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Lawn bowlers descend on Westmount for championships



Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Bowlers pause for the official photo during the opening ceremony of the Canadian Senior Triples Championships at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club September 1. For another photo, see p. 16.

10 new parking spots found to replace Prince Albert loss

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A recent search for more parking spots in Victoria village south of Sherbrooke

turned up 10 new ones, Councillor Patrick Martin said last week. And he expects more to be “discovered” north of Sherbrooke.

The Prince Albert Square project “has precipitated a review of the whole parking availability in the area,” he told *Independent*.

Construction related to the square is expected to start this week (see separate story). The six to eight parking spaces to be displaced will be replaced by the 10 newly found ones, Martin said.

Martin, who is a city council represen-

tative on the city’s Administrative Traffic Committee, said he and Jonathan Auger,

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WRC named finalist in environmental action award

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount has been named one of three finalists in an “outstanding achievement” award for environmental action regarding the Westmount recreation centre (WRC). The award is part of the 2014 Communities in Bloom competition.

The city was competing against nine others, including submissions from Ireland and the Netherlands.

The environmental award, sponsored by the Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association, is expected to be presented

September 20 during the Communities in Bloom national meeting in Charlottetown, PEI, said Vivian Shum, head of marketing and communications, Communities

in Bloom.

The last-minute decision to enter the WRC for the achievement award stemmed from the

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CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Rats, a hush-hush word in Westmount

Residents urged to report dumping of peanuts, seeds

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A widespread proliferation of rats over the summer, particularly around Westmount Park, has Public Security on high alert and one city councillor on the warpath.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, told the council meeting September 2 the problem results from someone or some people suspected of dumping large quantities of peanuts and seeds meant for squirrels and birds that also bring out the rats.

“It’s horrible,” she said. While this has been a peak year, the problem has been going on for 10 years “and it’s costing taxpayers a lot of money,” to hire exterminators to set out traps and repair damage the rats have caused.

“If you see any individual walking around with bags of nuts and seeds, please call Public Security immediately. They’re on high alert,” she said.

It’s already against city by-laws to feed wildlife in Westmount, and the city has taken court action against offenders over the years. Peanuts, or their empty shells, can cause life-threatening allergic reactions.

Lulham, who has decided to speak out about her own garden infestation this summer by rats on St. Catherine at Irvine, told the *Independent* she has seen them come out of a nearby catchbasin.

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Council asked to reconsider Lansdowne site

Should new dog run poll in Westmount Park be city wide?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Citizens weighed in on the parameters of a proposed city survey to help select a site for a new southwest dog run during the city council meeting September 2.

And exactly who should be polled proved to be almost as controversial as the three “preferred” sites in Westmount Park described in a consultants’ report released August 14 (see story August 26, p. 1).

While the city had not yet met with pollsters and could say only that the poll would be “random,” some questioners voiced concern the opinions of all park users might not be reflected.

“Where is the consideration for people who sit around and enjoy the little oasis” of the park and don’t want to be affected by noise from a dog run, asked Sidonie Kerr, a resident of Clarke.

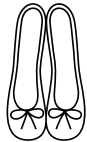
Peter Starr, president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), agreed saying “all Westmount should be polled.” To survey only those living south of Sherbrooke, as suggested last month by Mayor Peter Trent, might skew the results, he said.

“The park is for all of us,” added Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard, who also asked for a city-wide poll, as did Paul Marriott of Grosvenor.

On the other hand, the city was trying to provide a local service for dog owners in the southwest who have been “disenfranchised” by *continued on p. 40*

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Lach named to assistant director position

New structure combines Community Events, library

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY



Donna Lach, left, assistant director of the Westmount Public Library and Community Events, and director of the new department, Julie-Anne Cardella, consult the agenda at the council meeting September 2.

The integration of the Community Events Office into the Westmount Public Library became a reality at the city council meeting September 2 with the permanent appointment of library director Julie-Anne Cardella to head the new structure and the naming of Donna Lach to a newly created position of assistant director.

Lach is the former Programming and Outreach librarian who was previously reference librarian and, before coming to Westmount almost 20 years ago, served as public services librarian at the Kirkland library.

The new structure had been announced as part of the 2014 city budget in January in an effort to provide a more coordinated approach to community events and the library's own special and outreach events.

"We're going to mesh these events together to try to provide a better offering of services," Cardella told the *Independent*. The Community Events Office is expected to remain intact "for now."

The office has been part of the Sports

and Recreation department though it has been included in Councillor Nicole Forbes' commissioner'ship in Cultural and Community Events.

Cardella had initially been hired on a five-year-contract to run the library in 2009. A graduate of McGill, she has also worked as a registered respiratory therapist at the Royal Victoria and Kingston General hospitals.

"It is with great pride, pleasure and enthusiasm that I begin this new job as assistant director of the Library and Community Events," she said later.

Woman treated after falling at intersection

An 82-year-old woman fell crossing the intersection at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor August 28 shortly before 2 pm, Public Security officials said. Until the arrival of Urgences Santé, the resident of Grosvenor was treated by public safety officers for injuries above the left eyebrow as well as on the chin, hand and fingers.



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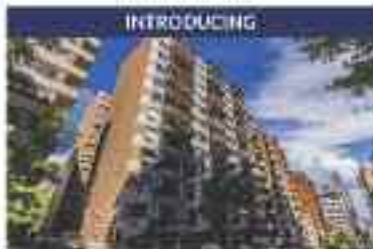
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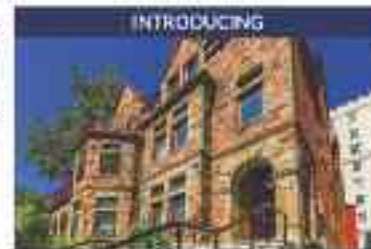
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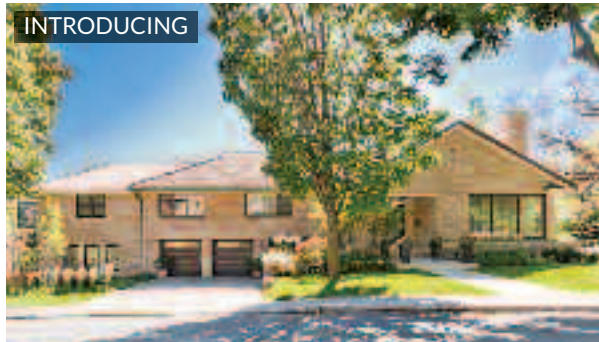
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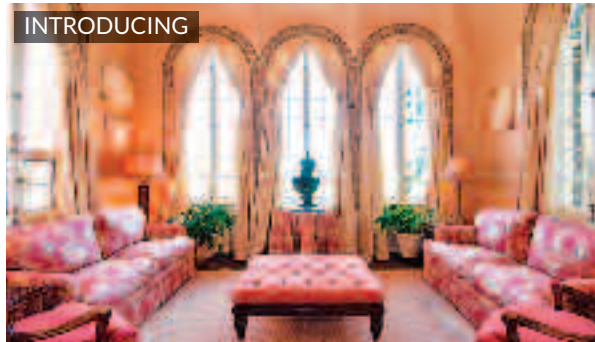
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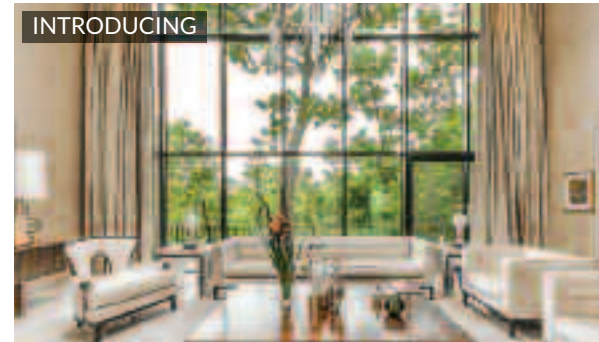
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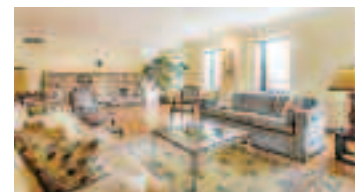
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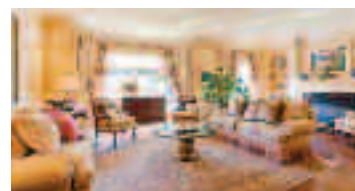
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Artificial ice rink finally sold for \$38,000 on second try

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The artificial ice rink installed by the city for the winter of 2012-2013 during construction of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) is being sold for \$37,528 to a lone bidder on the second round of tenders.

City council accepted the bid from Groupe Mach Inc. September 2 to purchase the rink after having rejected a single bid from Boucherville last year for \$28,000 (see story December 10, 2013, p. 1).

The “portable refrigerated rink” had been bought by the city for \$100,000 in July 2012 when the old arena was being demolished for construction of the underground rinks. It was installed at the Westmount Athletic Grounds for the winter to provide skaters and hockey players with a more dependable ice surface.

While the city had evaluated the rink at \$60,000, “We got our money’s worth,” said city director general Duncan Campbell, noting the role it had played.

There had been some consideration to keeping the rink for use along with the city’s natural outdoor rinks, but the artificial one had proved challenging to install and an ideal, level venue could not be found.

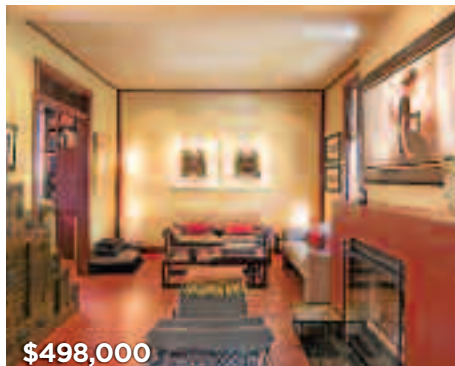
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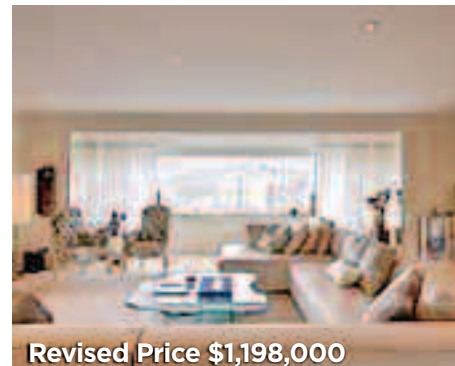
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Work to start this week on new 'Prince Albert square'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work was reported to start “probably” this week to create the new “Prince Albert square” after city council approved a tender for the contract September 2. A rendering of the project was to be posted at the site at the end of last week.

The contract of just under \$400,000 includes the cost of elements such as granite detailing and cement embedded with metal oak leaf motifs, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who announced the pending start date at the council meeting.

More parking spots are being opened up than those lost by the project, said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works and a member of the city’s Traffic committee (see story, p. 1). Appropriate signage was scheduled to be installed last week.

As well, a temporary parking provision is being made for residents affected during the construction.

The contract for reconstructing Prince Albert Ave. between Sherbrooke and Somerville and “refurbishing” Prince Albert square was awarded to Construction Irebec for a net amount of \$396,740, including the city’s tax credit. It was the lowest by at least \$100,000 of six other bids.

While the tendering process took place late in the construction season, the contractor is aware the city wanted to start as quickly as possible, said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. The concrete must be poured before the onset of cold weather.

As a result, several steps may be worked on at the same time, she said, starting with the curbs and sidewalks on the Prince Albert portion. The roadway from the end of the south end of the square to Somerville will require a stone base covered with concrete and asphalt.

The start of work follows two years of public consultation meetings, planning and concerns from some residents of displaced parking (see story July 8, p. 1).

Car window smashed to extricate baby inside

Public safety officers rescued a one-year-old baby from a hot car August 26 on Sherbrooke near Melville, Public Security officials said. Her mother had accidentally locked a phone and car keys inside.

The woman, a resident of Côte St. Luc, managed to alert a passing parks patroller, who summoned officers to the scene at 3:32 pm. A taxi was also called for open-



Site of the new Prince Albert square, September 5, before the start of work.

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the city’s recently hired traffic engineer, had walked all the streets south of Sherbrooke between Victoria and Claremont June 25 identifying the 10 new spots. “It begs the question, should the city have found these spots years ago?”

However, he added, “I’m thankful the Prince Albert project generated this analysis, and I intend to review other areas.” These include streets north of Sherbrooke as well as those in the Greene Ave. commercial district. “Hopefully more parking spots can be found.”

Westmount Stationery owner Tom Forrestell has long contended that more parking could be captured to the north.

ing the door, but before its arrival, it was decided to break a car window when the crying baby appeared hot and flushed.

After several attempts to smash the glass, use of an officer’s baton finally succeeded and the baby girl was given a bottle of water. Her crying stopped, she regained normal colour and it was determined that Urgences Santé would not be required.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**ARE THEY REALLY
'WESTMOUNT SCHOOLS'?**

Your September 2 issue (p. 10) includes a report with a misleading headline. It reads "New year, new faculty at Westmount schools." Unfortunately, the schools in question are all private schools that just happen to be located in Westmount and thus are by no means "Westmount schools."

I would venture to guess that in most cases the majority of students are not from Westmount even though for entirely bizarre reasons we taxpayers subsidize their attendance at these elite academies.

But what upsets me most about this article is that it does not include so much as a single mention about new faculty at genuinely Westmount schools such as Roslyn, Westmount Park or Westmount High. Why the double standard? Or is it conceivable that there were none?

BARRY PLESS, LANSDOWNE AVE.

** Editor's note: We reached out to Roslyn, Westmount Park School and Westmount High for information on their new teachers. We did not receive replies. However, we covered stories of a different subject on Roslyn and Westmount High in the August*

26 and September 2 issues.

**TOO BAD PRINCE ALBERT
SQUARE IS A GO**

It is regrettable that the Prince Albert square is moving ahead as originally designed, in the process eliminating six to seven parking spots in Victoria village.

At the council meeting recently, I asked for assurances from the city that parking availability for village residents, after the opening of the MUHC hospital complex, be at least no worse than that of today. I was reassured when Councillor Cynthia Lulham promised that local resident parking availability would still be "okay" post MUHC.

According to the councillor, various mitigation proposals currently under review by the traffic committee would solve any potential problem. I intend to hold council accountable for its promise of "okay" and look forward to congratulating councillors on their success next year.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

** Editor's note: For more information on parking spots, see story on p. 1.*

'PAVED PARADISE'

I was saddened to read the numerous letters opposing a dog run in Westmount Park.

It is indeed true that the park is already saturated with activity areas and could easily be renamed Westmount Sports and Recreation Facility by cutting down the few remaining trees.

I would argue, however, that a dog run is more compatible with the essence of what a park should be than are tennis courts, swimming pools, soccer fields or playgrounds.

Dogs love trees and grass and surely make less noise than all those other human activities.

As Joni Mitchell put it: "They paved paradise. And put up a parking lot."

Moreover, I wonder why the dog run is now being subjected to a level of scrutiny never afforded other activities that have disfigured the park much more visibly.

It is quite odd, considering that the dog run has been a fixture of the park for a long time and its "temporary" closing was done in a non-transparent fashion and without any public consultation.

Why do we need consensus to reopen it? I am pretty sure that none of the other existing activity areas would get unanimous support either.

Perhaps we should ask Joni Mitchell what she thinks?

TOM NOWICKI, MELBOURNE AVE.

LANSDOWNE SITE THE BEST

Why is city hall trying to shoe-horn a noisy, smelly dog run into tranquil Westmount Park?

The former site at Lansdowne and St. Catherine is the only suitable location for the following reasons.

There is more than enough sun and shade, and room for two dog runs. There is easy access, especially in the winter. The noise and smell will blend in with those coming from the traffic. There is always a breeze. It is in the target area. It is less expensive (no need to dig up bricks and cart in gravel, which is bad for the dogs' feet), and there is parking for the owners. All the more reason for the new dog run to be put at the corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine in the southwest area.

A six-foot fence and a hedge are essential at any location.

THOMASINE MAWHOOD,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

SITE 7 REMAINS BEST OPTION

By now, it is obvious that the majority

of letters written to this paper are not in favour of transferring the Lansdowne dog run to the shuffle board area of Westmount Park. Contrary to what council states, this quiet oasis is popular with people, young and old, and is certainly not infested with rats or drug dealers.

Adding to the many reasons why putting a dog run in the centre of Westmount Park is a bad idea is the fact that people who fear dogs will cease to go there, just as many avoid the Summit Woods for that reason. Since Westmount Park belongs to all Westmounters, why should anyone be denied enjoyment of their park for the sake of a few residents who no longer want a dog run across the street from their property?

Lansdowne and St. Catherine (site 7) has been downplayed by the very biased Hodgins report commissioned by the city. It is by far the best site for the following reasons: it is currently unused land; it is just south of the former Lansdowne dog run, which is very convenient for the population of the south-west sector of Westmount; it is more than large enough when compared with the other existing dog runs; it is shady and green; it is in an already noisy area so that barking would be buffered by the sounds of trains, traffic and pool goers.

Last but not least, a dog run existed in Westmount Park in the '80s, and it was subsequently transferred to Lansdowne. Surely this decision was prompted by the incompatibility of a dog run in the park.

ANDREW BURLONE, GREENE AVE.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO
COUNCILLOR LULHAM**

While I appreciated the opportunity to ask a question at the city council meeting September 2, your answer regarding the problem of noise at the proposed dog run within Westmount Park was long and fulsome but did not get to the point.

You cited the past allocations of pieces of the park given over to particular groups: the football/soccer fields, children's wading pool, tennis courts and the previous dog run at Lansdowne. These dedicated areas indicated the efforts on the part of previous ad- *continued on p. 11*

Correction

In "Katz's Galerie M turns 5" (August 26, p. 20), Marcy Katz was identified as the co-owner of Galerie M. The reporter relied on Quebec's Registraire des entreprises, which Katz tells us is incorrect due to a clerical error. She is in fact the sole owner.

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ministrations to try to accommodate all citizens of Westmount. In fact, you made an important point for me; that is, many areas in the park are no longer available to me and others like me, to walk through, to read or write in, or socialize. Or just sit.

Those developments were well in the past, and now we (referred to as "others") are trying to preserve an area of considerable importance to us at the shuffleboard location, or as I have dubbed it, the "oasis," a small park within the park.

We are not asking for any expensive changes; it serves many as it is (except for possible enhancement and care and some supervision.) It would be unfair, even unconscionable, for you to destroy it.

And to my question: Why would you need 15-foot high sound barriers at the proposed Lansdowne dog run area to protect the tenants living in buildings a block and more away and not require the same protection for those who are actually walking and sitting inside the park at a site close to the shuffleboard area?

If the noise factor is one of your criteria for dismissing other proposed sites, would it be any less noisy inside the park? What, then, can keep the noise and odour of the

dog run from interfering with the enjoyment of a public park for all the citizens? Fifteen foot high sound barriers?

The land in this treasured park area survived, even thrived, its previous partitioning. But if you cut out its heart, it cannot.

SIDONIE KERR, CLARKE AVE.

HODGINS' STUDY NEEDS TO BE STUDIED

The report by Hodgins & Associés on a dog run in Westmount Park has dismissed some potential sites in an extremely cavalier fashion. It would be a mistake on the part of the city to follow their recommendations at this stage.

Take site 6 atop the skating rinks as an example. The site is deemed unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. Too close to homes. Obviously the western edge of the site bordering Lansdowne is close. But the site is huge, and setting back the dog run from the street will easily resolve this issue.

2. Use incompatible with site programming. What "site programming"? The beauty of the new project is that it has extended the park itself, as has been so often mentioned by the city. The roof of the skating rinks is a park, and any park activity,

including a dog run, can definitely be considered as part of its potential vocation.

3. No shade. Trees and hedges can be planted, not only satisfying the criteria in the long run, but also enhancing this zone.

4. Visibility to public domain. Site 6 is elevated and is visually remote from park users. Site 3 is in the middle of the park, extremely visible from many vantage points and will always conflict with many park activities, such as picnics, sports, theatre and cultural events, family days, etc.

Site 6 example demonstrates that the conclusions of the study, at least on this site, are erroneous.

The city's decision on this issue will have long-term consequences not only for present users, but also for generations to come. It must never be forgotten that first and foremost, the park was designed for people, not dogs. This park is a jewel! It must not be compromised by short-term or expedient solutions.

YVES L'ESPÉRANCE, ABBOTT AVE.

DOG LOVER: NO RUN IN THE PARK

The report by Hodgins & Associates on dog run options is conceptually flawed. Its

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Police Report**Drunk driver found stopped in middle of Prince Albert**

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

Station 12 officers arrested a man whose car had broken down in the middle of Prince Albert on August 31 after he was found to have a blood-alcohol level multiple times the legal limit, according to Constable Stephan Laperrière.

The station was first informed of the "suspicious" incident just after 4 am by Public Security, according to Laperrière. When officers arrived, the man was reportedly still trying to drive forward, but the car's front driver-side wheel had suffered extensive damage.

"He kept saying he was just having brake problems, but we think he may have hit a curb. There was no damage on any other cars in the area, so we don't think it was a collision with another vehicle," he

said.

The man was administered and subsequently failed a breathalyser test. Because the case is in front of the court, Laperrière couldn't specify the exact reading, but said it was more than three times Quebec's legal limit of .08, or 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

Police arrested the man and arranged to have the car towed from out of the middle of the road.

With fall just around the corner, some individuals can go over their personal limitations while soaking in the late-summer sun, said Laperrière.

"I think with the nice weather, some people are more likely to relax by having a beer or two, or maybe a beer or two too many," he added.

The man is expected to appear in front of court in the next two weeks to face an official complaint.

If convicted, Laperrière says the man will lose his driving license for one year.



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Quebec okays \$3.4-million Vendôme renovations

Plans do not include second entrance or universal access

By ISAAC OLSON

While municipal and hospital officials are lobbying for a second Vendôme Metro station entrance that connects to both the subway platform and the incoming super-hospital, for now, local authorities and public transport riders will have to settle for a \$3.4-million upgrade that does not include universal access.

The Metro station is two blocks west of Westmount.

Montreal city councillor Marvin Rotrand, who also serves as vice chair of the Société de transport de Montréal (STM), told the *Independent* that the plan will include an upgrade of the turnstiles, payment station, stairways and south-bound tunnel to the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) platform to better ac-

commodate the expected spike in users once the McGill University Health Centre and Shriners hospitals open.

The STM will be spending \$1.7 million of provincial money, said Rotrand, while the AMT will be investing another \$1.7 million on building a separate entrance to its train platform. The Metro station is actually considered an intermodal station because it caters to buses, the train and the Metro.

The station currently has 11.1 million riders annually, said Rotrand, and the STM predicts a 35-percent increase in the number of people using the station by early 2017. Most of that, he added, will be during morning rush hour.

“This job is supposed to be completed by the beginning of May [2015],” said Rotrand, noting the hospital is scheduled to open in June of 2015 and work on the Metro station will begin in October of this year. “The whole job is paid for by the ministry of Transport of Quebec, and it is called ‘transitory measures for the Vendôme station.’”

The STM’s portion of the project is for safety and security, he said, to improve user mobility inside the station. It does not, however, include universal accessibility such as elevators, he said. The new stairways, he said, will be much larger, and there will be easier access to the tunnel

that leads to the AMT part of the station.

More information will be available on the STM’s website, he said.

“The long-term plan, a \$70-million project, is still on the books,” said Rotrand. “That would be a second exit from the Metro station with a universally accessible tunnel to the hospital for people in wheelchairs, etc. The STM estimates that, from funding to completion, it would take at least four years to complete that project.”

When asked if the current plan is enough to mitigate the expected spike in ridership, Rotrand said these measures are expected to be enough to accommodate the station for the next 40 years.

Fire drill then the real thing for Akiva



Emergency vehicles line Côte St. Antoine after a small fire started on the roof of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue at around 3 pm September 5. The fire began while work was being carried out. Students and staff from the neighbouring Akiva School were safely evacuated, and the fire contained to a small area. Coincidentally, the school had a fire drill that same morning.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Car hits tree, wipes out hydrant



The scene of an accident that took place late in the afternoon of September 2 on St. Sulpice Rd. at the corner of Ramezay Rd.

Photo courtesy of Ross Malcolm

A Mercedes 350 crashed into a tree September 2 hitting a tree and a fire hydrant on the front lawn of 50 St. Sulpice, Public Security officials said.

The sole occupant, a woman, had no

apparent injuries but was taken to hospital in shock. Officers received a call for the accident at 5:38 pm from a neighbour. The car bore an Ontario licence plate. —LS

Dog goes missing for 6 hours

Two loose dogs were spotted on Côte St. Antoine August 31 at 12:18 am but only one could be found by patrollers following up on the call. Public Security officials said the dog wore no identification tag and was kept at the station until 2:20 pm. It was then taken to the SPCA when its owner could not be tracked down. The woman, a resident of Mount Stephen, called looking the dog at 6:25 pm and was informed of its whereabouts. It was assumed the other dog had gone home.



Councillor Marvin Rotrand at the September 2 Côte des Neiges-NDG borough council meeting.

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Café Victoria closes its doors



Café Victoria owner Manjoo Kwon, seen here with business partner Da Woon Joung, ran the coffee and sandwich shop for the past seven years.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmounters and people working in the area alike have one less coffee and sandwich shop to count on with the closing of Café Victoria on August 29.

Manjoo Kwon, who operated the establishment for the past seven years, said extensive renovations that the landlord, Cromwell Management, made over the past two years on the façade and the floors above – partly blocking Kwon's entrance at one point – contributed to a downturn in his business.

However, he said he was left with no choice but to shut after Cromwell announced that Kwon would have to vacate the premises for two months while they renovated, following which his rent would more than double.

"I can't afford the two [things], to shut my business and the rent increase," he told the *Independent*. Although Kwon said the company told him to think about it before deciding, he said his situation was already difficult enough and he made up his mind to leave.

Kwon said he wasn't sure if he'd reopen in a new location, possibly outside Westmount. He said he needed a rest. "I haven't had a vacation in seven years," he said. But he also said he was pleased with the way many Westmounters became Café Victoria patrons.

"We're sad they're closing. This has been part of the neighbourhood for years," said Sharon Rubin, who sat at a table with two companions the day before the shop shut. "The coffee's great," added Roz Starke. "You can get homemade food here that's not fancy or expensive like in a restaurant. That's why we're here."

Carl Yacovelli, vice president of Finance

at Cromwell Management, could not confirm to the *Independent* that Kwon's rent would be rising by the amount claimed. He said that following completion of renovations at 345 Victoria next year, rents in the building would be in line with what the commercial leasing sector is able to support.

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Crack down at St. Sulpice stairs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 16-year-old resident of St. Leonard was ticketed \$76 August 31, for taking alcohol into a city park, Public Security officials said.

She was spotted during a patrol follow-up of the area after a number of recent complaints about mischief and drinking at the public stairs between de Lavigne and St. Sulpice.

The wooded area, designated as a park, is receiving special attention by patrollers who suspect it's becoming a "hot spot," frequented possibly by students from Dawson College, said Public Security director Greg McBain (see also June 24, p. 3).

As officers approached a group at 8:25

pm, the young woman was seen tossing what appeared to be a beer bottle into the bushes. She complied with a request to retrieve it, was warned about the city by-law regarding alcohol possession and was ticketed.

Called to same location

Three days earlier, officers had been called to the same location at 11:33 am on a complaint of garbage being thrown around the stairs as well as on a resident's property, McBain said.

On this occasion, officers found a city garbage can overturned as well as graffiti on a lamppost and on the staircase itself. Public Works cleaned up the garbage and crews were asked trim bushes.

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Last movie night outdoors, next to come in Oct. at library



Over 350 people attended Westmount Public Library's 4th annual "Movie Under the Stars" in Westmount Park August 22. This year's film was *Mr. Peabody & Sherman*. Westmount Scouts helped out by selling refreshments. The next film evening is scheduled to take place Friday, October 10 at 7 pm at the library, according to Donna Lach, assistant director of the Library and Community Events. The film is to be *The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life*, which won the 2014 Oscar for best documentary (short subject). Writer and director Malcolm Clarke is supposed to introduce the film and answer questions following the screening. Tickets are available at the main circulation desk. .

Photo courtesy of Wendy Wayling

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July 21 judging of the city in the category of "champions" it had already entered, explained Jayme Gerbrandt, city Horticulture and Arboriculture inspector (see story August 5, p. 19).

"The judges gave us positive feedback and encouraged us to go above and be-

yond and apply for an additional individual achievement award," she said. The city found out August 29 it was a finalist.

Other finalists kept secret

The names of the two others are not being disclosed, Sham told the *Independent* last week. All 10 candidates, including Westmount, are listed on the website.

These are Moynalty (Ireland), Weert

(Netherlands), Arnold's Cove (NL), Indian Head (SK), Southwest Middlesex and Stratford (ON), Stettler and Wood Buffalo (AB) and Tignish (PEI).

Among the criteria for "environmental action" were efforts and achievement involving policies and programs, diversion from landfill and waste reduction, water conservation, naturalization, and sustainable development pertaining to green

spaces.

Among information supplied by the city for the award are the WRC's gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), its creation of the world's first underground rinks built into natural terrain, recovery of parkland and a resulting increase of some 27 per cent in program participation.

Andersen set to hit 100,000-mile mark at Terry Fox run

By ISAAC OLSON

Former Westmounter Carl Andersen started logging his runs on January 1, 1982. Now, 32 years later, the 78-year-old NDG resident is set to break the 100,000-mile mark during this year's Terry Fox run on September 14 and he hopes to raise \$15,030 for the cancer-fighting cause.

"Somebody asked me 'why miles?' Well, in 1982, we were still on the mileage system," said Andersen, noting the longest he ever ran is 4,860 miles in one year. "So, I just stayed that way. I set a goal of 100,000 miles."

Andersen, who ran a shoe shop called Distance Sports on Sherbrooke St. for 14 years, wasn't new to running when he started logging miles. He wanted to improve his times and a friend recommended he start by keeping track of his runs. More than three decades later, he said meeting his 100,000-mile goal means

Rubin new board president at Jewish General



Westmounter Allen Rubin is the new president of the board of directors at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH), the hospital announced on August 19. He was previously the JGH Foundation's chair from 2011 to 2013, since joining its board of directors in 2001. Rubin stands in front of his Lexington Ave. home September 2.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



Carl Andersen, 78, on a run September 2. He is hoping to log his 100,000th mile on September 14.

he won't log his miles anymore. It becomes an obsession, he said, and now it's time to put it aside.

Andersen grew up in Westmount and moved to NDG some 50 years ago. Sitting

on his couch in the St. Raymond district, he said he once set his sights on running 100 marathons, but pain in his feet is keeping him from running much more than six miles at a time these days. He has

to settle for 95 completed marathons.

When he was 60 years old, he would circumnavigate the island of Montreal (120 kilometers) for his annual fundraising event. In fact, since 1986, he has raised about \$800,000 for various charities, including breast cancer research and multiple sclerosis.

If everything goes as planned, Andersen said he will have four miles to go on the day of the Terry Fox run and will, running about six miles that day, go beyond the 100,000-mile mark.

"Anytime you obtain a goal, it feels good," he said. "I don't know how I'll feel on the day of it, but I remember the first time I crossed the finish line in a marathon and the first time I broke four hours. It was quite impressive to me. I wasn't trying to impress anybody else. It was a good feeling that I accomplished something."

To donate, visit TerryFox.org and looking up "Carl Andersen." He will be running in Montreal West. As of press time, he had raised just over \$1,000.

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Lawn bowlers piped in



Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Piper Ken MacKenzie leads the teams onto the green during the opening ceremony of the Canadian Senior Triples Championships at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club September 1. Quebec flag bearer and club member Greg Gelgor (behind MacKenzie) lends a hand to his 5-year-old son Hugo who hoists the flag of Westmount, along with club member Shelley Kerman, who holds the Canadian flag. Some 60 bowlers from every province of Canada except PEI were in the competition, which culminated on September 6 with the women's gold going to Team Manitoba, which defeated Team Ontario "A" 10 to 9. Men's gold went to Team Nova Scotia, which beat out Team Alberta 14 to 10. For another photo, see p. 1.

Mystery potties appear in parking lot



Over a dozen portable bathrooms were found in the parking lot of city hall August 22 around 9 am. Staffers were not able to provide a reason for their being deposited there.

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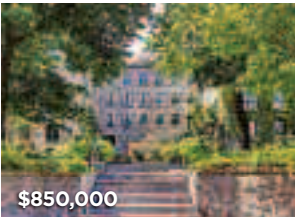
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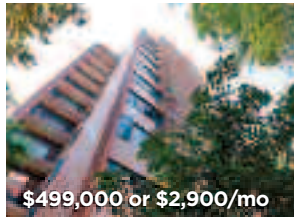
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Over the years The Priory has evolved to accommodate the educational advances required by each new generation of students. “We are proud of our sterling reputation for excellence within the educational community. At The Priory, the social and emotional needs of our students have always come first and each child has been recognized and valued for their uniqueness”, states Principal Tim Peters. Furthermore, Mr. Peters reiterates that “at The Priory School, students are both seen and heard and have an unwavering voice that is listened to and acted upon. The faculty believes that if they can make every child feel secure, engaged, known and loved, then every student will in turn achieve great things. In short, “*happy children learn best*” and at The Priory, the faculty's foremost aim is to provide a learning environment that students look forward to going to and a place where they find themselves succeeding every day.”

According to Principal Tim Peters, Priory students are very proud of their school and feel that they are an integral part of it. This sense of belonging and the happiness that accompanies it, emanates from the great leaders of the school, namely, the teachers. At The Priory, every teacher knows that to be a great leader one must listen more than speak and one must adapt. As Max De Pree wrote in *Leadership is an Art*, great leaders have “the strength to abandon themselves to the wild ideas of others.”

When a group of visiting Headmasters and other leading educators from the Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) visited The Priory this past spring, one thing



that struck them as unique and impressive, was the sense of leadership that was evident throughout the school. They stated that The Priory should be commended on its, “extensive and inclusive Leadership program. Leadership is evident in 100% of student experiences, in a multitude of school projects, committees and events, as well as local and global stewardship projects.”

Priory graduates distinguish themselves in the schools they advance to and the lives they create. They are award-winning leaders and global citizens; understanding the importance of achieving their best and being a good neighbor. While graduates go on to live extraordinary lives beyond The Priory walls, they do not forget the impact the one-of-a-kind Priory experience has had in laying the important foundation for the lives they have realized.

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Selwyn House – a relational school with academic excellence

A sculpture in front of Selwyn House spells out the school motto: *veritas*, Latin for “truth.” This is not just a hollow slogan. Headmaster Hal Hannaford uses it to articulate the school’s vision – a vision that gives Selwyn House a bright future in the world of education.

The truth is, there are enormous advantages to being a small, bilingual boys’ school that emphasizes experience in education.

“Boys’ schools are better for boys,” Mr. Hannaford states flatly, “better for *any* boy. We need to understand this and create a setting that will allow our boys to develop their strengths and deal with their weaknesses.

“Without the presence of girls, the reality is that boys learn to bond with each other in their own unique way. Boys who attend all boys’ schools tend to keep their high school friends for life.

At the same time, he says, “many boys’ schools have also made gender equality a legitimate goal, and the presence of a large percentage of strong, talented women teaching at boys’ schools has made the attainment of this goal realistic.

“To be sure, cross-gender skills are essential in achieving a socially and emotionally effective adult life. Boys’ schools have created partnerships with girls attending other schools, especially in areas such as community service and the arts, ensuring the necessary collaboration.

At approximately 540 students, Selwyn House also benefits from what has become known as the “small-school advantage,” which means that every student has a guarantee that he will be “known and loved.” In the classroom, on class trips, in the gym, playing field, dining room or hallways, faculty and staff know each student and appreciate him for his unique skills, abilities, and personality.

“We are a relational school,” says Mr. Hannaford, “and relational schools set themselves apart from other schools. It is that important.”

Academic Excellence

Selwyn House maintains its commitment to academic excellence, which the school defines as the ability to offer the most rigorous, challenging and enriching program for the top 25 percent of the student population. This is combined with the school’s dedicated ability to support all students, without compromising what it does for students who want more and more.

French language and culture

Selwyn House is constantly increasing its devotion to the French language and its dedication to ensuring that every student will graduate feeling completely at home in the professional and social culture of Quebec. The adoption of the

Français plus program is just the most recent example of why Selwyn House has become the school of choice for parents – anglophone, francophone or allophone – who want to give their sons a well-rounded Québec-born education.

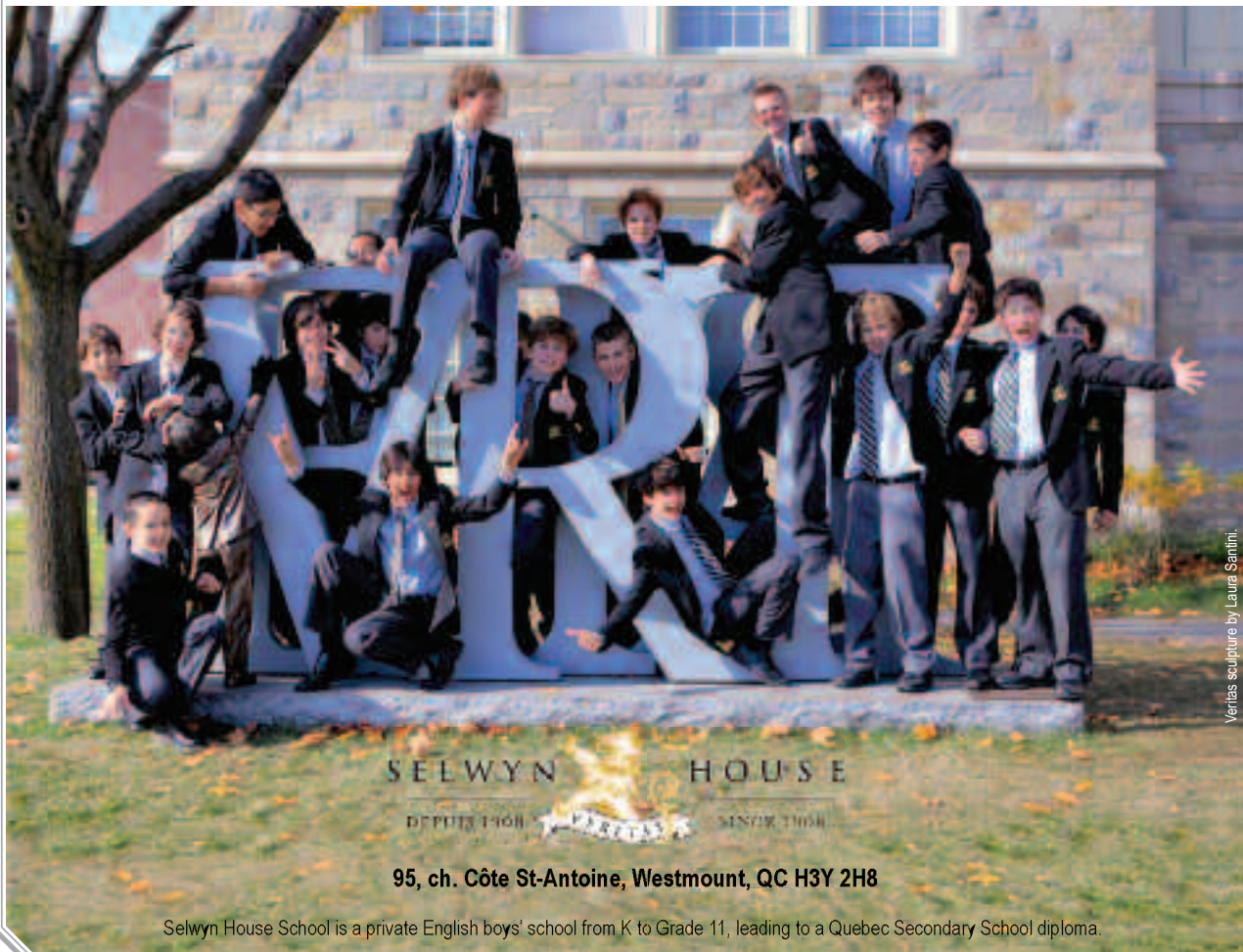
Faculty Culture

“The two characteristics of a school that will have the most impact on a child’s life are the size of the school and the quality of the faculty culture,” says Mr. Hannaford.

“The students are not number one at this school,” he points out. “It’s the teachers and staff who are going to make all the difference.”

“There has been significant research showing that having a very positive, proactive, and effective faculty culture has the most significant influence on the life of a student,” he adds. “We put a lot of energy, devotion and resources towards achieving this goal.”

I think we could be onto something that is really great here at Selwyn House School,” says Mr. Hannaford. “It’s not that one type of school is superior to the other. It never is. It will always be about great teachers, the development of relationships, building character and leadership, and providing creative and challenging opportunities within a caring and supportive environment.”



Veritas sculpture by Laura Santini.

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Solomon Schechter Academy: Lifelong Learning | Passion for Excellence | Jewish Traditions

Solomon Schechter Academy's focus is on the needs and growth of its students in order to foster a lifelong love for and commitment to learning. The Academy's educational process is a vibrant partnership between students, parents and educators. "The goal of an education at Solomon Schechter is to develop students that are dynamic, critical thinkers who respect the Jewish traditions of the past," says Steven Erdelyi, Head of School.

Mr. Erdelyi and his team focus on leading Solomon Schechter on its path of excellence. The school's future plans will continue to concentrate on science and technology, mathematics and the field of robotics while imparting the love of Jewish learning to each and every child.

SSA = Excellence

Solomon Schechter students continue to excel in provincial math competitions. Over the past five years, the Academy has had four first place finishes in Quebec's QAMT (Quebec Association of Math Teachers) competition. Solomon Schechter Academy's Jewish studies teachers are consistent award winners of the prestigious Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

French Instruction

The importance of French communication skills is a necessity in Quebec and an advantage

internationally. Solomon Schechter Academy is proud to offer a fully integrated English Section and Section Française. The school is consistently a lead school for innovative French programming, elaborate theatre presentations and French literacy initiatives such as "Livromagie".

Innovative Learning –

The Azrieli Foundation SMART Floor

The SMART Floor gives students the opportunity to learn skills not regularly taught in elementary school. Offering enrichment in **Science, Music, Art, Robotics, and Technology** (Computer Animation), Solomon Schechter aims to empower its students, giving them a head-start for high school, university, and later careers. The SMART Floor art department fosters Judaic teaching through artistic expression.

The Amiel Early Childhood Centre and the Mel Hoppenheim Family Foundation Theatre Centre

The Amiel Early Childhood Centre offers Jewish learning in English, Hebrew and French to Junior Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten age children. The facility houses a preschool library, gym, playground, the Mel Hoppenheim Family Foundation Theatre Centre and 140 of the youngest Academy family members.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning begins in the classroom every day with Solomon Schechter's dynamic

curriculum and teachers. Classroom lessons are linked to school trips, exhibitions, book publishing, special visitors and a variety of theatre performances which enhance each student's academic development. English, French and Hebrew are greatly embellished with performances that enhance and enrich the learning process while giving the students an appreciation for their rich Jewish heritage.

Promoting Excellence

in Jewish Traditions and Community

Judaic Studies are a significant part of the school's curriculum. The love and support of the State of Israel is integral to the school's program and is reflected in every area. This is accompanied by a strong emphasis on Hebrew proficiency. Students are encouraged to be "community minded", and at a very young age learn about "Tzedakah". They raise money for local food bank programs and are encouraged to volunteer in the community.

Solomon Schechter Academy ensures that its students develop a love for lifelong learning, a passion for excellence and a strong connection to Jewish values.

Open House November 4 and 7

For more information please contact Naomi Blumer at: nblumer@solomonschechter.ca or visit the school website www.solomonschechter.ca

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Akiva School Kicks Off the School Year with New Unique Educational Initiatives

Placing an emphasis on hands-on learning, real life experiences, insight into career choices and higher order thinking

Every year, Akiva School, a Jewish elementary school in Westmount, builds upon their foundation of academic excellence by offering new innovative ways in which their students can learn, grow and explore the world around them. This year is no different with Akiva School once again, breaking new ground and launching several new programs for their students. Some program highlights include:



Akiva Students Learning Coding and Computer Science as part of their curriculum.

New "Coding" Program

This year, Akiva School will be integrating software coding into their curriculum. Students from kindergarten to Grade 6 will have the opportunity to explore different coding programs in which they will be able to develop their problem solving and creative thinking skills. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be creating coding algorithms to build their own robots. Grades 2, 3 and 4 will be learning basic programming to develop animations and interactive stories through an MIT-based software application. Grades 5 and 6 will be doing both Robotics and computer animations as complementary coding applications. Coding is the language of the future and Akiva is committed to preparing students by incorporating the studying of computer science into their curriculum in much the same way as it is interwoven in so many professions today.

New Jewish History and Identity program

Akiva is launching a new Jewish History and Identity program within their Jewish Studies curriculum. Through the program, Akiva aims to excite and inspire students as they form their own identity by understanding elements from the Jewish past and connecting with important experiences. The study of Jewish history will provide students with a clear background of different challenges and opportunities that Jewish communities have been faced with for thousands of years.

New Engineering Extracurricular Activity

Akiva will be offering a new Engineering extracurricular activity for students this year. Given at lunchtime by a certified Engineer, the activity will give students the opportunity to gain insight into the world of engineering, critical thinking and the career possibilities that exist in this field.

Find out more at the Akiva Open House, October 30th

For information on these initiatives, as well as everything else that is going on at Akiva School this year, please call (514) 939-2430 or visit our website at www.akivaschool.com. For parents with a 3 or 4 year old or for transferring students, please visit the Akiva Open House on Thursday, October 30th, at 9:30am or 7:00pm. Akiva School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten 2016 as well as applications for transferring students.



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2014
9:30AM AND 7:00PM

*Your child belongs
at Akiva...*

AKIVA SCHOOL INTRODUCES A FOURTH LANGUAGE

This year Akiva is very excited to be integrating software coding into our curriculum. Our students from kindergarten to Grade 6 will explore different coding programs to help develop their problem solving and creative thinking skills.

Come find out more about Akiva's amazing new computer science program as well as our:



- Enhanced French program for kindergarten
- New Engineering extracurricular activities
- Meaningful Jewish learning for a powerful Jewish future
- Unique strategies to meet the learning needs for every child in a safe, motivating environment

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?

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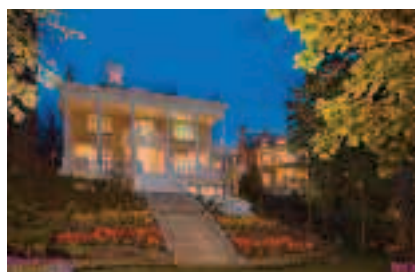


Akiva School is a co-ed English kindergarten and elementary school for students who have English language eligibility. Akiva School also has a French section where the language of instruction is French for kindergarten and elementary school.

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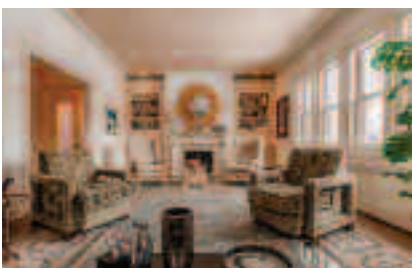


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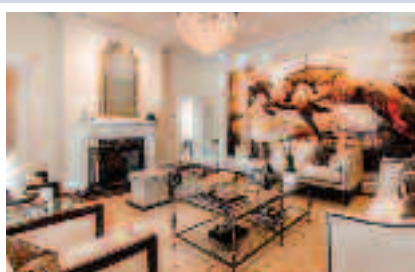
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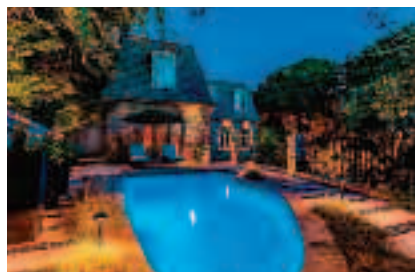
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K.I.D.S.' kids raise \$ for charity

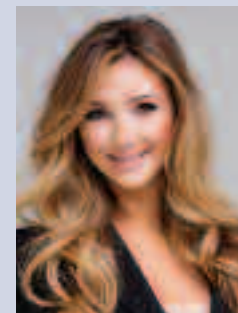


The four-year-old class children and staff from K.I.D.S. Westmount I and II sold baked goods and lemonade on August 21 and 22 to raise money for the Montreal Children's Hospital, the SPCA and Share the Warmth, charities chosen by the children. "The aim of the project was to teach children about helping others," said Kathy Collins, coordinator. "They learned what it is like to start and finish a large project with a goal in sight; they used simple math skills; communicated with parents, and invited people to the bake sale." Westmount I, located on St. Catherine at Metcalfe, raised \$2,043, and Westmount II on St. Catherine and Grosvenor, \$1,350. Each school has a program for 1- to 5-year-olds.

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From left: David Hawrysh, Linda Lessard and Westmounter Patricia Dumais are among members of the Spirit Riders, who rode in the 25th edition of the Blue Cross Medavie MS Bike Ride August 16 and 17. The five-member team raised \$23,908, making them the top fundraising team for the event. This year's multiple sclerosis regional ride, one of two occurring in Quebec, was held in the Beauharnois area.

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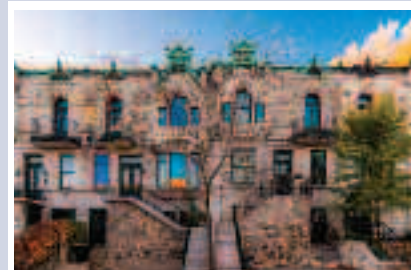
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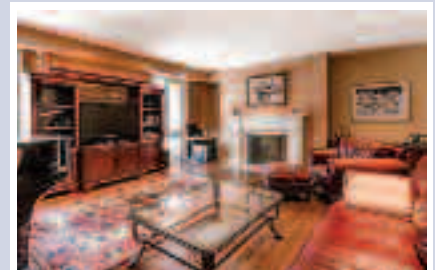
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Villa Maria's innovation program prepares students to be 21st century learners. With a focus on the use of mobile technology, cyber-citizenship, media creation and e-learning, this program of study focuses on important life skills that

students of this generation need to master.

Secondary 1 students use their own iPads in class on a regular basis. An electronic agenda, online note-taking and educational websites are part of their daily lives at school.

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The Whole Girl for the Whole World

Villa Maria offers a myriad of challenging, fulfilling and fun activities that allow students to nurture their talents and enhance their personal growth. Last year's highlights were the annual talent show, the Girls for the Cure cancer awareness and fundraising campaign, a trip to the Stratford Shakespeare Theatre Festival, and a humanitarian trip to Ghana.



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Small also means that everyone is someone! Traf helps girls gain and maintain the confidence to try anything and succeed. Supported by their peers, student artists perform in concerts, drama productions and on the Glee team. Athletes join our

many teams or enjoy intramural games. Others may run a committee, join the Earth Club, or be a delegate at a Model United Nations. Leadership skills acquired at Traf follow our graduates through life. Alumnae "Scholars and Explorers" are honoured for their achievements at the annual Homecoming Reunion.

Traf is a charter member of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS). 100% of our graduates, who earn both their Quebec Secondary School and Trafalgar Diplomas, carry on to a variety of programs at CEGEPs or prep schools, and thereafter enroll in leading colleges and universities in Canada and internationally.

The curriculum at all levels consists of English, French (streamed), mathematics and sciences (streamed), social studies, arts (art, music and or drama) and physical education. These core courses engage girls in building their skills and knowledge, while allowing them to discover new interests and deepen existing ones.

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Our French program seeks to improve French-language competence and fluency, whatever an incoming student's level. French classes are grouped into *français avancé*, *langue seconde enrichi*, or *langue seconde base* sections. As well, all Secondary I and II students study *sciences humaines* in French (totaling 30% of the program), and students who follow a more enriched program of French-language studies and activities throughout their upper high school years earn Trafalgar's *Certificat DEFI*. Additionally, all Secondary II students study Spanish as a third language, and students in Sec. III-V may choose Spanish among the wide variety of Cycle 2 optional courses.

Right from the start, we want to make prospective families feel welcome when visiting and asking questions about Trafalgar. Our admissions process takes place entirely at the school, and Principal Geoff Dowd meets every family and all applicant students personally.

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Pursuing Personal Excellence

LCC believes in providing a rich learning environment that combines teamwork and collaboration, values intelligence and the development of self-confidence, and enables the students to strive for success in and outside of the classroom.

"We are an educational institution that sets high standards in everything we do but we – and our students – also enjoy a challenge" says Dawn Levy, Director of Enrolment and Communications. "Our faculty and staff encourage our students to do their best and to discover new strengths and passions. These special relationships are the true measure of the value-add of our school."

Beginning in kindergarten through to Pre-University, LCC provides an enriched programme made up of academic, co-curricular, and service opportunities that work in unison, positioning students to explore and discover their true potential: "Exposing students to diverse opportunities prepares them to take on new challenges and discover their unique talents and abilities," says Ms. Levy. "From global leadership opportunities, to enriched academic programmes and an incredible array of activities from which to choose, everything is well thought out. Students are engaged in a well-rounded experience, allowing them to try new things and push their limits in a safe environment."

Moreover, LCC's abundant resources are also integral to a student's educational success. Supported and guided by a team of exceptional teachers and professionals, LCC



provides a comprehensive experience: "We are fortunate to have some of the best facilities in the city – including our new Assaly Arts Centre – which are complemented by innovative programming and teachers prepared to go the extra mile," says Ms. Levy. "Through the integration of all our resources – programme, facilities, staff, and technology – our students are prepared for 21st century challenges."

The LCC Family Feeling

From the earliest ages, a focus on honesty, respect, and compassion instills in LCC students a sense of community. "Both students and staff alike enjoy being at LCC, friendships, teachers that inspire, and engaging programmes contribute to our students' school spirit, sense of pride, and belonging," says Ms. Levy.

With community as part of its core value, there is a genuine sense of pride and belonging palpable not only across LCC's four school divisions but also in all layers of

school life, "The LCC family feeling and our ties to the community enable students to find the power to be engaged in the world around them," says Ms. Levy. "Ask any of our alumni and they will tell you that there is a sense of connection to LCC that endures well beyond graduation."

The Power To Be

Whether it is math and science, performing arts, technology, athletics, leadership, service, Pre-University, or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, LCC is committed to the fullest development of students in mind, body, and heart.

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Villa Sainte-Marcelline: a tradition of pride and excellence!

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There are countless reasons why this small French-language private school on Upper-Belmont Avenue in Westmount is the preferred choice for parents looking for a solid well-rounded education for their daughter. The desire to achieve high standards enables our students to go on to study in the best French and English-language colleges and universities in Québec and abroad. Marcelline alumnae have the tools needed to become successful professionals in the career of their choice. Our students benefit from excellent study skills, a broad cultural knowledge, a strong background in the sciences, the humanities, languages and an international Marcelline network.

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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE – At the beginning of each year, all secondary students take part in educational class trips to one of the following locations: Tadoussac, New York, Gaspésie, Boston or Stratford.

Students in secondary 1, 3 and 5 are offered cultural and linguistic exchange trips to expand their horizons while discovering Ancient Rome, traditional Cuba and Bavaria, Germany;

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GUIDANCE – A solid network of dedicated teachers, families and alumnae make up the Marcelline community and will support and encompass the students throughout their endeavours.

Come visit and discover the Villa Sainte-Marcelline at our open house for grades 5, 6 and secondary 1 on Thursday, September 18th, from 4 to 8 pm.

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Villa, Priory welcomes

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

Villa St. Marcelline

More new teachers started at local schools recently, the *Independent* discovered.

After a second grade 5 class was added last year, Villa St. Marcelline expanded its staff to include new teachers. "We are very proud of our super dynamic group of



New teachers Jennifer Sweer, front row, first from left, and Héloïse Brindamour, back row, first left.

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teachers now in charge of the third cycle of elementary school," Nives Bazergui, a teacher and also a member of the school's management team in recruitment and website development, wrote in an email.

New English teacher Jennifer Sweer, who comes to Villa from Queen of Angels Academy, will teach grade 6 girls and prepare grade 11 girls for the English language arts exam (mother tongue).

A trained classical singer who holds a master's degree in literature, Héloïse Brindamour will teach grade 6 French. "She is joining the team of specialist teachers who do an outstanding job getting the

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new teachers

grade 5 and 6 students ready for the challenges of secondary school, teaching them study skills, autonomy and, above all, transmitting their love of learning,” Bazergui wrote.

The Priory

The Priory welcomed new music teacher MC Campbell on its first day back September 2.

“Her passion for teaching and her love of children is readily evident and we are so

pleased to welcome her into our Priory family,” Anita DiStefano, the Priory’s information and communication technology and communications coordinator, wrote in an email.

Campbell, who comes to the Priory from Queen of Angels Academy, is a founding member of the Quebec Band Association and has served on its executive and on that of the Quebec Music Educators’ Association.



The Priory’s MC Campbell surrounded by grade 1 students on the first day of school.

Photo courtesy of The Priory

Daycare checks of car seats to start this week

As part of Public Security’s back-to-school safety program, officers will be calling around to a number of daycares in Westmount to check the installation of car seats, Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security, told the city

council meeting September 2.

A similar operation was initiated last year also involving the Centre Greene daycare, where this fall’s car seat verification was to be launched September 8.

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The chairman of the English Montreal School Board, Angela Mancini, takes the “Ice Bucket Challenge” in front of students and media on the playground of Roslyn September 2, the first day of school. Mancini spoke to the students about ALS research and the effects of the disease.

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New classes, activities at local community centres

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

Contactivity is offering a new class this semester – informal French conversation – and it's already full, according to Mary Stark, Contactivity's director.

"It's a course for people with some exposure and some listening knowledge of French but who haven't been able to mobilize that for speaking, out of shyness, out of opportunity."

The return of the free series of Contactivity's "Summer Institute" workshops are to take place between September 9 to September 11, culminating with "Court is in session...Whose side are you on?" "It is going to be a mock trial based on true cases," Stark said. People interested in attending the workshops are asked to phone Contactivity.

Located in the Westmount Park United Church on the western edge of Westmount Park, the Contactivity Seniors' Centre is a non-profit community centre for active seniors and retirees – typically ages 60 and up – where members can meet new people and learn new things.

Membership costs \$20 a year and courses include exercise classes, bridge, drawing and Argentinian tango. There are community lunches, interest groups, all sorts of outings and a walking group called the Walkie-Talkies.

"We have tried-and-true programs that are really popular," said Mary Stark, Contactivity's director.

The centre can be reached at 514.932-2326 or visit www.contactivitycentre.org.

Centre Greene

A new garden is in the works at Centre Greene this year. According to the centre's director Wesley McCoy, the garden committee started building a garden at the side of the building this summer.

On Wednesday, September 17, the centre is holding a community corn roast be-

tween 5 and 7 pm. "It's open to everybody," McCoy said. "It's by donation but we're not going to shake a jar at anybody. Different program people are here so you can talk to people about the different programs that we have."

Centre Greene's website says this independent, non-profit organization's mission is to offer recreational, social and community services to the community at large, "regardless of age, race, ethnic group, ability or socio-economic status."

Besides programs offered by outside instructors, Centre Greene manages its own in-house programs for children, adults and seniors, including an after-school program and a "caregivers' tea" for people caring for and assisting friends and family without pay.

There's a seniors' lunch on Wednesdays. "We don't really have a defining line as to who is a senior," McCoy explained. A Meals on Wheels program operates on Tuesdays and Fridays and is looking for volunteers.

Centre Greene can be reached at 514.931.6202. Its website is www.centre-greene.org.

The 'Y'

"Everything we do in the Youth Zone is new," said Maris Zunic, director of child development at the Westmount Y. New youth programs include a brass band that gets together on Fridays and a leadership program on Fridays and Saturdays, Zunic said.



Centre Greene director Wesley McCoy, left, stands with fundraising assistant Sophie Cram September 2 at the site of the centre's new garden. Plans include a rock path, a sitting area and climbing vines on the walls. The centre is soliciting help from volunteers and friends in the community to work on the garden, McCoy said.

Diana Destounis, coordinator, group fitness programs, said the Y tries to run one or two new programs every session, "to reflect what's happening in the fitness milieu and to keep our members happy and excited and really looking forward to something different."

The Y will run more programs for TRX, an army-developed core strength-training workout that involves using a kind of rope or pulley that's attached to a ceiling or to a wall, Destounis said. "It has kind of an anchor and you use your whole body weight," she said.

"We're starting to move into different parts of zumba, such as "Zumba Kids" for

pre-teens and zumba step," said Destounis. "We're also doing circuits, jump rope, things like "Me and the Groove" – these are programs that are influenced by dance," she said, adding that "boxing seems to be back."

The Y centre serves individual members, families and seniors in Westmount, NDG, St. Henri, Little Burgundy and Point St. Charles. In March, it added a "youth zone" for youth ages 12 to 18 to its children's programming, which includes a nursery school and an after-school program.

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Long-time Sutton Westmount receptionist Cairns retires

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Kathleen Cairns, the voice at the other end of the phone at Sutton real estate's Westmount office for the past 15 years, retired on August 29.

Cairns, who was often the first contact thousands of clients made over the years with Sutton's Westmount office, began her career as a receptionist in the mid 1970s at the former Montreal Trust real estate office on the West Island.

In all, she's worked as a receptionist in real estate nearly four decades. "I've always worked with real estate offices," Cairns said in an interview with the *Independent* the day before she retired. "Being

in real estate as long as I have been, you get to know everybody."

As seen by some, the job of a receptionist in a real estate office might seem relatively easy, but there's a good deal more to it, according to Cairns. She said it requires knowledge of the business and patience to deal with the type of pressures involved in real estate transactions.

"Real estate is a lot of detail work," she said. "There are more than 80 real estate agents who work out of an office like this, but they're not all here all the time. In a business like real estate, when they come in, you have to be able to multitask. I have extreme respect for real estate brokers, because *continued on p. 46*



Kathleen Cairns, seen here in her office August 28, retired after nearly 40 years of service in the real estate business.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1466

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1466 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE PLAN D'URBANISME DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 septembre 2014.

Ce règlement vise à modifier le Plan d'urbanisme de la Ville de Westmount de façon à assurer la présence de la vocation commerciale dans le secteur sud-est de la Ville, pour tenir compte du nouveau secteur de planification, et reconnaître et consolider les usages existants.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 septembre 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1466

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1466 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE PLANNING PROGRAMME OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on September 2, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to modify the Planning Programme of the City of Westmount so as to ensure the prevailing commercial use in the South-East Sector of the City to reflect the new detailed sector and to recognize and consolidate existing uses.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Any person may consult said by-law on the City's Website, at www.westmount.org, and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this 9th day of September 2014.

Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville / City Clerk



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1467

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1467 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT DE ZONAGE 1303 – CONVERSION DES ZONES C2-32-01, C4-37-05 ET C4-37-06 – USAGE RÉSIDENTIEL » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 septembre 2014.

Ce règlement vise à protéger la vocation résidentielle des zones visées, soit C2-32-01, C4-37-05 et C4-37-06.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 septembre 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1467

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1467 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CONVERSION OF ZONES C2-32-01, C4-37-05 AND C4-37-06 – RESIDENTIAL USE" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on September 2, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to protect the residential nature of the concerned zones C2-32-01, C4-37-05 and C4-37-06.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Any person may consult said by-law on the City's Website, at www.westmount.org, and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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ScanWest's Hampton-Davies: Doors are an art form

By MICHAEL MOORE

After decades spent traveling the world, Westmounter Christopher Hampton-Davies has returned home with the goal of turning interior doors into eye-catching works of art.

“What I’ve seen in the industry is flat-panel, it’s seamless, and it’s blended into the wall. I’m going the complete opposite way. I want it to have an impact and be a focal point in the space. It should be unique,” said Hampton-Davies, the founder of ScanWest Designs.

Hampton-Davies grew up in Westmount before embarking on a two-decade career in the maritime shipping industry. He was exposed to architectural wonders

in Europe and Asia, falling in love with the beauty of doors in cities like Kathmandu and Prague.

Taking a break from the industry, Hampton-Davies settled in Vancouver and further honed his designing skills by renovating a downtown condo. The now 48-year-old, officially retired from maritime shipping, has returned home and turned his full attention to unlocking what he sees as the unused design potential in interior doors.

“I want to take creative design and apply it to a functional form and have its impact,” he said.

His time abroad still plays a major role in shaping his creative vision. The company name, ScanWest Designs, is amalga-

mation of “Scandinavian” and “West Coast,” two regions of the world that helped shape his design process.

Among those lessons is an appreciation for the Danish cultural aspect of *hygge*, which, loosely translated, refers to an atmosphere of cosiness and camaraderie.

“The Danish style is very clean. It’s simple with strong lines and a strong sense of craftsmanship inspired by nature. But there’s a modesty and understatement in their pieces,” he said.

ScanWest’s initial run comprises three door designs made of a poplar core and high-grade medium-density fibreboard exterior that can be colour-matched and size-fitted.

Harkening back to his past, each of the three designs are inspired by a foreign city: a tiled art deco style for Paris, a contemporary checked pattern for Chicago and undulating panels representing the slopes of Kathmandu.

In January, ScanWest Design will have an exhibit at the Interior Design Show in Toronto and is currently in contention for a spot in the Studio North section, which features new and emerging companies.

“That will give us our greatest exposure nationally, and we are open-minded about the opportunities that will come out of there,” said Hampton-Davies.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1473

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1473 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1358 DÉCRÉTANT LES RÈGLES DE CONTRÔLE ET DE SUIVI BUDGÉTAIRES » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 septembre 2014.

Ce règlement vise à préciser et à formaliser la démarche d'approbation des achats et d'adjudication des contrats lors de l'implantation du logiciel/programme de contrôle budgétaire UniCité.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1473

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1473 entitled “BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 1358 CONCERNING BUDGET CONTROL AND MONITORING” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on September 2, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to bring clarity and formality to the approval of purchases and granting of contracts in view of the implementation of the UniCité budgetary control software/programme.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Any person may consult said by-law on the City's Website, at www.westmount.org, and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1468

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1468 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT DE ZONAGE 1303 – CABINETS DE MÉDECINS ET CLINIQUES MÉDICALES SUR LA RUE SAINTE-CATHERINE OUEST » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 septembre 2014.

Ce règlement vise à interdire l'aménagement de nouveaux cabinets de médecins et de nouvelles cliniques médicales sur la rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, dans les zones C2-37-07, C2-37-04, C2-37-10, C5-33-03, C6-34-03, C1-34-11 et C1-34-05 du plan d'urbanisme.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 septembre 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1468

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1468 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – DOCTOR'S OFFICES AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON STE. CATHERINE STREET WEST” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on September 2, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to prohibit the establishment of new doctors' offices and medical clinics on Ste. Catherine Street West in zones C2-37-07, C2-37-04, C2-37-10, C5-33-03, C6-34-03, C1-34-11 and C1-34-05 of the Zoning plan.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

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Kanawana Kamp fans gather

Photos by Ralph Thompson



Westmounter Tom Thompson, left, attended Kanawana from 1948 to 1950 and then became a counsellor in training (CIT). Smillie Buckland, right, attended the camp from 1944 to 1951. They participated in three-day-long canoe trips, swimming and other activities. "There were over 200 campers at that time but only four women" said Smillie.



From left: Kim Snabl, Claudia Schreier, Westmounter Jeniene Phillips-Birks and Siobhan Wallace attended Kanawana. They are seen here looking at the old promotions for the "Boys Camp."

The YMCA welcomed past Kamp Kanawana campers, volunteers and leaders to a reunion dinner the evening of September 5 at Victoria Hall. It was a celebration of the camp's 120 years. Kanawana is open to children from aged 7 to young adults up to 20 years.

"The YMCA often sponsors boys and girls whose parents are not well off," said Vanessa Ferreira-Valente, director of community initiatives with the YMCA Westmount.

Kanawana was a boys' camp until it became co-ed in 1968. Today, the ratio is said to be about half and half.

There was lots of excited chatter and enthusiasm, as clearly many guests were meeting for the first time in a long time.



Peter Monk, pictured with his wife Joan, attended Kamp Kanawana from 1948 to 1955 and was promoted to bossman of the Lumberman group, which entitled him to spend the whole summer of 1954 at the camp. "It gave you a code of ethics, a spiritual sense of the north, it taught you right from wrong and it established your principles," said Monk. "There were no girls in the camp but we did take a trek across to the YWCA camp occasionally," he recalled.

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for 120th reunion



Siblings Cary, left, and Burke Lawrence opened the evening and maintained a certain level of discipline amongst the chattering former campers. "I was the only girl in a family of three boys. I was left alone when the boys went to Kanawana, so I wanted to go too. I attended 11 straight years, 1973 to 1983," said Cary Lawrence.

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Last day of the MUHC Art & Heritage Centre's "Caps of Courage: A Nursing Journey" at the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Info: heritage@muhc.mcgill.ca.

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, writer and photographer Louise Abbott gives an illustrated presentation on her new book, volume 1 of *Memphrémagog: An Illustrated History / Une histoire illustrée*, 12:30 pm. Free.

Montreal Storytellers' Guild starts again at the Westmount Public Library, meeting on the second Thursday of the month from September to June. Free and open to all adults and children over 10.

Impaired driving

Public safety officers called police August 31 after spotting a car being driven erratically at 4:04 am at de Maisonneuve and Prince Albert. In relating the incident, Public Security officials said the patrollers also noticed the driver's front wheel and rim were badly damaged and followed the red Chevrolet Cavalier as it headed north. Coming to the dead end at Sherbrooke, the car moved backward and forward several times until police arrived a short time later. The driver, the lone occupant, was reported to have been arrested for driving under the influence.

No-parking sign 'walked' along Sherbrooke at 4:47 am

A man carrying a no-parking sign along Sherbrooke St. was noticed by patrollers at Grosvenor at 4:40 am September 1, Public Security officials said. He was followed west to Vendôme, where he was stopped and questioned. He stated he had found the sign near the Bank of Montreal at Guy St. Owing to his apologetic manner, he was given a warning and released. The sign was described as the type put up on private property.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

"Balance on Boards" is the topic at the inaugural meeting for 2014-15 of the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. Speakers are Donna Soble Kaufman (chair, Institute of Corporate Directors), Coleen MacKinnon (Quebec director, Catalyst Canada) and moderator Sheila Goldbloom. 12:30 pm at Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. at Claremont, Individual lectures \$10; membership (8 lectures) \$45.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre at Victoria Hall, 7 pm.

ON THE SHELVES

Among the new arrivals at the Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines – Thoughtful consumption

"Snacks: the Senate's secret candy stash, why cavemen give you the munchies, and history's craziest vending machines" in *Mental Floss*, Sept. 2014, p. 13-19.

"Feeding nine billion: to feed our hungry planet, we must change the way we farm – and the way we think" by Jonathan Foley in *National Geographic*, May 2014, p. 26-57.

"10 questions...1 consommateur alerte et conscient" by Pierre Pradervand in *Vivre: le magazine international pour améliorer sa qualité de vie*, September-October, p. 28.

English e-Books – Overdrive

The Organized Mind by Daniel J. Levitin – The author, McGill University professor of psychology and behavioural neuroscience, uses the latest brain science to demonstrate how people excel and how readers can use these methods to regain a sense of mastery over the way they organize their homes, workplaces and lives.

A Spy among Friends: Kim Philby's Great Betrayal by Ben Macintyre – The best-selling author of *Operation Mincemeat* presents a definitive portrait of the notorious 20th-century spy that discusses his rise in MI6, high-profile intelligence friendships and 20-year espionage operation that culminated in his 1963 defection to Moscow.

French e-books (prêt-numérique)

Élyse, la fille de sa mère by Claude Jamin – In this autobiographical novel set in 1948, 17-year-old Claude falls in love with a young woman named Élyse, who lives with her mother, a snobbish but penniless woman, who brags about having noble ancestors. She highly disapproves of her daughter's crush on a Bohemian boy from a working-class family.

Le goût des souvenirs by Erica Bauermeister – Restaurant owner Lillian manages an unexpected challenge while sharing her days with a circle of friends and regulars, including ritual-performing accountant Al, heartbroken chef Chloe, and unobtrusive giant Finnegan.

Adult English – Travels to the North

Boundless: Tracing Land and Dream in a New Northwest Passage by Kathleen Winter – In breathtaking prose charged with descriptions of the land and its people, bestselling author Kathleen Winter chronicles her unforgettable journey through the ever-evolving and magnetic Northwest

Passage.

Paddlenorth: Adventure, Resilience, and Renewal in the Arctic Wild by Jennifer Kingsley – It's the story of Kingsley's 54-day paddling adventure on the Back River in the northern wilderness, as she and her five companions battle raging winds, impenetrable ice and treacherous rapids.

Adult French – Best-selling from France

On ne voyait que le bonheur by Grégoire Delacourt – An insurance salesman is nearing his forties. At midlife, he, who has to assess by contract the life of others, wonders what his own life is worth. The introspections of a man who for the first time looks at the value of things.

Pétronille by Amélie Nothomb – An author meets Pétronille, a fan with whom she has started a correspondence at a book-signing session. A few years later, Pétronille publishes her own novel. A rocky friendship starts between the two.

DVDs

Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me – A ferocious, funny and poignant portrait of the one-of-a-kind Broadway legend still belting out Sondheim numbers at age 87, the documentary tribute showcases the brash, uncompromising Tony and Emmy winner both on stage and off. The film captures her immeasurable charm, acerbic wit and impressive accomplishments with candid footage and interviews with friends and collaborators, including Sondheim, Tina Fey and Nathan Lane.

Like Father, Like Son – Affluent architects Ryota and his wife Midori face a terrible dilemma when they learn that their 6-year-old son Keita was accidentally switched at birth and is not their biological child. In the wake of this revelation, Ryota's sense of fatherhood is shaken to the core as he witnesses both his wife's enduring devotion to Keita and his own conflicting feelings of nature versus nurture. Now his decision on which boy is truly his son will change the family's lives forever.

Back to School – Picture books for kids

Dinosaur vs. School by Bob Shea – Dinosaur is ready for new challenges as he starts preschool for the first time!

Je n'ai pas fait mes devoirs parce que by Davide Cali – A little boy comes up with some wild excuses when his teacher asks him why he didn't finish his homework.

Reference

Illustrated encyclopedia of Trees, 2nd edition

Le guide de l'auto 2015.

Dinah's last years



Dinah is a sweet senior, who is looking for the companionship of a loving family to see her through her sunset years. At 9 years old and 55 pounds, this shepherd/husky mix has an easy temper and loving personality.

She has spent many years at the Frontier Animal Shelter and despite being a beautiful, well-behaved dog she simply hasn't been lucky in finding a family – maybe because people often turn their noses up on the older canines needing homes.

Dinah is the perfect companion and family dog. Despite her age, she is in great health, has lots of energy and loves to go on walks. She walks well on and off leash, and will always wait for you when you call her name.

Laid-back and undemanding, Dinah is happy to curl up with you while you read a book or watch TV, will relax in the grass while you putter outside and will joyfully lend an ear to hear all about your bad day at work.

While good with kids of all ages, Dinah cannot live with cats. She is also selective with the dogs she likes, but she can definitely live with another dog as long as it is a good fit.

On that note, Dinah seems low lately, according to a shelter volunteer, as her



best friend at the shelter, Monty, was recently adopted. Here's hoping Dinah will be next to live out her final years in a real home.

If you are interested in learning more about this gem of a dog, please contact Frontier Animal Shelter at carolinekemp2009@gmail.com.

For more underdogs, please visit underdogclub.org.

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design criteria protect residences from the effects of a dog run (e.g. noise) by 300 feet, but do not offer the same protection to users of the park, even though people at quiet pursuits in the park are more vulnerable to disturbance than people within the walls of a building.

The report's criteria are not logically consistent.

Nor are the criteria suited to the analysis of a park. The authors state that "open spaces" in Westmount Park not otherwise in use (by tennis courts, arenas, pools, playing grounds, children's play areas) are available for evaluation as dog runs. But a park is about open spaces to be discovered and enjoyed, so the assumption that they are simply available to be "filled" with utilitarian purposes is also not logical.

How is it that after strong objections in the past to a dog run within Westmount

Park we find ourselves presented with a consultation on options only within the park? It feels manipulative to me.

As a dog lover who doesn't want a dog facility within my park, I find it unfair to have this divisive problem placed in the laps of citizens because council did not adequately plan for a new dog run in a sensible place, and seems to feel the old location is beyond their imagination to refurbish in a way that adequately mitigates effects.

If the old location is to be omitted from the options presented, council must first prove that mitigation is impossible.

I stand with others who say we must have a fourth option in any poll – either "none of the above" or the old Lansdowne location.

AUDREY BEAN, SOMERVILLE AVE.

Dog run cont'd. from p. 3

the closure of the Lansdowne run at St. Catherine, explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability.

"I do understand everyone's point of view and hope we can come to a compromise," she said.

Concerns expressed at the meeting would be raised with pollsters when city officials met with them the next day (September 3).

As for noise the dogs might make for other park users, she pointed out that Westmount Park already includes a large playing field, soccer fields, the children's playground and other activities. "Westmount Park can be noisy, or it can quiet."

Lulham later told the *Independent* that people forget the dog run used to be in Westmount Park south of the playground

before being relocated 30 years ago. As well, city-wide polls had not been conducted for establishing dog runs at King George (Murray) or other parks.

Dog owner John Fretz pressed the council to reconsider the Lansdowne site. He challenged the city and consultants' contention that the site was no longer suitable after the building of the new pool and that it would be too noisy for nearby apartment buildings.

Why, he asked, was it too noisy for them when one of the preferred sites in Westmount Park along Sherbrooke west of Melville across from apartments was not?

He also suggested the city conduct due diligence on sound baffling with which he was familiar in his professional career in the film industry. He also said he had campaigned in the Lansdowne buildings during last year's municipal election and had not encountered opposition to a dog run.



Peter Starr addresses city council September 2 on the dog run poll. Next in line behind him are, from right to left: Maureen Kiely, Denis Biro, John Fretz and Paul Marriott.

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Je lis vos articles avec toujours beaucoup d'intérêt et de plaisir. Je desire vous remercier de nous faire profiter de vos recherches tant sociales qu'historiques; vous contribuez magnifiquement à maintenir et développer un héritage commun dans notre ville. Je compte que vous pourrez continuer à nous tenir informés. Je conserve beaucoup de vos textes qui sont d'excellentes références.

PAUL LEBLANC, DORCHESTER BLVD.

YOU DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF CRICKETS?

The letter ("Cricket Anyone?" September 2, p. 24) complaining about crickets "disturbing" family meals in one sentence, and then saying that "citizens of our neighbouring towns" using the WRC pool in the next requires immediate response.

When one considers the incredible amount of noise generated by humans all day long in Westmount, I wonder how it is that you cannot appreciate being able to hear truly natural sounds.

The crickets (as well as the cicadas) are trying to mate before they die. Furthermore, they will never see their young.

These insects are doing what they need to do with the only tool they have: their intriguingly adapted bodies.

If you can't or won't change your "tune," why not move to a hermetically-sealed apartment building or buy some earplugs at the pharmacy?

We certainly do not need more pesticides.

And, did your parents not teach you to share?

It's my understanding that non-Westmounters pay a \$5 daily fee to use the pool, which defrays our costs.

I find your woes to be misdirected.

LISA OSTERLAND, MELBOURNE AVE.

TRENDSSETTERS

LILIANE BURNETT

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

During one of my weekly visits to the Westmount Public Library, I glimpsed a very elegant lady. Her style reminded me of the way women dress in Paris. I wanted to learn more about her. What I discovered about Liliane Burnett was that as a young woman, she arrived in Montreal on the ocean liner Carinthia, hailing from Mauritius (Ile Maurice), in the Indian Ocean. Her father, Felix Laventure, was a Cambridge-educated lawyer, who became the mayor of the capital city of Port Louis, and then a government minister. Liliane Burnett is married to Gordon Burnett, who managed the CIBC bank branch at Expo 67, and later became known as the “King of Chabanel.” I learned that friends and family call her “Diamond Lil” because of her personality – and her love of diamonds!

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

I like a classic timeless look, but I also like to mix it up. I like to match traditional with modern pieces to really rock an outfit.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Classy for soirées, cocktails and dinners; comfortable when I travel or go shopping; and sporty on weekends.

Do you dress in Montreal as you did when you lived in Mauritius?

I have always loved fashion. When my parents would attend political and social functions or go to the horse races – my father owned a racehorse – as a young girl I would sit on the verandah and watch my mother prepare to go out. She was always exquisitely dressed in the latest fashions

and Dad wore black tie. I was inspired by my mother, who was petite and quite stunning. So I grew up wanting to always look my best like my mother.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

I like to wear casual clothes on weekends. I have many favourite brands and designers, such as Betty Barclays’ “Perfect Body Jeans,” which I like to wear with t-shirts.

If you had a choice, where would you live (money being no object)?

It would be a toss-up between London, Paris or New York. I love living in a big city because it makes me feel alive.

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?

I love a white freesia. There are always flowers in my home, and 99 percent of the time they are white. My husband Gordon loves to

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Liliane Burnett elegantly dressed September 5 in her Westmount apartment.

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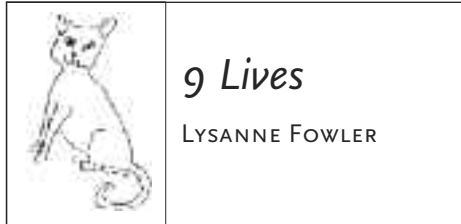
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Dexter

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now is a loving family.

If you would like more information on him, please page Gerdy's organization at 514.203.9180 or email info@gerdysrescue.org. You can also refer to www.gerdysrescue.org for more information on Dexter and the rescue's activities and adoptions.

14-years 'young' Noël

When I found out from Lison at our neighbourhood Westmount Animal Hospital that they had an Egyptian mau cat for adoption, I had to go see him for myself.

They introduced me to Noël, with his incredible spotted silver and black coat and huge green eyes, and I knew why the Egyptian maus are such an extraordinary breed. In the breed specifics of the Cat Fanciers' Association, it refers to them as enchanting, companionable, interactive and heartbreakingly beautiful. Yes, I agree – these qualities apply to Noël.

He is 14 years young, is neutered and has had all his inoculations and a recent teeth cleaning. He is quite active and interested in the daily routine.

Noël is now living at the Westmount Animal Hospital as his owner was unwell and could no longer remain in his home.

Noël is loved by all but he needs a new family to call home in our neighbourhood. Please call Lison Côté at the Westmount Animal Hospital to find out more about him at 514.487.5300 or email info@chatunnel.com. You can also drop by for a visit as well. They are located at 349 Victoria Ave.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



Noël

Rats cont'd. from p. 3

"I can't tell you how many other people have been telling me they have them in and around their homes. But no one likes to talk it." Public Security director Greg McBain said his department also has been receiving complaints.

An exterminator has been hired to set out a number of baited box traps (poison-feeding stations) designed for rats which are not considered to pose a safety risk to children and small animals, including squirrels. These have been placed in various locations.

The problem is particularly acute in Lulham's own neighbourhood in lower Westmount and around Westmount Park, Lansdowne, Victoria Hall and the library, she said. But the rats are throughout the city, including the city hall. Someone has even been putting out peanuts and seed in the city's edible planters.

Last year, she recalled, the city had to replace the entire floor of the gazebo in Westmount Park damaged by rats that had infested the area beneath it.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Someone, somewhere, had a great connection with the weatherman.

On July 14, the Miriam Foundation's 50th annual Lori Black Memorial Golf Tournament at Hillsdale Club opened under Greek-blue skies – a huge relief after the oppressive thunderstorms the day before.

After golf, honorary president of the event, Westmounter **Herbert Black**, with his new bride **Véronique St. Pierre**, chic in a salmon satin sheath, hosted a delightful cocktail dîatoire in his antique- and orchid-filled home. And what a dinner it was!

Prosecco-sipping guests were served mouth-watering *hors d'oeuvres* before partaking of seafood and a sushi buffet. (Giant shrimp and lobster had their shells removed of course.) Then there was the real dinner.

Grilled meats sent alluring aromas over

Black's packed outdoor balcony, as partygoers enjoyed the magnificent view.

Noted were Westmounters **Leo Kolber** with his wife **Ronnie**, a stand-out in a scarlet silk pant suit; dentist **Lisa Kozloff** in black lace and a fun watch with a Hermès-orange strap; **Phil and Barbara Silverberg**, cool in white cotton; **Ricky Black** and **Jill Kessner**; **Gary and Erica Diamond** of Global TV, elegant in ecru – midsummer night's cream; and **Harvey and Alta Levenson**, whose pretty floral skirt echoed the beautiful blossoms on the balconies.

Also seen were former Westmounters **Rosalie and Gary Mintz**, as well as **Kelly Mackay** and **François Trudel** just back from Paris, and **Evelyn and David Kozloff**, president of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Miriam Foundation was well represented by CEO **Warren Greenstone**, **Sal Guerrero**, **Louis Ludwick**, **L.B. Erdle**, **J.C. Gravel**, **Carl Frymel**, **Norman Bercovitch**, **Howard Wallace**, **Norman Cohen** and **Bernie Pollock**.

The well-organized event raised \$520,000 to support programs that help people of all ages with autism spectrum disorders and intellectual disabilities.

See more photos on p. 45.



Veronique St. Pierre and Herbert Black.



Lisa and David Kozloff.



Phil and Barbara Silverberg.

Workers get forced holiday

Construction at four different locations in Westmount was stopped September 1 following noise complaints on Labour Day, a legal holiday, Public Security officials said. One call was received at 8:45 am for work on Prince Albert just north of Sherbrooke. Others followed soon after involving the installation of gypsum board on Argyle, then for a power tool hammering nails into cement on Elm and for floor sanding at an apartment at 4560 St. Catherine.



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Who would you invite to a dinner party – from any era, from anywhere?

Coco Chanel, Marlene Dietrich, Tina Turner, Golda Meir, Pierre Elliot Trudeau and Anita Merkel.

Who are your favourite designers?

I adore Coco Chanel. I also love Salvatore Ferragamo, Prada, Michael Kors, Pierre Balmain, Christian Dior, Christian Lacroix, Thierry Mugler and Yves Saint Laurent.

Music?

I attended the opera as a young girl, and today I still go regularly to L'Opéra de Montréal and the Canadian Opera Company in Toronto. My favourite classical singer is Pavarotti, as well as Beniamino Gigli and Maria Callas. My favourite rock-'n'-roll singers are Rod Stewart, whom I have seen live 30 times, and Tina Turner, whom I have seen live 31 times! Tina is nothing less than a force of nature.

What do you think of today's fashions?

There are some lovely clothes in some boutiques. But I find that some do not last beyond a season. They are either cheaply


Social cont'd. from p. 44

Alta and Harvey Levenson


made, too short or too frumpy. I love to shop at Ogilvy's and The Bay, as well as Old Montreal boutiques for shoes and clothes.



From left: Rosalie and Gary Mintz, and Gary and Erica Diamond.



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Mortazavi opens home to art



From left: Westmounters Homeira Mortazavi, Kathryn Lund, Jennifer Murray Lavoie and Michelle Mackay gather around Murray Lavoie's "The Afghan Girl" September 6.

MCLL displays its art at McClure



At the vernissage on August 28, from left, McGill Community for Lifelong Learning committee members Nola Brunelle, Astri Thorvik, organizer and Westmounter Ann Pearson and Théa Pawlikowska.



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Artist and art instructor Homeira Mortazavi opened her home on Lansdowne Ave. to exhibit works by 15 of her students on September 6. The artwork, which included colourful portraits and landscape paintings, were displayed in her large downstairs atelier and garden.

Many of the artists were in attendance during the open house, some of whom have studied with Mortazavi for over ten years.

Mortazavi, who exhibits frequently at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, studied under Guido Molinari at Concordia University, where she obtained a bachelor of fine arts and masters in art education.

The McGill Community for Lifelong Learning held a special 25th anniversary art exhibition at the McClure Gallery of the Visual Art Centre, which began at its vernissage on August 28.

Entitled "MCLL Artists" the three-day exhibition featured paintings, photography and sculpture by 32 of its 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 vernissage was attended by over 100 guests. – HB

1 of 16 dogs at KGP not licensed

A check of dog tags in the run at the King George (Murray) Park August 27 at 4 pm revealed that only one owner, a resident of Claremont, had failed to obtain the required permit, Public Security officials report. This was seen as indicating a greater adherence to the dog by-law than previous verifications suggested.

Worker's warnings over

A ticket for \$269 was issued August 28 to a contractor working after permitted hours at a house on Arlington, Public Security officials said. The worker was reported to have been warned two or three times the month before for the same offence. Officers went to the house after a neighbour's noise complaint at 6:40 pm and found a drill in use inside after the 6 pm deadline.

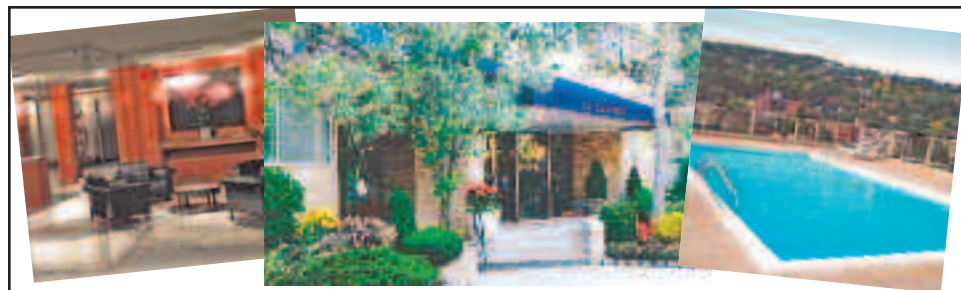
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they work very hard seven days a week."

Cairns plans to start spending more time with her husband, her three sons and her grandchildren.

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