Montreal Shamrocks was formed in 1886, spun off from their lacrosse team. The Shamrocks won the Stanley Cups in 1899 and 1900.

The Wanderers inherited some of their players from the Victorias.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Canadian hockey author and historian, professor of Canadian Studies Dr. Andrew Holman, of Bridgewater State University, MA. This is what he said about early hockey in Montreal.

How familiar are you with the Wanderers? I know it was a team that won three Stanley Cups even before the Canadiens franchise was established in 1909.

AH: Right. The Wanderers were made up of players, most of whom had played for the old Montreal Hockey Club (“MHC,”



The Montreal Wanderers team logo

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

the hockey team originally sponsored by the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association).

They were good. They'd won Stanley Cups as the MHC, including the very first one awarded in 1893.

When they became the Wanderers in 1902, the team was an openly professional team. Like so many Senior A hockey teams in 1890s and 1900s, they had gradually shed their identity as a Simon-Pure amateur team and had begun to pay players (even though the league they first played in [1905-06] was called the Federal Amateur Hockey League, and the league they played in after that was called the Eastern Canada Amateur Hockey Association).

It was a sign of the times.

By the time the National Hockey Association (formed in 1910) was up and running, open professional hockey in Canada was legitimate and the old “amateur ideal” (which held that gentlemen never played for pay or reward, only for the love of the game) was in decline.

Wanderers were one of the clubs that helped make it so.

What do you know of the team, have you heard anything specifically interesting about them?

AH: Lots of interesting things about them, but perhaps most notable (and maybe typical of most early professional teams) was their financial precarity. After about 1907, making money was never a sure thing for the Wanderers, even in hockey-mad Montreal.

By 1908, they were in debt and in 1914, the team lost \$3,987. Even after US-born businessman Sam Lichtenhein bought the team in 1911, it never made money.

Had the old Westmount Arena never caught fire [in 1918] and caused the team's disbanding, it's not likely the team would have lasted much longer anyway (but that's

just speculation).

I have heard that the rough-and-tumble Sprague Cleghorn and his brother (both born in Westmount) were particularly tough players, to the level of brutality. Did you ever hear of these guys?

AH: Yes, of course. The Cleghorn brothers were the symbols of toughness in early professional hockey. Along with other players, such as “Bad” Joe Hall, they reflected how far hockey had come from its gentlemanly roots as a sport founded by McGill University students and graduates in 1875.

They reflected a new, gritty, industrial Canada that embraced violence as a critical part of their sport (along with speed and “science”). The first decade of the 20th century, when the Cleghorn brothers established their careers, has become known to hockey historians as one of the two prominent waves when hockey violence spiked.

Stick swinging and brawling became a too-regular feature of senior games, so much so that Ontario Hockey Association president John Ross Robertson warned in 1904 that if things didn't change, hockey organizers would soon be calling the corner to the rinks.

And he was right.

Players were killed by stick swinging incidents in 1905 and 1907, and manslaughter charges were laid (though convictions were never secured).

The two Stanley Cup challenges between the Montreal Wanderers and the Ottawa “Silver Seven” in 1907 (there were two in one year) were particularly violent and bloody, and the press in Ottawa and Montreal were astonished at the “hard play.”

Do you think the other owners should have pitched in to save the Wanderers by providing players? Or were they right to let the team fold?

AH: No, hockey was business then (as it is now). If it didn't make money, there was no charity and no feeling of collective responsibility.

The Maroons were created in 1925 by the same person who started the Wanderers franchise at the turn of the 20th century. Do you feel that the Maroons were a Westmount team like the Wanderers?

AH: The Maroons were a “Westmount” team only to the extent that they were set up to represent anglophone Montreal. But a great many anglophones (and some francophones) outside of Westmount supported the Maroons. Especially when they won the cup in 1926!

On the Canadiens taking their forebears “under their wing”:

AH: I'm not a Montrealer (though I lived in the city for about four years), so fandom doesn't come into it for me. But in the same way that the Maple Leafs have embraced (and incorporated) the Blueshirts and St. Patricks into their public memory, I think it is a good thing.

Hockey fans love nostalgia and the invention of public memory. They love the pageantry of old uniforms and celebrating the names and legacies of stars from the past. It's fun, and it makes good business sense, too.

I understand that Art Ross and Lester Patrick played for the Wanderers, so they really had some heavy hitters playing for the team, do you know of others who played for the team that help lay the foundation for the team?

AH: Yes, he was one of many Wanderer “greats,” though arguably his best contributions to the sport came after his playing career – as an innovative coach and the inventor of the Art Ross goal net.

The Cleghorn brothers, of course, deserve mention.

One of the best-loved Wanderers was Hod Stuart, who was universally respected and lauded as an athlete by his teammates and opponents. He could play fast, and he was also tough. But he was said to have played an honourable game and even when fouled did not retaliate. He died young (leaving a young wife and children) from an unfortunate swimming accident in Lake Ontario. There was a benefit game played in his honour in the Montreal Arena in 1918.

Also worth mentioning was an American, “Gerry” Geran, who played for the Wanderers in 1917-18, before going on to play semi-professional hockey in France and later for the United States Olympic team. He was someone whom Americans could look to as proof positive that hockey wasn't only a Canadian game, and that there was a place for US players in the game. This was important, especially after the NHL spread to the US in 1925 and after.



Honourable mentions

Many of the Wanderers made it into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Players included Moose Johnson, Hod Stuart, Riley Hern, Lester Patrick, Art Ross, Ernie Russel, Rusty Crawford, Joe Malone and Joe Hall.

Lester Patrick became famous for his appearance in goal in the playoffs when the New York Rangers played the Canadiens in 1928. He was 44 years old and the coach of the Rangers. Lorne Chabot, the Rangers goalie, was injured in the game,



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Maccarone pledges to represent non-Liberal voters, regions without Liberal reps

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

After a gruelling 35-day campaign, newly-re-elected Westmount–St. Louis Liberal provincial representative Jennifer Maccarone hit the ground running last week, meeting with PLQ caucus members less than a day after the October 3 provincial election.

In an interview with the *Westmount Independent*, Maccarone, who is beginning her second term, said the re-elected Coalition Avenir Québec government is expected to call the provincial legislature back into session on a yet-to-be-determined date in mid-November.

“I’m grateful for the confidence that the electors in Westmount–St. Louis have placed in me again for a second mandate,” she said. “I’ve worked hard over the past four years and it’s my intention to continue to work very hard for the next four years to be their voice in the National Assembly.”

As pertains to the electoral results, Maccarone acknowledged that the province is now more politically polarized than ever, with the Liberals holding most of their 21 seats in the Montreal region and the CAQ government’s 90 seats being primarily in rural areas of Quebec.

“Obviously, what we need to do is come up with a strategy as Liberals to ensure that we’re not only representing the voice of Montreal, but that we’re the voice of all Quebecers,” she said.

She noted that “there are people in regions outside of Montreal that voted Liberal and must have Liberal representation. And so, we’re going to be working and

making sure that we’re the voice also for the regions outside of Montreal over the next four years.”

The provincial anglophone umbrella group Quebec Community Groups Network issued a statement last week calling on the Legault government to appoint a dedicated minister responsible for relations with English-speaking Quebecers, rather than a parliamentary assistant to the premier on anglophone issues, as was the case over the past four years.

“I couldn’t agree more,” said Maccarone, while maintaining that the last Quebec Liberal government (2014-2018) created a ministry responsible for relations with anglophones. “It was already something that the Liberals had put into place in the past. It was under the leadership of the CAQ in the last mandate that they took a step back.”

Regarding her own election results (50.48 percent), Maccarone said, “With nearly 51 per cent of the vote, I think that’s a very strong, solid voice saying they support me.”

“And I am going to continue to be their voice, including for those who didn’t vote for me, which I think is also very important. People should understand that my representation in this riding will be one that ensures that everybody’s voice is heard.”

Asked whether there had been any discussions in the Liberal caucus about the composition of the future shadow cabinet, she said, “Discussions that we have in caucus stay in caucus. I don’t have any comments on that.”

Westmount-St. Louis provincial election results (October 3)

Jennifer Maccarone (Liberal)	50.48%	10,576 votes
David Touchette (Solidaire)	12.82%	2,687 votes
Maria-Luisa Torres-Piaggio (CAQ)	10.08%	2,112 votes
Katya Rossokhata (Conservative)	9.21%	1,930 votes
Florence Racicot (PQ)	6.05%	1,267 votes
Colin Standish (Canadian)	4.91%	1,029 votes
Heidi Small (Bloc Montreal)	3.51%	735 votes
Sam Kuhn (Green)	2.94%	616 votes
Participation rate: 44.99% (21,107/46,919)		



Sprague Cleghorn from an Imperial Tobacco hockey card. SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA/PUBLIC DOMAIN.

him handsomely for his talents. He was one of the most talented scorers in the league and, as a result, one of the highest paid players.

He played in the first all-star game to benefit the family of Hod Stuart, his teammate. Ross went on to coach the Boston Bruins to consecutive Stanley Cups after retiring from play with the Wanderers. Ross was responsible for the introduction of the red line and improvements in hockey nets as well as the modern hockey puck. The Art Ross Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring player in the regular NHL season.

The first hockey enforcer

Sprague Cleghorn along with his brother Odie were born in Westmount. Both played for the Wanderers. Sprague, another future Hockey Hall of Famer, was a high scoring, two-way player. He was noted as the first offensive defenceman.

He had an explosive temper and he liked to hit his opponents with his stick. One of his victims was Newsy Lalonde of the Canadiens. Rumour has it that Lady Byng donated her trophy to hockey to discourage foul play exemplified by enforcers like Sprague by rewarding fair play.

The Cleghorn brothers went on to play for the Canadiens after the Wanderers’ demise in 1918. Sprague met his end in the 1940s when he died after a car hit him in downtown Montreal. His brother Odie tragically died two days later.

The Wanderers certainly changed the face of hockey with so many talented, famous and infamous players. English fans attempted their resurrection in 1925 with the establishment of the Montreal Maroons.

The Wanderers established a legacy Westmount should be proud of because without their contribution hockey would be a very different game today.



Lester Patrick in his early playing days

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA/PUBLIC DOMAIN.

and Patrick jumped in, saving 18 out of 19 shots and winning the game for the Rangers.

Lester Patrick’s hockey inventions

Patrick and his brother invented 22 new rules that remain in the rulebook to this day.

They introduced the blue line, the forward pass and the playoff system. Joe Patrick (Lester’s father) invented putting numbers on jerseys for player identification. They also invented crediting assists to those assisting in goals. The Lester Patrick Trophy was awarded to outstanding contributions to hockey in the United States.

Art Ross

Ross attended Westmount Academy. He was one of hockey’s first free agents often playing for teams who would pay



Art Ross when he played for the Wanderers

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Minuit, a shade of midnight



9 Lives

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hand side of the page. This will link you to the adoption counsellors and, by then providing your contact information and availabilities to visit the shelter, they can book an appointment for a visit to adopt Minuit. Your neighbour, Lysanne

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Belize and Philly at three months



Westmount A-dog-tions

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and microchipped. In order to find out more about these wee puppies, please refer to the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, then scroll to their information pages from their identification numbers, which are 51038939 for Belize and 51038948 for Philly, then click on the "Book



Here are photographs of these siblings at three months, taken on the go as they play.

Pretty Belize has the paler terrier-type mix features with puppy ticking and sweet Philly has darker features. Active Belize and Philly are waiting for adoption at the Montreal SPCA kennel and it would be so wonderful if they could be together in a family environment.

Playful and companionable now and later, even at the kennel they are keen on socializing and bonding with everyone. They will certainly be stars at dog parks and on the street, so funny and affectionate with people and dogs. They have not had the honour of meeting cats yet.

Belize and Philly are very healthy, up to date on their inoculations and treatments for their age-appropriate vetting, sterilized



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Social Notes

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Lachine canal ‘dragons’ raise money for Cedars



Dr. Virginia Lee and Tony Aksa.



Jaimie Auger and Ernie Furt.



Gwen Nacos and Michèle Flannery.



The boats.

aging partner. Present were local res and city councillor **Jeff Shamie**, CEO Cedars Cancer Foundation, and **Gwen Nacos**, event and Cedars CanSupport founder, along with **Dr. Virginia Lee**, Cedars CanSupport director and manager; board chair Cedars Cancer Foundation **Tony Aksa**, National Bank of Canada (who also paddled with the Stronger Together team); **Michèle Flannery**, borough councillor Lachine, and **Enrico Ciccone**, provincial representative for Marquette.

Also seen were **Penny Chipman**, manager, clini- *continued on p. 22*

The FL Fuller Landau Cedars CanSupport Dragon Boat Race was held on a beautiful sunny weekend. Crowds attending the 17th edition of the famed race cheered the gorgeous dragon boats slicing through the Lachine canal.

Each had 22 rowers and a “dragon coach.” The narrow boats – like gondolas on steroids! – belong to the dragon-boat club called “22 Dragons.”

When its members are not racing, the club helps community and charitable organizations organize boat events and team-building activities. It provides the boats, organizes the races and training, and works to ensure that everything runs smoothly and safely. Every boat has a 22 Dragons coach on board.

The annual event raises funds for Cedars CanSupport, which provides programs and services that improve the quality of life of cancer patients at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Honorary event co-chairs were FL Fuller Landau’s partners **Jaimie Auger** and **Ernie Furt**, and **Michael D. Newton**, man-

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50th reunion for Villa Maria grads



Penny Chipman, Ryan Ross, Jeff Shamie and Andrea Scouten.

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cal research program, McGill University, department of oncology, and **Ryan Ross**, cancer survivor and team captain of The Untouchaballs, and his mom **Andrea Scouten**.

Ryan, a Montreal teen who has been undergoing treatment for cancer at the MUHC for the past year, was team captain of the paddlers he organized for the event. “Getting a cancer diagnosis turns your life upside down. It’s confusing and terrifying. I have an incredible network of family and friends by my side to help me get through this. But not everyone is that lucky. That’s why I’m raising money for Cedars CanSupport. They offer all kinds of emotional support, information and activities that make the journey less scary.”

Founded in 2006, the Cedars Dragon Boat Race had humble beginnings with

just six boats and a few dozen participants.

Thanks to the ongoing support of FL Fuller Landau, the event’s title sponsor since 2007, it has grown considerably. This year, it brought out more than 525 paddlers on 25 boats.

The fun afternoon raised over \$525,000. Comprised of a team of professional staff and volunteers, Cedars CanSupport provides free-of-charge bilingual services including emotional support, complementary therapies, and practical resources to cancer patients and their families at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Cedars CanSupport is funded by the Cedars Cancer Foundation, a charitable organization that is the funding arm of the MUHC’s fight against cancer and that aims to ease the pain and suffering caused by cancer, regardless of the patient’s age.



The winners of the race: Camp Nomingue Alumni Team!



From left, front row: teacher Susan Clough, Colleen Sexton and Judy Spencer; second row: Jill West, Patricia Faubert, Jo-Ann Berardinucci and Marianne Loranger; third row: Patricia Miller, Rosann Harrison and Laureen Worden; fourth row: Patricia Tansey and Linda Omichinski; back row: Ellen Sinclair, Deborah Barfurth, Phyllis Griffiths, Marjorie Bober, Jo Howard and Suzanne Lemieux.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICIA MILLER.

Students from Villa Maria’s class of 1972 returned to the Westmount-adjacent school September 29.

“Seventeen students and one teacher were present, and enjoyed a Villa tour as well as a slide show, coffee, snacks and champagne. We had alumnae from California, BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. We followed this up with a wonderful dinner at Il Cortile Restaurant in downtown Montreal,” said alumna Patricia Miller.

“Some memories of our four years at Villa Maria,” she continued, “include the sound of students walking (never running)

on the creaky hardwood floors and stairs, Latin class, the grand hall that was used for assemblies, Radio College and plays, ‘charm’ class, our ski weeks at Chalet Cochand in St. Marguerite and, most of all, the lifelong friendships that were formed.

“Villa Maria in 1972 was run by the Sisters of the C.N.D. who gently guided us through our formative years. ... [and] were both strict and kind. Today’s Villa Maria is more reflective of the 21st century that we live in with state-of-the-art facilities for science, technology and creative arts and teachers who help to foster the development of every student’s full potential.”

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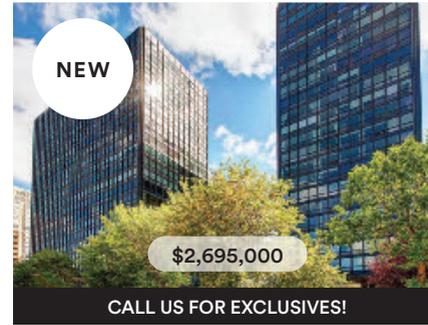
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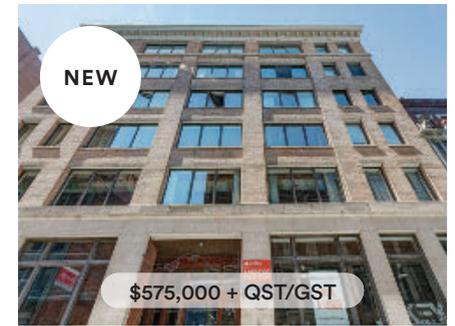
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