

Front east fence to be removed: city

Neighbours disappointed by outcome of Roslyn school redo

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An outcry from neighbours around Roslyn School highlighted some of the citizen concerns at the city council meeting October 3. The outcome of the major project to redo the property was not what was expected, they said.

Instead of enhancing the aesthetics of the neighbourhood, the new 6-foot-high chain-link fencing surrounding the entire site made it look like “a penitentiary,” one claimed.

A garbage container keeps filling up and has not been moved back into its place since the construction, and the expanded

parking area dominates the streetscape on Roslyn Ave.

They claimed the design had been ill-conceived, that residents had never been consulted and the city had not been enforcing the same strict regulations it imposes on private homeowners.

Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier told the *Independent* the day after the meeting that the portion of chain-link fencing around the southeast section at Roslyn and Westmount Ave. had been installed without approval, and the city had sent out a notice as soon as it was done ordering mitigation of the problem.

“We also had a meeting [two weeks ago now] with authorities from the [English Mon- continued on p. 16

Dog spa day held to raise awareness of breed-specific legislation (BSL)



At a “Pity Party” hosted by Pampered Petson September 25, Tyson, a 12-year-old pit bull, receives the finishing touches following a bath from the shop’s groomers Vanessa Muraca, left, and Kayla Hiscock. See story, p. 3.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

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Bike path consultation set for Nov. 1

A public consultation meeting on the bike routes along Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. has been set for Tuesday, November 1.

In announcing the date at the city council meeting October 3, Councillor Philip Cutler said the time of day and location had yet to be determined. It’s at this meeting that the city plans to reveal the data it has been collecting during the bike route experiment launched last April.

Dog hit at The Boulevard/Grosvenor

Two cocker spaniels were reported to be running around loose at The Boulevard and Grosvenor September 29 when one was fatally hit by a car at 1:36 pm, Public Security officials said. A witness, who was found holding the other dog by its collar, had been unable to get the car’s licence number. Officers traced the dogs’ owner through a veterinarian tag to a resident of Roslyn who said she had recently moved to Westmount from the US and was unaware of the regulation to obtain dog licences. She was driven home with her dogs.

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York St. homeowners ask for access gate

Fence permit postponed for further study by council

By Laureen Sweeney

A permit for installing a back fence was postponed from the list initially recommended for approval by city council at its meeting October 3. The fence would cut off access to the rear of two homes on York St.

Councillor Theodora Samiotis, as commissioner of Urban Planning, announced the permit’s deferral at the start of the meeting. It required further study, she explained.

The proposed fence would run along the south side of the small private lane that goes east off Prince Albert Ave. at the back of property belonging to 4898 de Maisonneuve, where a large condo project was recently turned down by the council.

The fence would block the only access to the back yards, parking spaces and basement doors of numbers 41 and 43 York St., residents said during the question period.

“I ask for a gate to be put in the fence that would permit us to enter [our property,]” said Steven Cobrin of number 41. “Neighbours need to make accommoda-

tion.”

While he said he had no dispute with his neighbour, the city, he believed, should not consider such a situation to be a civil matter and leave it to two parties to turn to the courts, but should take “political leadership” to bring both sides together at the table.

“Is there a precedent,” whereby a property owner can block such a lane this way? asked Caroline Speirs from 43 York. She was told to research the background of her house at the time it was built. This might provide some information on rights of passages and servitudes.

Irma Alvarez of number 41 later said that the way her house was built in 1913 reflects the need to use a lane since large items, such as appliances, cannot be taken in and out of the front entrance.

“Given how lower Westmount has been built out, with properties so close together, so many laneways and the like, neighbours have had to collaborate to make our lives work,” she said. “These good-neighbour norms are part of what makes this community work.”

She also said she feared that blocking ac-



Peter Smale asks council October 3 about the status of the fence permit.

cess to the rear would also devalue the property.

Peter Smale, the property developer for 4898 de Maisonneuve, asked council dur-

ing the second question period why the fence permit had been removed from the list of permits to be approved.



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Pampered Pets holds a ‘Pity Party’ spa day for pits

By MARTIN C. BARRY

What with the recent controversy over the city of Montreal’s pit bull-type dog legislation, Westmount’s Pampered Pets decided to raise awareness of the downside of breed-specific legislation (BSL) with a special “Pity Party” for pit bulls on September 25.

Throughout the afternoon, owners were invited to bring in their beloved pit bulls to be treated to the canine equivalent of a free spa treatment at the dog grooming boutique on Sherbrooke St. near Claremont Ave. It consisted of a bath and forced-air drying off.

“Pit bulls are actually the opposite of what they say – they give a lot of affection,” Pampered Pets client and pit bull owner Anita Colarossi said in an interview

Woman hit when cyclist’s brakes fail

A cyclist hit a pedestrian stepping off the curb to cross at Sherbrooke and Greene September 28, Public Security officials said. The cyclist was trying to stop at the red light at 3:58 pm when her brakes failed to work. She hit the back of the heel of the pedestrian, another woman, who said she was alright and walked away. Patrollers drove the cyclist and her bike to her home on Grosvenor.

Car drives into fresh cement

A car became stuck in wet cement just poured at Wood and Sherbrooke September 30, Public Security officials said. The navy blue Lexus SUV sustained damage to the undercarriage and splash guard. It drove off after a small tractor was used to pull it free just after 2:55 pm.

with the *Independent*.

While admitting that pit bulls do have a reputation for being over-protective of their masters, she added, “they’re just such good dogs. I’ve had pit bulls all my life, and they never attacked anybody nor were they mean to any person or even another dog. They’re the most trustworthy dog breed to have actually.”

Despite the claims of those supporting BSL, Colarossi maintained that the temperament of any dog is determined by how it is treated by the owner.

“If they treat them well, and they give them a lot of love and affection, then they’re going to be great dogs, but if they treat them in a rough and aggressive way, then they’ll be tough and aggressive,” she said.

Pampered Pets owner Anna-Maria

Runner driven home after fall

A Westmount woman was driven home by Public Security September 27 after falling at Lexington and Edgehill, department officials said. The 78-year-old was out for a run when a patroller spotted the mishap at 12:18 pm and went to her assistance. She stated she had “strange sensations” in her head and chest but did not want to be evaluated by Urgences Santé.

Noisy drilling stopped at bank

A complaint of noise coming from the basement of the TD Bank at Sherbrooke and Claremont at 12:53 am was traced to electrical work in progress, Public Security officials said. The call on September 28 came from a neighbour. Workers stated they were drilling through the foundation and had to complete the work before the bank’s opening hours. They were told they could continue if they stopped the drilling.

Ranieri also upheld the pit bull as a breed she said she’d deal with any time. “From a grooming perspective, they’re super easy to do, they’re great to work with and a lot of fun,” she said.

Although Ranieri said she does occasionally have to work with some difficult dogs, “in my experience it’s usually the smaller dogs that are difficult,” she added.

“We haven’t had any issues with any larger breed dogs. They’re all usually calm. No issues with biting or snapping. That’s a more common issue we see with smaller

and more timid dogs.”

Arlene Devine, a Westmount dog owner who opposes BSL, told the *Independent* that Westmount should not follow the example of Montreal, which is specifically targeting pit bulls, but rather should emulate the city of Calgary, which passed a dangerous dog by-law without singling out any specific breed.

“Each dog is looked at individually to see if it is in fact a dangerous dog,” she said.

See photo, p. 1.

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Women's Canadian Club has many Westmount members

Organization comes 'home' to Vic Hall after 110 years

By Laureen Sweeney

When the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal (WCCM) moved its monthly luncheon speaker meetings into Victoria Hall last month, it became the latest organization to join a number of others now calling the city's community centre home.

The move to being quartered in Westmount for the first time in its 110-year history is like "coming home" for many of

the club's members, said Pat Roman of Lansdowne Ave., who has been working for a year to get the meetings into Victoria Hall.

"We've almost always had at least 50 per cent of our members coming from Westmount," she added. Among the local members is the president Pam Brydges of Victoria Ave.

The club has an "active" membership list of 207 as of October 1, she said.

Roman, as program co-chair with Jane Wightman, said the organization's board has been meeting in the library for the last year. It began searching for more space for the monthly lectures after many years at the Unitarian Church on de Maisonneuve just west of Claremont in NDG. Access to the location had also become increasingly difficult.

The move to Vic Hall is expected to generate increased interest and membership in both the library and the club, Roman said.

More than 140 people attended the "Day 1" meeting on volunteerism, about 50 more than usual, she explained. "We were

extremely busy. We had a number of first-time people buying tickets for that day and others who were unable to attend asking for a list of speakers."

In fact, it's a good fit for both the club and Victoria Hall's role as a community centre, said Julie-Anne Cardella, director of the library and Community Events, which merged operations two years ago (see story September 9, 2014, p. 4).

"It raises the profile of all our programs," she explained, adding, "especially if it attracts people to the library."

Cardella addressed the audience after the club's first event at Victoria Hall September 20 and told the *Independent* last week that "we noticed many people came over to the library afterward."

While "a few extra spots" have been opened up for Community Events at Vic Hall after the gradual relocation of some of the city's Sports and Recreation programs to the Westmount recreation centre, this was not the case with the Women's Canadian Club.

"Unfortunately, we were not able to give them the Monday time they requested, she

said. But the third Tuesday of every month was available.

The organization was introduced in the fall/winter issue of the brochure on Library, Cultural and Community Events, stating that the library "is proud to collaborate with the WCCM to present a series of monthly lectures at Victoria Hall."

It describes the group as "founded in 1907 by Lady Drummond and Mrs. Elsie Reford to encourage the preservation of Canadian heritage and history, and to introduce the early 20th-century woman to a knowledge and understanding of matters of public concern in order to strengthen Canadian unity and identity."

The next lecture Tuesday, October 18 will hear journalist Mark Abley speak on "Truth and Reconciliation" about the country's residential schools based on his book *Conversations with a Dead Man: The Legacy of Duncan Campbell Scott*.

While the annual membership in the organization costs \$50, individual tickets are sold for \$10 to attend the lecture at 12:30 pm. The cost of lunch at 11:15 am costs an additional \$5 for everyone.

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Photo: Ralph Thompson

Falls ill during yoga

A woman was taken to the Jewish General Hospital September 27 after feeling unwell during an evening yoga class at Victoria Hall, Public Security officials said. The resident of Holton asked for assistance from Urgences Santé.

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Panelists commend federal, provincial response to Syrian refugee crisis

Next step is to recognize education, experience of Syrian refugees in Quebec, Weil tells Temple audience

By Isaac Olson

In a Westmount-based panel discussion exploring Canada’s and Quebec’s response to the Syrian refugee crisis, provincial legislator Kathleen Weil said September 19 that over all the process has gone well, and the next step is to recognize the education

and work experience of these newly landed immigrants.

“There were concerns and fears – fear about what was going on with terrorism and in Syria,” said Weil, who lives in Westmount and represents the NDG riding as the minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness. “It was a delicate issue to

some extent, but I felt confident that we could do it right especially if we’re supported by Canada. So we made a plan, and we were the first province to announce a plan.”

That plan, she said, was to take in 7,300 refugees over two years between 2016 and 2017. So far, she added, the program has been a “great success.”

Weil was speaking during an event hosted by the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and sponsored by the Brian Bronfman Family Foundation.

Keynote speakers included Weil and Ray Boisvert, the former assistant director of

the Canada Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). Mutsumi Takahashi of CTV News served as facilitator on a panel that also included Syrian immigrants.

Panelists from Syria spoke of the difficulties of integrating into Canadian society and the importance of accepting them without prejudice as they adjust to Western life. Takahashi spoke of the importance of dispelling misunderstandings and reaching out to these new immigrants who have fled a war-torn country in search of a safer place to live with their families.

Weil said, as immigrants began coming in, *continued on p. 15*

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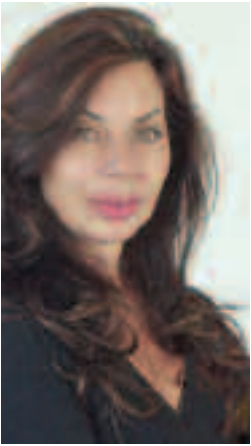
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Quebec’s immigration minister Kathleen Weil, who represents the NDG riding, speaks to a gathered crowd in the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on September 29. Weil was a panelist member in a discussion on the Syrian refugee situation in Quebec and across Canada.



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are sometimes reported, and Andy Dodge's History by the House provides us with fascinating information about some of Westmount's homes. We would love to see coverage of our events and Comin' Up carried on a regular basis. Keep up the good work.

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Adams' donation changes name of YM-YWHA

The Westbury-based YM-YWHA is now called the Sylvan Adams YM-YMHA. Adams, a recent Westmounter, made a "significant donation," according to the organization's new release. Adams moved recently to Tel Aviv.

Westmounter Andrea Rosenbloom is president of the Sylvan Adams YM-YWHA.

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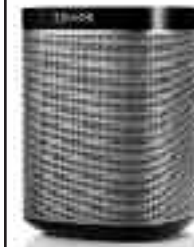


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEFENDING ‘OFF TRACK’ COMMENT

Mr. Hoare’s disagreement with my assertion that our city council is going off the track (“On right track,” October 4, p. 6) ignores the fact that expensive, complicated parking meters have been installed throughout the city. Perhaps Mr. Hoare does not drive so he is unaware of the inconvenience these meters are causing.

As far as the bike paths on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. are concerned, it might be worthwhile to survey the amount of bike traffic on these paths.* It should be noted that although these paths are designated as one-way only, many cyclists have been observed cycling the wrong way thus increasing danger for all.

Finally, my comments were not directed at Mayor Peter Trent, whom I agree has been a very effective mayor, but at the city council itself.

TIM CARSLY, BARAT RD.

** Editor’s note: The Indie ran a story on the city’s bike-route data collection in its July 12 edition, p. 2. Please also refer to the p. 1 story of this issue “Bike path consultation set for Nov. 1.” – KM.*

SIGNIFICANCE?

Five-pointed stars painted in red, yellow or gold started appearing on lamp posts and mail boxes along the Boulevard in the summer. Sometimes just one star, sometimes two.

Have you any idea what they mean and if they are intentional from the city or simply graffiti?

SUSAN GOLD, SNOWDON



Photo courtesy of S. Gold

A photo of graphics found on a lamp post on the north side of the Boulevard between Victoria and Grosvenor was taken in August.

HAPPIER AFTER THE FALL

I would like to thank the two Good Samaritans who came to my aid after taking a face-first header on an uneven side-

walk October 2 at de Maisonneuve and Redfern.

Not only did Dave Guttmann, a CBC executive, assist me to totter to my feet, he led me to his doctor, Lynne McLachlin, who lives nearby.

While Dr. McLachlin attended to my bloodied nose, we had a pleasant conversation about our respective careers and problems facing Montreal media.

Despite the lingering pain, the “accidental” meeting with these two swell people made me feel better than before the fall.

TIM BURKE, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

SCAOPI WORKED

Re: “‘Disappointed’ Prince Albert/de Mais. owner reviews options,” (October 4, p. 1), Mr. Laframboise has no one to blame but himself for his “disappointment” in the proper recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and council’s adoption of same.

An essential condition precedent for a project to be reviewed under the Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy of an Immoveable (SCAOPI) process is that there be one or more demonstrable “special circumstances” warranting a divergence from the existing zoning. The proposed project even went so far as to anticipate the demolition of the existing building, thereby eliminating even the one special circumstance that might have warranted a trade-off on other parts of the site.

He was also fully aware of the existing zoning when he purchased the property, and it is reasonable to assume that those who have bought into the neighbourhood also knew of the existing zoning.

It also did not help in the proposal that the facts of the actual densities, heights, and certain constructions on the roof were not identified in a transparent way. In fact the only transparent item was the pro-

posed sixth-floor penthouse. That the overall design did not respect the neighbours to the south, the street-scape of the community nor provide any respectful design to adjacent properties, other than the adjacent Chateau Westmount residence, and proposed certain amenities that would actually be of no benefit to the community also did not help.

The benefits of the economics from this site can and should not be at the expense of the reduction in property values of the neighbours, nor their lack of enjoyment of the same.

Westmounters are fortunate to have a mayor and council that don’t simply chase the last tax dollar nor get seduced into accepting to start negotiating on projects that just ask for the moon.

KEN LONDON, ARCHITECT,
PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

SKY IS FALLING?

A few weeks ago, while driving down the laneway just north and parallel to Sherbrooke St. (behind the SAQ), I noticed some bricks ready to fall. I called Public Security and then left.

Recently, while repeating the same drive, I saw that nothing had changed.

I just hope that no one is directly under the building when those bricks come down.

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) presents “The Changing Face of Dorchester,” with speakers councillor Theodora Samiotis and Caroline Breslaw, WHA president. From 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: info@www.westmounthistorical.org.

Bochner and Ranellucci: The rhyme of line

Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK



ters “H” and “A” painted in textured yellow, orange and lime against a green background is visually stunning. Although “ha ha” is a frequent message in Bochner’s work, each painting, like a laugh, is unique.

For the multicoloured image “Obvious (MB5001),” the words “Do I need to paint you a picture?” is followed by a rude “Duh!” This and the composition “Thank you! (MB4965)” is a visual lament on common courtesy.

Other recent work includes computer lingo or dollar signs. A chronicler of our time, Bochner’s imagery separates words from context to record a decline in civility. Yet, whether large or small, his paintings remind viewers of the elegance of letterforms and beauty of colour-on-colour patterns. Exhibited at the Sherbrooke-St. gallery, Bochner’s work contin-



Mel Bochner “Ha Ha”

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Ranellucci: Artist as illusionist

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His style, a visual experiment within naïve art and expressionism, both discloses and hides reality.

Like a magician, Ranellucci repeats coloured lines and shapes to create interesting images.

Drawing on the lexicon of art history, floating objects on a wall create a Matisse-like pattern in “À l’aube du refuge.”

For “Somewhere over the sun,” a pyramid of acrobats in formation on a rooftop

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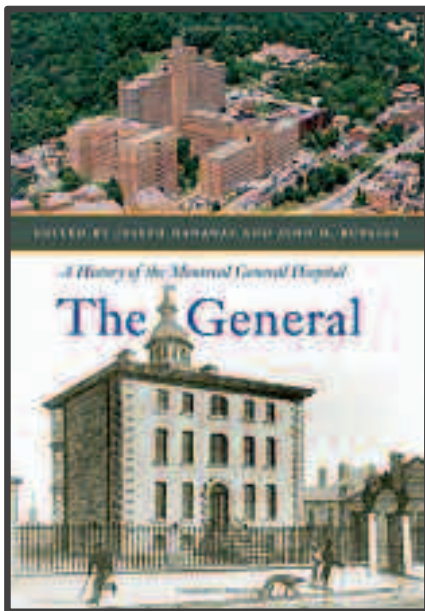
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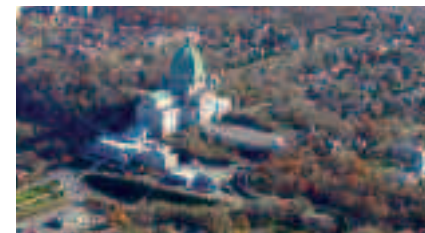
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Le Conseil du patrimoine culturel du Québec tiendra une consultation publique sur le plan de conservation du site patrimonial du Mont-Royal.

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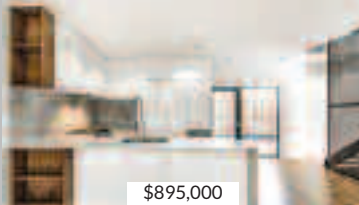
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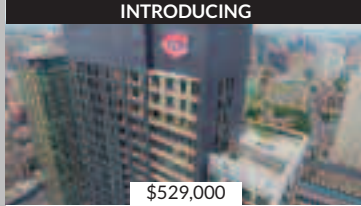
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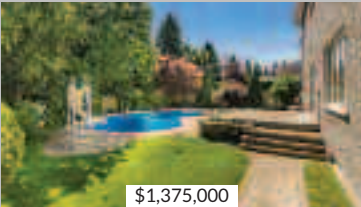
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History by the house

Sunnyside mansion on market for \$18.5M

**Real Estate**

ANDY DODGE

One of the most majestic mansions in Westmount came on the market this month asking \$18,500,000, believed to be the highest asking price ever floated in this city. It is listed by Rochelle Cantor and J. J. Jacobs of Sotheby's International Realty Quebec.

The double-property includes the huge stone home at 14 Sunnyside Ave. and its garage-cum-coach-house at 12 Sunnyside, which were split apart some 35 years ago even though the coach house actually contains the heating system for 14 Sunnyside and is connected by a cantilever, which was blocked off when the split took place.

The property is owned by Valeria Rosenbloom, wife of Mike Rosenbloom, who purchased 14 Sunnyside in 1982 in the name of Globe International, his publishing company in downtown Montreal, which paid \$940,000 at a time when the average Westmount house was selling for just over \$200,000.

The property was built in 1910-11 by Charles A. Smart, then lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Hussars (he was eventually a brigadier general), industrialist and at the time member of Westmount city council, who went on to serve seven terms as a Conservative member of the legislative (provincial) assembly for Westmount. He hired the architectural firm of Ross & McFarlane, which was responsible for numerous buildings locally and throughout Montreal (Roslyn School, St. Matthias' Church and the Westmount YMCA, for example). The contractor was Peter Lyall & Sons, whose credits include the parliament buildings in Ottawa and the Algonquin Hotel in New Brunswick.

The land was initially so far up the hill that it was unreachable for most purposes. Gregor McGregor, a local auctioneer, in 1871 had title to the land up the hill from what is now Clarke Ave., stretching into the woods. The Décarie family owned a strip of farmland just to the west, again leading into the woods. About this time, the Scottish community began to take an interest in this area, which was about to declare its independence from Montreal to form Notre Dame de Grâce, part of which became Côte St. Antoine and eventually Westmount.

John C. McLaren, a saddler and belt-maker, purchased the McGregor land while Alexander Foster, George Drummond and Thomas Taylor took title to the Décarie land, eventually turning it over to a group of Scots led by famed photographer William Notman, then to a company called the Westmount Homestead Company, formed in 1887 even though the town was still officially Côte St. Antoine (until 1895).

Despite efforts in the 19th century to subdivide the property for development, and despite the spectacular view afforded by its location on the mountain as well as construction of The Boulevard and extension of Clarke Ave. to The Boulevard, the land went through various hands without any construction: Joshua Bell, a commission merchant; David Yuile, a member of one of Montreal's most prominent families; J.A. Nicholson, registrar of McGill University; William Alexander Mackay, a local merchant.

Smart begins to build

Finally, in 1909, the growing town of Westmount extended a street through from Belvedere Rd. and Smart began assembling the land to build his mansion, buying lots from Mackay, Nicholson and Mackay's wife, Jessie Alan Baird.

In 1920, the sprawling mansion and coach house was sold to Mary Catherine Hannon, wife of Dr. Wilfrid Laurier McDougald, who was to become chairman of the Montreal Harbour Commission (1922) and eventually a Canadian senator (1926). He was credited with spearheading the construction of the Jacques Cartier Bridge.

In 1937, the house was sold to Edna Nelson, wife of Jules Robert Timmins, called a stockbroker in the deed of sale but known as the man who opened up northern Quebec to mining as a member of one of Canada's most noteworthy mining families, brother of Noah Timmins, who built his own huge mansion on what is now Belvedere Pl., and father of the late Pauline Timmins, wife of Westmount mayor Paul Ouimet, who died in office in 1975.

Jules Robert Timmins' death in February 1971 brought about the sale later that year to Boerries Terfloth, who ran a Westmount-based food trading company. He began breaking up the vast land surrounding the property and sold the house itself four years later to a prominent investor, Maurice Beriro.

Beriro spent five years trying to determine what to do with the sprawling mansion and even threatened to demolish it,



14 Sunnyside Ave., photographed September 30.

forcing the city to come up with ways that the house could be subdivided without affecting its majestic appearance. Finally in 1980, he divided away the coach house and tried for another three years to negotiate with the city until finally, in 1983, Globe International made an offer to purchase the entire building to the relief of city officials, who realized its importance to the Westmount fabric.

At the same time, however, two huge bungalows were constructed on the west side of the project and another house was built on the end of the driveway to the east of the main building. Another house was started on the land just to the east of 14 Sunnyside.

Beriro sold the coach house in 1980 to Adalbert Lallier and Anna Soares, and with various renovations over the years, it changed hands several times including, at one point, the involvement of René Lépine,

the creator of many of Montreal's more prominent condominium structures such as Sanctuaire du Mont Royal. In 2005, Mike Rosenbloom bought back the coach *continued on p. 14*

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house, but it still sits on its own lot with servitudes for rights of access and services. Eventually both titles were assumed by his wife, Valeria. Mike Rosenbloom died last April in Boca Raton, Florida, just before his 87th birthday.

“Over the years,” reads the promotional listing for the property, “the Estate has hosted prime ministers, presidents and other notables, including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and chess prodigy Anatoly Karpov.”

It sits just below the Westmount lookout and commands the same view; its sheer size makes it a prominent part of the landscape looking at Westmount mountain, and it receives great deal of attention in most books about Westmount.

Andy Dodge is a retired Canadian Residential Appraiser.

Overheard

Clarke Ave. and St. Catherine St.; September 22, 5:55 pm.

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Winter contracts awarded for bike lanes, parking lots, salt

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

While city council rejected one bid regarding the towing of cars during snow removal work (see story, same page), it awarded bids for clearing snow from the bike path on de Maisonneuve, removing snow in municipal parking lots, and a large supply of rock salt as a group purchase with the city of Montreal.

Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc. was accepted for the rental of one front-end loader with operator for snow removal in bicycle lanes during the winter season 2016-2017 (approximately 250 hours) in the amount of \$42,793, all applicable taxes included. This was the lowest of two other quotes.

The tender of Paysagiste Monti Inc. won the contract for snow removal in municipal parking lots for a total \$193,158, all applicable taxes included. It was lowest of five quotes.

As part of the city of Montreal group

purchase contract, the tender of Compass Minerals Canada Ltd. was approved for the supply of approximately 10,000 metric tons of coarse, crushed rock salt for winter 2016-2017 for a total amount of \$750,768, all applicable taxes included.

The price was 13.9 percent less per metric ton than last year, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works.

Additional tender

An additional tender was accepted from the same company for approximately 500 metric tons of coarse, crushed rock salt treated with magnesium chloride in a total amount of \$47,220.

This treatment allows for the salt to become “somewhat liquified,” he said. This accelerates its efficiency at extremely cold temperature. It costs 30 percent more “so we use it sparingly, usually on the hills.”

Lone bid rejected for towing of cars during snow removal

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Is Westmount a “protected” territory when it comes to the towing of cars during snow removal operations?

Without concluding that it is, city council rejected a lone bid at its meeting October 3, leaving city officials looking for another way to obtain quotes for the services other than through an invitation process.

The only bid came from the same company that had been the only one to quote on the contract for the three previous winters, said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works.

In moving the motion to reject the quote from 9096-1681 Québec Inc. (Auto Cam 2000), he read the entire legal wording of the resolution and, exceptionally, refrained from his usual comments.

The resolution stated the city had been “aware of a report prepared by Montreal’s office of the Inspector General dated September 25, 2016, which concluded” the firm “colluded with other businesses in the context of contracts being awarded by boroughs of the city of Montreal.”

But that, without concluding that the company “did collude with others in either Montreal or Westmount,” the resolution states, “the city of Westmount feels that it is in its best interest and that of its taxpayers to cancel the tender by invitation process.”

Others unable to bid

The contract for an estimated 600 hours had received the one quote for \$75,883.50 with four other companies replying they were unable to bid for several stated reasons.

“The other companies told us that they are not interested if there are no guaranteed hours,” according to background information provided by the city. “They also have a problem with the possibility of damage on high-end vehicles.”

For last winter season, 2015-2016, the contract was awarded to Autocam 2000 based on the estimated total hours of 360 at a cost of \$38,942.03 all applicable taxes included.



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Art scene cont'd. from p. 9

evokes the whimsy of naïve art. A mask-like shape in “Dormir sur une branche sans tomber” recalls the simplified style of Picasso’s later work.

A painting of a chair with multicoloured lines depicting depth is entitled “Regard du renard” or “stare of a fox.” A visual record of his own unflinching gaze, Ranellucci’s paintings tread on the ashes of dreams and illusions to create open-ended symbols. “Marcher sur les cendres” continues until Wednesday, October 19 at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave.



Nicolas Ranellucci “À l'aube du refuge”

Uncommon associations

United in opposition to artistic conventions, these artists illustrate the commonplace and create context through visual associations. While Bochner represents the realm of words and language, Ranellucci, in turn, creates symbolic images and illusions. Unified by rhyming lines and coloured shapes, these exhibitions speak volumes.

Heather Black is a Westmount communication designer.

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Syrian refugees cont'd. from p. 6

she was able to meet with them and it was clear that, at first, they worried about integrating into the community, learning the local languages and finding work. Regardless, she said, “They just kept saying ‘thank you to Canada. Thank you to Quebec.’”

Weil said, as the provincial government works to provide those needed services, her main concern is ensuring people don’t fall through the cracks. The next phase, she explained, included the “challenging” step of accrediting immigrants for their education and work experience.

“Many of these Syrians are professionals,” said Weil. “Many, mostly the men, feel very anxious that they won’t be able to provide for their families. We try to tell them, ‘Don’t worry. You will find your place. Refugees always have in Canada and Quebec.’”

Boisvert assured the some 100-member audience that the selection process is much safer than they realize. He admitted

that, after nearly three decades in CSIS, he can be a bit paranoid himself as he thinks about the dangers of the world. He said the threat against cyber-security is something people in Canada should be worrying about more than terrorists as, he said, “the chances of being struck down by a terrorist are infinitesimally small.”

The refugee screening process, he said, is very meticulous as specialists carefully review the history of each individual. Should an individual show any signs of vagueness in his or her background, immigration is delayed, and they move back in line until further investigation proves otherwise.

“When in doubt, cast out,” he said, explaining the basic motto of those screening potential refugees. “If there’s any undocumented history or any indicators of violence or any signs of criminal behaviour, of course this person is set aside for a longer process if not long-term seclusion.”



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Art event cleans up in former laundry space

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On June 7, the 6th annual Miriam Foundation art auction, in aid of autism, was held at the Parisian Laundry – yes, a former laundry site, hence the nod in the name – graciously sponsored by owner Nick Tedeschi, former local res, and his wife Dale. The evening's main sponsor was RP Investments Advisors.

Committee chairs were Westmounters Judy Wolfe, Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir, Carol Tryansky and Franki Yanofsky. They worked with amazing committee mem-



From left: Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir, Franki Yanofsky, Carol Tryansky, Sam Gold, Deborah Malin and Judy Wolfe.

bers Westmounters Robyn Brodje, Mara Greenstone, Vince Cavallo and Peter Yanofsky, along with Neil Tryansky, Deborah Malin, Carey Miller, Sam Gold, Rachel Cobrin-Kramer, Mark Lazar, Mark Levitt and Elizabeth Morello.

Board chair Diane Proulx-Guerrera, attending with husband Sal Guerrero, was thrilled with the art-full eve. The spacious loft-like gallery, with its

nounced that \$100,000 was raised. "The needs are urgent as one child in 68 is diagnosed with autism and can wait up to two years for early intervention services." Presented by white glove-clad volunteers (very Sotheby's/Christie's!), 32 out of 34 works sold. One of the evening's highlights was a painting by John Little, "Goelettes St-Joseph de la Rive," selling for \$10,500 and a painting especially painted for the occasion by Gilles Labranche entitled "Pine x. St. Laurent Blvd" (\$2,200.) Auctioneer was the talented Roch Fournier.

Westmount establishment Java U, renowned for delicious eats, catered the



From left: Reuben Becker, Warren Greenstone and Sal Guerrero



Rebecca, left, and Mandy Wolfe.

wonderful high, wood-beamed ceiling, popped with bright green tablecloths and Hampton Beach-style striped seat cushions.

Warren Greenstone, MF president and CEO, an-



From left: Robert Wiseman, Mark Levitt, Francine Wiseman and Joy Bultz.

dinner.

Noted in the crowd were local res Joy Bultz, Gloria Bass, Peter Lashchuck, Alyssa Yufe, Robert Wiseman and Steven Goldberg and Reuben Becker, sisters Rebecca and Mandy Wolfe of famed Mandy's salads fame, and Charles Bitton, father of Maxwell Bitton, the 24-year-old autistic artist, whose work was shown at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts this year.

Maude Bourassa, the
foundation's special pro- continued on p. 18

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ject/communications manager, announced that the successful eve raised \$100,000.

The Miriam Foundation was established in 1970 to meet specific needs required by children with autism and/or an intellectual disability. As research has shown that early intervention has a critical impact on children's development, the foundation's priority is to raise funds for preschool programs.

Writers join artists at Art Westmount

BY HEATHER BLACK

Nine writers joined over 60 painters, photographers and sculptors at the sixth biennial Art Westmount exhibition at Victoria Hall October 1 and 2.

Westmount author Susan Doherty Hannaford showcased her debut novel *A Secret Music*, which was researched and written in Westmount Public Library.

Writer Cora Siré spoke of the "the importance of community interest to encourage writers and artists" and read from her book *Signs of Subversive Innocents* the poem "Zeitgeist" inspired by artist Bruce Roberts riding his bicycle with a large canvas attached through Westmount streets.

Watercolourist Tom Thompson, together with his daughter and photographer Shaune Thompson, exhibited their recent work, while newcomer artist Nicole Chartard presented her ceramic sculptures



Susan Doherty Hannaford displays her novel.

and large-scale paintings for the first time.

Part of Montreal's *Journées de la culture*, the exhibition was also held at Place Kensington.



Artist and former city councillor Tom Thompson, right, stands with his daughter and photographer Shaune Thompson.

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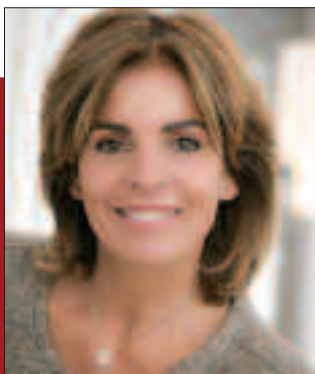
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