

Provigo project 'on hold' – perhaps until November

City meets with STM on trucking activity for Vendôme tunnel construction

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It is now expected the number of trucks that will use the gate off St. Catherine during construction of the Vendôme Metro station tunnel will be fewer than originally thought, District 5 councillor Christina Smith said last week.

She and Mayor Peter Trent met at the beginning of March with the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) on the sub-

ject and learned that approximately nine trucks would go in and out of this location an hour for an hourly total of 18 entries and exits.

This is based on a total of 30 entries and exits an hour that were reported to be required to cart away earth from the construction site, of which 60 percent would use the Westmount gate.

Before the loaded trucks exit, they would be cleaned off at a washing station “which should mean they will come out clean,” Smith ex-

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City warns KPH/Turcot to ‘fix’ noise problem on new route

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The ball started rolling last week in the city’s promised legal action to seek sound reduction from the new highway replacing the Ville Marie expressway.

“I gave the go-ahead today for a *mise en demeure* to be sent to KPH/Turcot,” Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* March 21. The warning to the design-build consortium to “fix the problem” or face court action would likely include the ministry of Transport (MTQ), he said.

Trent said the file was being given to the law firm Irving Mitchell Kalichman.

The city contends it had been told throughout the years that the westbound

Laurentian to leave Westmount



As seen on March 22, the Laurentian Bank's Westmount branch at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria is set to close on April 27. See story, p. 10.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

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'Our kids really need a synthetic field:' Roper Soccer club adds new teams as registration jumps 50%

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Interest in playing inter-city soccer has escalated so quickly that the Westmount Soccer Club's registration for this coming season has jumped more than 50 percent to a record 250, its officials said last week. Two new youth teams have been added as well as a first-time team (U21) for ages 19 to 21.

All hopefuls are vying for some 175 spots in tryouts now under way for the 10 teams. The club is active in the year-round inter-city Lac St. Louis league at the competitive "A" level. This differs from the city's recreational in-house spring soccer program that starts in May and runs until the end of June.

The soccer club is a parent-run initiative held in partnership with the city's Sports and Recreation department, which supports the program.

With the surge in inter-city registration, however, the lack of a fully lit field in Westmount means the new U21 team will not be able to play "at home" since all games at this level are at night, says club president Mark Roper. The team is aptly called "The Wanderers."

"Our kids really need a synthetic field and lights," he said. "It's a pity, but the soccer club is adapting to that reality."

As a family physician and head of the primary care division at the MUHC, Roper said that while some concerns have been raised about synthetic fields related to possible health issues among younger players, the health risks to children by not exercising means the soccer club supports the

need for a synthetic field. Synthetic turf is not dependent on weather conditions.

Happy city assuming field management

On the other hand, he said, "We're very happy Westmount is taking over management of the fields this year [from sub-contractors], and that they were refurbished at the end of the season." (See story March 7, p. 1.)

The Westmount Soccer Club maintains a ratio of 80 percent of players who live in Westmount, according to Doug Hamilton, who works on the club's registration and website.

"We've added more teams this year to meet the demand for younger players. These will provide a total of six boys' and three girls' teams. We saw a huge demand for younger boys' teams. U9 is the youngest team we will enter in the league."

Last year, the club had a "Skill Squad" development program, and "based on the high demand this year, we expect to participate in an under-8 development league readying players for competitive teams in 2018," Hamilton said.

The current tryouts are taking place at the indoor Concordia soccer dome, which the club is renting for the purpose. He said the club hopes to have some practices in April on rented artificial fields "to be ready for the season to start in May when our fields are ready."

The Westmount Soccer Club entered five teams in the annual Lac St. Louis Indoor Tournament in January and brought home three silver medals.



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Action plan recognizes 6,600 residents

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city’s “2017 Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities” was adopted March 6 by city council. It is aimed at improving accessibility and social integration in a wide range of municipal services.

Known as the “accessibility report,” its introduction states the report is based on an estimate that more than Westmount 6,600 residents experience some form of

mobility, visual impairment or other obstacles. This is based on Canadian census figures from 2011 which, it explains, do not include parents who, by pushing a stroller, may experience temporary mobility issues.

“In light of these data, the city understands the importance of responding to the needs of a not insignificant portion of the population” in an effort to reduce obstacles to social participation, it states.

The city’s report, which includes initiatives realized the previous year, is required by provincial law on the rights of “handicapped” persons.

The report also includes, however, a special “Access Westmount” annex initiated many years ago by the city’s Healthy City Project, which, this year, evaluates the accessibility of some 100 public places such as restaurants, facilities and parks on Westmount territory. This survey is now undertaken by the Urban Planning department.

One omission from the action plan raised at the council meeting by Councillor Patrick Martin was an evaluation of accessibility of city sidewalks whose condition, he said, was “in bad shape” (see separate story, p. 5).

2016 realizations

An example of last year’s projects realized was the replacement of ground covering in park playgrounds using a specialized fiber material engineered to reduce injury and allow access by wheel chairs. Adapted swings bought for installation in parks, however, had to be postponed.

“These adapted swing seats are wider

than the traditional ones,” according to Benoit Hurtubise, assistant city director general for infrastructure and engineering. They were found to require an adaptation or a change of the existing swing frames and instead will be installed starting with King George (Murray) Park, this summer, he said.

A fully wheelchair-accessible water park was also installed in Prince Albert Park last fall for use this summer.

At Westmount Public Library, a new program called “The Tales & Travels Series” was introduced last year as a weekly activity for individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Another program realized in 2016 was the implementation by Public Security of an online dog licensing program to replace the need to purchase permits in person, while city by-laws were made easier to access and read by people with visual and mobility challenges owing to a new search engine.

Interestingly, and conspicuous by its absence in this year’s report is the city’s opposition mentioned at the start of the 2016 report to a plan by Canada

Post to eliminate home

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An example of a wide crack and uneven sidewalk on Victoria Ave alongside the CHSLD Château Westmount care facility at the corner of de Maisonneuve March 24.



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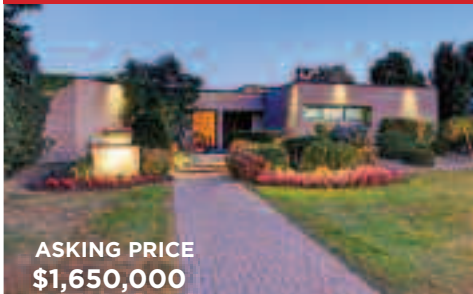
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facing disabilities, playgrounds earmarked for '17



An example of one of the city's accessibility initiatives is a decision to leave in place the old coin-operated meters near reserved parking spaces to provide easier usage and accessibility. This one is seen on Victoria Ave. March 24.

delivery. It cited the challenges that community mail boxes could present to older persons as well as those with mobility problems. A moratorium has since been placed on the Canada Post proposal by the federal government.

While some schools and religious institutions are noticeable by their absence from the annexed access guide, this is reportedly because only accessible places are assessed, though some without entry access have, in

fact, been included.

Of eight major city parks, all have accessible comfort stations except for Summit Woods as well as Sunnyside and Selby

parks, both listed as being on hilly terrain. All municipal buildings are deemed accessible, though the greenhouses, which are now closed, are not listed.

How accessible are city sidewalks?

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The question arose at the council meeting March 6: just how “accessible” are city sidewalks for people with mobility or visual challenges?

Also asked was what had been the outcome in this regard from the Safe Walk Audit in 2010. This had been a survey of street and sidewalk safety conducted by a force of 125 volunteers coordinated by Westmount resident Francie Montgomery for the Community Life committee of the city's Healthy City Project.

Following up on the condition of sidewalks raised by Councillor Patrick Martin at the city council meeting, Paul Marriott, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, said during a question period that “we have never seen a final report” and it would be interesting to see what the audit had achieved in terms of sidewalk accessibility.

Councillor Theodora Samiotis pointed out that she had been commissioner of Sustainability at that time and recalled then Public Works director Marianne Zalzal using the audit as a reference. “A lot more people are now saying the sidewalks need attention,” she added.

In June, 2011, Zalzal had told the *Independent* that while some conditions mentioned in the audit might already have been attended to as part of regular city maintenance, the city was taking steps to fix others that were within the year's budget.

“We have only recently received a compilation of all the problem areas entered into a spreadsheet by a McGill graduate student,” Zalzal explained. “We have designated one member of the department to check out each one and determine its priority.”

At that time, Zalzal's update had been prompted by Montgomery at a council meeting asking when the audit's findings would be addressed. Some recommendations had required “immediate attention” (see June 1, 2011, p. 1).

Fast forward, Montgomery told the *Independent* last week all the findings had been left in the hands of Public Works.

She said she and Marilyn Gillies, of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, were intending to pursue the accessibility of sidewalks. “There is certainly work to be done today in terms of filling large cracks and uneven places. I'm still very concerned.”



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NEED ‘BIG TEAMS’ TO MAKE INDOOR POOL A REALITY

Unfortunately one more time District 7 councillor Cynthia Lulham and Mayor Peter Trent found a way to stop the construction of a public indoor swimming pool in the second most densely populated city in Canada. And, surprisingly it is the only city on the great island of Montreal without a public indoor pool.* It was a very smart move to be quiet during this transaction to avoid a public consultation.

They already have their dream hockey rink, why do they want to stop the construction of a dream indoor pool?

All the benefits of swimming for the community have been mentioned a hundred times; and all the expressed excuses to halt a project of this magnitude are easily debunked by an example of what a smart/low budget/technologically advanced and well organized public indoor pool looks like: this is the Côte St. Luc Aquatic and Community Centre.

This is a very important moment for the Westmount community, and this “game/competition” can only be won with the help of big-team members, such as Selwyn House School, MP Marc Garneau, the Molson family and many others.

Selwyn House understands the benefits

of a fit mind and body; and for sure they know that swimming is an all-team-members simultaneous participation. Nobody sits on the bench. This is an opportunity to complete their school’s sport spectrum.

Garneau is a hero for many and for many reasons; he once mentioned he had been an avid swimmer, too; this is an extraordinary example of how swimming has been, and is, part of amazing people’s lives.

The Molson family always wants to give back to the community; maybe this is the best opportunity to participate with their resources and smart views.

Or maybe just a public consultation is needed.

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.
* Editor’s note: There are 15 municipalities, including the city of Montreal, on the island, eight of which have no indoor pool, including two that describe themselves as “cities” – Westmount and St. Anne de Bellevue. For clarity, while Westmount does not have an indoor pool, residents have some access to the Westmount Y’s indoor pool. – KM.

MORE SWIMMERS THAN HOCKEY PLAYERS

I thoroughly agree with John Fretz (“More study into indoor pool at Hillside

armoury,” March 14, p. 6) that the Hillside armoury should be considered as a site for a Westmount indoor pool.

I was one of many who supported the idea of an indoor pool versus a second hockey rink for obvious reasons: There are many more Westmounters who can swim over those who play hockey.

Mr. Trent at the time said that a pool would be very expensive to maintain.

We now know for sure that the sports needs of a small segment of the population was given preference over the needs of the majority of the population, young or old, male or female. Perhaps our time has come?

MAYA KHANKHOJE, METCALFE AVE.

RECONSIDER ARMOURY BEFORE TOO LATE

The city of Westmount is not interested in buying the armoury as a future site for an indoor pool. A letter by John Fretz in the March 14 edition of this paper (“More study into indoor pool at Hillside armoury,” p. 6) clearly sums up this issue. This site would be an ideal location for a new indoor pool, even if the city is not ready at this time to proceed with such an investment. This site should be secured now, as the opportunity will never return.

The city should launch a feasibility study into providing an indoor pool, potential usage surveys and reviewing sources of financing such as the federal infrastructure fund and participation by the many private schools in the city, as was done in the case of the hockey rinks.

From the environmental viewpoint, a pool in this location could be heated by the waste heat from the ice rink machinery, similar to the existing outdoor pool.

I hope the city will reconsider its decision before it is too late.

PETER TSUK, LANSDOWNE AVE.

A PETITION TO BRING DALLE-PARC BACK IN TURCOT PLANS

As a cyclist and also as an advocate for public engagement in urban planning decisions, I was very disappointed to learn that the pedestrian and cycling overpass (“dalle-parc”), promised to us by Premier Couillard, had mysteriously disappeared from the original plans for the new Turcot.

The MTQ failed to communicate the change. Sound familiar? (see “City to take legal action for highway sound relief,” February 28, p. 1.)

Luckily, the Conseil régional environnement Montréal (CRE-Montréal) picked up on the omission, and there is now a pe-

tition circulating to bring the dalle-parc back.

I invite fellow Westmounters to join me in signing the petition at bit.ly/2n12aQU, not only because you too want to be able to get around more easily by foot or bicycle to the Lachine canal, but, by way of this petition, you too wish to offer our premier an opportunity to set a higher standard of accountability, transparency and better communication at the heart of the MTQ – one that will better serve Westmounters in the future.

MARINA BRZESKI, GROSVENOR AVE.

GIVE SOME LEEWAY FOR UNUSUALLY LARGE SNOWSTORMS

In the course of our winters, we have snowfalls of 30 cms that the city’s Public Works crews handle seamlessly. But when a major snowstorm dumps and blows 50 cms of snow that becomes a different matter.

In a normal snowstorm, the Bombardier plows are used to clear the sidewalks. [The week of March 13,] however, due to drifts of two feet and higher on the sidewalks, the plows could not get through the built-up snow. As a result, on many streets the sidewalks were impassable until the larger snow-clearing equipment was brought in.

As a pedestrian, I did notice streets where the only path on a sidewalk was one made by foot traffic. I agree that this is not the standard we are accustomed to in Westmount.

This was an unusually big snow storm that dropped a huge amount of snow in a short time, and the crews worked long hours for many days to clear the snow.

[Soon], the Public Works department will be having a postmortem to discuss the storm. Priorities and pedestrian safety will be discussed, along with ways to clear a sidewalk on each street.

I would like take this opportunity to thank the gang at Public Works for the significant effort they put into snow clearing our city. As I write this letter, all the snow has been removed from the streets in Westmount, several days ahead of schedule.

Now it’s time for spring!
COUNCILLOR ROSALIND DAVIS, DISTRICT 4

PLEASE PEOPLE, DON’T PUT YOUR SNOW ON SIDEWALKS

I realize readers hope we have seen the last of the snow this year. However, for future harmony and safety, may I offer a reminder

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and make a plea?

When those with large parking aprons permit their contractors to pile the snow on the sidewalk, this prevents the plows from making the sidewalks usable. It is illegal and unfair. It forces pedestrians, especially the elderly and disabled, to use

the cleared road. This is scary and slows traffic.

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PARKING SYSTEM MORE THAN PAYS OFF

In response to Mr. Carsley's letter published March 21 ("What about cost of parking system?" p. 6), I would point out that the city invested in our new parking system owing to the ever-increasing demand from our citizens wishing to pay for their parking in Westmount by using either a credit card or an app. Thanks to the leadership of Councillor Philip Cutler, after extensive research, we invested in a state-of-the-art "pay by plate" system. It is a first in Quebec and is the type of system that Montreal is now considering moving to.

My use of the expression "going gangbusters" was in reference to the fact that since its introduction last May, 208,000 different vehicles have "used" the system, and we have had 975,000 total transactions to date. In my mind, this decision was both an effective and appropriate response to our fellow citizens' wishes, as well as a good investment.

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million, that amount will be paid back within just over three years, as this new system will net us \$312,000 a year thanks to savings in coin collection, the increased number of parking spaces, increased overall usage and a number of other factors.

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White pick-up catches fire



Looking west across Greene Ave. March 21 into the municipal parking lot, staff at Chez Nick witnessed a vehicle on fire.
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Firefighters put out a fire in a white pick-up truck March 21 in the municipal parking lot on Greene south of Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. Patrollers came across the incident at 11:28 am and assisted firefighters by blocking Greene to traffic.

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Car ends up astride large snowbank

A parking inspector working on snow removal operations with Public Works reported a black Audi perched sideways on a large snowbank at The Boulevard and Clarke March 18 at 10:18 am, Public Security officials said. The driver was “shaken up” but not hurt. He was described as having driven eastbound on the Boulevard at “a high rate of speed” when reaching Clarke, where he missed the curve. A passing police car was stopped, and the driver was taken into custody for missing some of his documentation. The car was badly damaged.

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Paquin delights audience with tales of Westmount war hero

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The Westmount Historical Association's second lecture in its winter/spring series featured guest speaker Nicolas Paquin, who gave a colourful presentation March 16 to an amused audience.

Some 50 audience members, including Mayor Peter Trent, gathered in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library to listen to Paquin, a writer, storyteller and teacher, who created his talk to Westmounters based on old World War II photograph he had discovered. He said he was struck by the "handsome young man" standing on the wing of a Hawker Typhoon fighter-bomber. His research discovered the man was Westmount native

Ross Eveleigh Johnson, who grew up at 107 Sunnyside, attended Roslyn School, Westmount High and McGill University.

Through reading "72 well-written letters by Ross to his parents" penned during his two years of flying in Europe, Paquin discovered that Ross started his military training in 1942, got his wings in 1943 and joined 438 Squadron. He died in Normandy on July 15, 1944. He was buried in the Beny sur Mer Canadian War Cemetery.

Paquin writes for teenagers and adults and bases his subject on real World War II heroes.

The historical association's next lecture will focus on Westmount women volunteers during World War II. It is to take place Thursday, April 20.



Nicolas Paquin shows a photograph of Westmount World War II pilot Ross Eveleigh Johnson. The photo was the inspiration behind one the stained glass windows in Mountainside United Church by artist Charles William Kelsey. Inset: Paquin answers questions after his lecture.



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Laurentian Bank's Westmount branch to close next month

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount is to lose its branch of a major bank next month.

The Laurentian Bank branch on the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Victoria Ave. will be closing permanently on April 27.

"We announced in the fall of 2016 that we would be merging some branches, while ensuring we continue to provide the level of service that meets our customers' needs, particularly as their transactional habits are changing," Benjamin Cerantola, a spokesperson at the bank's headquarters, said in an emailed response to the *Independent*.

According to Cerantola, the Laurentian's Westmount branch, as well as a branch on Sherbrooke St. at Oxford in NDG are being merged with other branches. The Laurentian Bank leases space in the two buildings, he added.

When it was suggested that some of the bank's current clients in Westmount might be inconvenienced by having to go downtown, where parking may be more difficult, and that seniors may not be able to

adapt as easily as younger clients to the automated methods the Laurentian and other banks are encouraging, Cerantola replied: "The needs of our customers are constantly evolving, and that is why we are making changes so that we can adapt to them. These changes mean that our customers no longer visit us in branches for their basic transactions. They now prefer to use other means to do their transactions such as the telephone, ATMs or other tools. It is a reality seen across the industry. We make sure to offer our clients alternatives in this period of transition and to support them in their different needs."

Customers who had safety deposit boxes at the Westmount branch were told to remove their contents and turn in their keys.

The downtown branch to which their accounts are being transferred at 1100 René Lévesque would not, however, be providing safety deposit services.

The manager of the bank's Westmount branch, Bianca Melissa Olszenka, did not respond to a request for her reaction to the local branch closing.

According to an article in the Westmount Historical Association's February 2011 newsletter, the City & District Savings Bank (as the Laurentian Bank used to be called) was built on the east side of Victoria Ave in 1951. The building's façade along Victoria once housed the Miss Westmount restaurant, which closed in the late 1990s.

See photo, p. 1.

Public Security's wheels-to-curb campaign includes video

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security launched an awareness drive last week to stress the importance of turning wheels to the curb when parking on a hill, department director Greg McBain said. The move comes on the heels of several recent incidents of cars rolling driverless down hills such as Church Hill, Strathcona and Ramezay, as reported in the *Independent*.

Patrollers were to be issuing warning tickets from March 23 to March 30 to cars spotted improperly parked, he said. After that, they may decide to actively issue tickets, as is done on a regular basis, he said.

"We're also making a video of some of the past incidents and showing people the correct way to turn their wheels on a hill," McBain explained. The video will be put on the city's website and on a variety of social media outlets.

Because the same safety measures apply to parking on all hills, particularly steep ones in downtown Montreal, he said, he hopes the video might serve as a model for the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

Leaning Washingtonian spotted

A truck was believed to have "hooked" a city Washingtonian lamppost March 21 in front of 120 Côte St. Antoine, according to Public Security officials. Officers spotted the pole leaning over at 4:08 pm, but there were no tire marks or other clues leading to the cause.

Wind in your hair



A more common sight in summer, this scene took place on a windy minus-9-degree C day on Sherbrooke near Grosvenor March 13 at around 4 pm.

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Police Report

No charges in case of infant remains at Victoria Ave. home

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

Montreal police investigators at Station 12 on Stanton St. believe they now know the origin of the remains of an infant found in January in the basement ceiling of a Victoria Ave. home – although they aren't identifying the individuals responsible for what happened at the house up to a half century ago.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, someone living at the house 45 to 50 years ago had either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, "and they didn't have the medical system that we have now," he said. "So they had it in the house, they took care of it there and they buried the remains in the basement."

Although the investigators confirmed they were dealing with human remains, "there was nothing that we could do – there was no crime that was committed," Laperrière said. "At the time of this [event],

the laws were different too," he continued, while adding that "there's no crime that's going to be prosecuted in this."

Laperrière said he had no information on the names of the occupants of the house during the time in question. "I talked with my commander about it before, and she asked for clarification from the investigators, and they haven't got back to her yet on it," he told the *Independent*.

30-something victim of phishing

A Westmounter who recently answered an email purporting to be from her banker then provided key personal information (including her social insurance number) became yet another victim of an email phishing scam.

Laperrière said the 35-year-old woman received an email on March 7, ostensibly from RBC, advising her that her account had been used by fraudsters and that she needed to update her personal information in order to keep using the account.

"To make sure her account didn't get frozen, she had to confirm certain information, and she did. She believed the email without verifying any further. But

then the next day she got a call back from the bank itself saying there had been a fraud in her account."

According to Laperrière, the public should be made aware that banks never require clients to validate personal information by email. "First of all, they have all your information – they don't need to validate it," he said. "But second, they will not send you an email to validate that."

Identity theft used in failed attempt to get credit card

Station 12 was alerted by a customer of a TD Bank branch in Westmount that a fraudster recently tried without success to obtain a credit card under her name.

According to Laperrière, the client had received a letter from the bank advising her of the fraud attempt.

Laperrière said the fraud artist had somehow gained access to the woman's personal information, including her name and social insurance number, and used them to apply to a bank in the US for a credit card.

"The application was refused," said Laperrière, while adding that the People's

Bank of Vermont turned down the phony application and alerted the TD Bank's Westmount branch to the fact one of its clients had been compromised.

Thieves steal car contents – or cars themselves

Station 12 officers recently dealt with a string of car thefts as well as thefts inside cars.

A car parked on Sherbrooke St. near the corner of Mountain Ave. on February. 28 around 7 am was broken into through the rear passenger-side window.

According to the police report, several boxes containing Bell Canada Fibe digital service terminals with accessory cables were stolen.

During the night of February 22-23, an Infiniti Q50 compact luxury car was stolen while parked on Lansdowne Ave. above Sherbrooke St.

"There were no signs of a broken window left on the scene, so we don't know how the car was stolen," Laperrière said.

Then on February 25 around 9 am, an Infiniti QX80 luxury SUV was stolen while parked *continued on p. 27*



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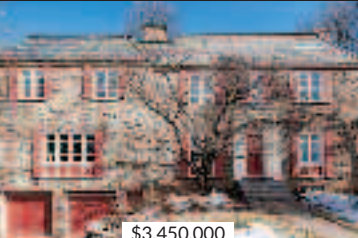


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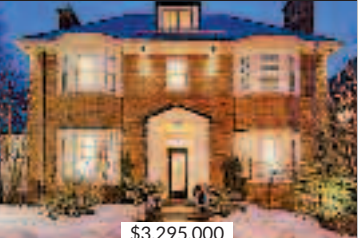


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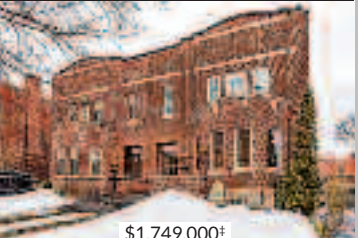


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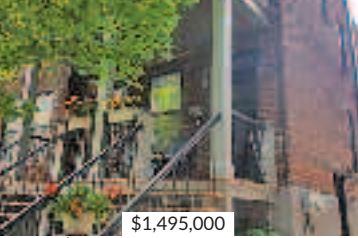


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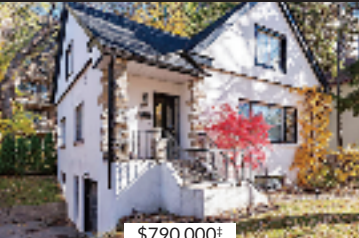


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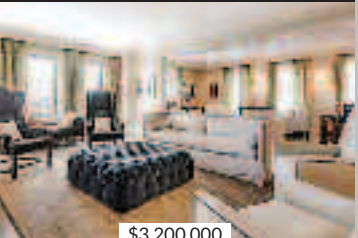


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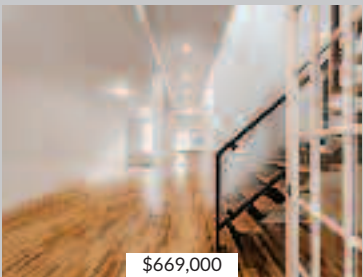
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Freeman, MacDougall artwork on exhibit at Vic Hall



Shelley Freeman and Alexandra MacDougall at The Gallery at Victoria Hall, March 23.

The current exhibition at the Gallery at Victoria Hall showcases the work of two Westmounters, Shelley Freeman and Alexandra MacDougall.

For Freeman, who creates organic, almost abstract forms based on rock formations, this exhibition is an opportunity to show her latest work based on the dimension of depth.

Painted in oils or mixed media on panel, she described her imagery as explorations of “every which way – downward, inward, upward – as observed underground or in pools of water.”

MacDougall, who is showing her figurative art for the first time, said that she was honoured to exhibit at Victoria Hall. Working in oils, watercolour and ink, MacDougall is interested in “seizing the passing moment – moments that will never come again in the same exact way.” This

exhibition, an interesting counterbalance of organic abstract forms with figurative art, continues until Friday, April 7.



Party crashers asked to leave Clarke house after noise complaint

A noisy party March 17-18 on de Maison-neuve near Clarke was attributed to a number of uninvited guests, Public Security officials said. Answering a call for people shouting in the laneway behind the home,

officers knocked on the back door, which was opened by a guest. When they went around to the front, they found a large group of teens leaving. The host explained that her six or seven invited guests had

started calling their friends who called more friends until she asked them to leave. She was given a verbal warning, and the party was over at 12:36 am.

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 29 mars, 10 h à 15 h, Bibliothèque.
Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de films documentaires

Le mercredi 5 avril, 19 h, Bibliothèque.

Ninth Floor (2015). Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

Vente de livres des Amis de la Bibliothèque

Les samedi et dimanche 8 et 9 avril, 10 h à 17 h, Victoria Hall. Des livres pour tous les goûts, à très bons prix. Tous les fonds recueillis seront consacrés à l'achat des nouveaux documents pour la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 483-5604 ou 514 989-5299.

Concours littéraire McEntyre 2017

Invitation aux étudiants du primaire et du secondaire de Westmount : participez au Concours littéraire McEntyre 2017 en écrivant une histoire, un poème ou un essai sur le thème **des endroits secret et des trésors cachés**. Tous les textes doivent parvenir au comptoir des enfants de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount **avant 21 h le vendredi 7 avril 2017**. Info : westlib.org.



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Concerts d'été : appel de candidature

Le Service de la Bibliothèque et des événements communautaires de la Ville de Westmount est à la recherche de groupes musicaux pour sa série de concerts d'été 2017. Pour participer, vous devez soumettre une démo sur CD/DVD ou clé USB; ou encore un lien vers le site web de votre groupe **au plus tard le jeudi 13 avril 2017**. Info : abaker@westmount.org ou 514 989-5226.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 3 avril

Galerie : appel de dossiers

Période d'inscription annuelle : du 15 février au 15 avril. La galerie de la Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2017-2018. Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. Un dossier complet peut être posté ou déposé (aucune soumission par courriel ne sera acceptée) au Centre communautaire Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5521 ou westmount.org.

Galerie de la Victoria Hall : exposition

Du 9 mars au 7 avril. La galerie de la Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une exposition mettant en vedette les artistes Shelley Freeman et Alexandra MacDougall. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche 10 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

Film et exposition :

La bataille de la crête de Vimy

Les lundi, mardi et jeudi, 3, 4 et 6 avril, Victoria Hall. Pour commémorer le 100^e anniversaire, le Musée du Régiment royal de Montréal présente plusieurs projections du documentaire de l'Office national du film du Canada. Info : 514 989-5226.



TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de résidus domestiques dangereux

Le samedi 29 avril, de 9 h à 17 h, Bibliothèque. Beaucoup de produits sont très dommageables pour l'environnement quand ils sont mal éliminés. Débarrassez-vous de ces matières de manière sécuritaire. Info : 514 989-5390.

Restauration du bois Summit

De la fin mars au début mai, bois Summit. Plus d'un km de sentier sera aménagé et couvert de copeaux de bois. 4 espaces de stationnement seront fermés au stationnement sur Summit Circle pour la durée des travaux. Info : 514 989-5291.

Distribution spéciale d'arbres

La Ville de Westmount a prévu un montant de 5 000 \$ pour la distribution d'un arbre sans frais aux résidents. Choix : le Cerisier 'Stella', le Gainier du Canada ou le Charme de Caroline. Rendez-vous à westmount.org/arbreg gratuit pour commander votre arbre.

CITY HALL

Council meetings - 2017 schedule

The 2017 schedule of regular Council meetings is available online at westmount.org.

LIBRARY

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, March 29, 10:15 a.m., Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together working with themes suggested by members. Welcome to all. Info : 514 989-5299.

Documentary Film Club

Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., Library. *Wuth/oor* (2015). Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5299.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria Hall. Books for everyone at very low prices. Proceeds go towards purchasing new materials for the Library. Info : 514 483-5604 or 514 989-5299.



2017 McEntyre Writing Competition

Calling all Westmount elementary and high school students to take part in this year's McEntyre Writing Competition by submitting an original story, poem or essay on the theme **Secret Places, Hidden Treasures**. Submit your entry to the Children's Desk, Westmount Public Library no later than 9 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017. Info: westlib.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts Series Call for Submission

The Library and Community Events Department of the City is now accepting submissions for the 2017 Summer Concert Series. Please submit your groups demo on CD/DVD or USB or your bands website link by **Thursday, April 13**. Info: abaker@westmount.org or 514 989-5226.

Gallery: Call for projects

Annual registration period: February 15 to April 15. The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces its Call for projects for its 2017-2018 exhibition season. Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Please mail or deliver your complete dossier (online submission will not be accepted) to: Victoria Hall Community Centre. Info : 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Next Council Meeting Monday, April 3

Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

March 9 to April 7. The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present an exhibition featuring artists Shelley Freeman and Alexandra MacDougall. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info : 514 989-5521.

Film and Exhibit: The Battle of Vimy Ridge

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, April 3, 4, 6, Victoria Hall. To commemorate the 100th anniversary, the Royal Montreal Regiment Museum presents multiple screenings of the National Film Board of Canada documentary film. Info : 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC WORKS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library. Many household products are harmful to the environment if improperly discarded. Hazardous or toxic products must not go in the regular garbage nor down the drain, but should instead be brought to the Hazardous Waste Collection. Info : 514 989-5390.

Restoration of Summit Woods

From the end of March to early May, Summit Woods. Over one km of main trails will be laid with wood chips. 4 parking spots will be closed off in the parking lot on Summit Circle for the duration of the work. Info : 514 989-5291.

Special Tree Distribution

The City of Westmount has allocated \$5 000 in its 2017 budget for the distribution of trees to its residents. Residents may obtain one tree free of charge from the following selection: Stella Cherry, Eastern Redbud or American Hornbeam. Go to westmount.org/free tree to order your tree.



Indie's Spring Social Calendar, Part 1

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

March

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Gala Bulles & Red Carpet. Benefit for the Quebec Lung Association. Honorary president Danièle Henkel. Emcee Anne-Marie Withenshaw. Quebec designers fashion show produced by Hans Koechling. 6 pm. Le Parquet, 1000 Place Jean-Paul-Riopelle. Tickets \$350. Nora Boussaa 514.287.7400, local. 222. Nora.boussaa@pq.poumon.ca.

April

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Ring in Spring and the Chinese New Year of the Fire Rooster. Spring Gala of the Women's Auxiliary of the Montreal Chinese Hospital. Traditional lion dance. Guests invited to wear creative hats. Prizes will be awarded. Cash bar 6 pm. Chinese dinner 7 pm. Tickets \$98. Lucy Wong. lgo-rwong@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

One-Hit Wonders – You be the Star. Mu-

sical fundraiser for the Segal Centre. Performances 2:30 and 7 pm. Tickets start at \$55. Info: 514.739.7944 or youbethestar.segalcentre.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Défi Canapé. Benefit for the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, helping local at-risk children. Chefs from Bishop and Bagg, Grumman 78, Loic, Park/Trout Lake Catering, Petros, Westmount Tavern, Satay Brothers and Tuck Shop will prepare signature canapés. Winning canapés will be crowned by guest votes. 6 to 8:30 pm. Entrepreneurs Dominion, 3968 St. Ambroise St. Tickets \$150. \$90 for guests under 30 years of age. Info: batshawfoundation.ca. 514.989.1885, extension 1164.

Centaur Theatre's Dinner with Friends. Quebec English-language premiere of the Bruce Norris' award-winning satire Clybourne Park. Directed by Ellen David. Dinner 5:30 pm. Restaurant Bonaparte, 447 St. François Xavier, Old Montreal. 8 pm performance. Coffee, dessert and conversation with cast after the performance. Tickets \$190. Tables (10) \$1,700. Contact Kyungseo Min 514.288.1229, extension 240. Development@centaurtheatre.com.

Stop the Silence Concert featuring David Marino and Friends. Musical direction John Gilbert. CIBC benefit for the renovation of the Jewish General Hospital in-patient clinic, mental health services and programs by Dr. Karl Looper. Tickets \$35. Mary Etzitian 514.340.8222, extension 23986. Jghmindstrong.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Benefit for the Recovery Transition Program, Mental Health Mission, MUHC. Story of recovery through film and live performance with musician Amy Goldberg. 7 pm. Montreal General Hospital, 1650 Cedar Ave., Livingston Hall. Tickets donation. Minimum \$10. recoverytransitionprogram@gmail.com. 514.934.1934, extension 42392.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Black and White Dance Party for the Thoracic Surgery Research Foundation of Montreal. President of honour Mirella Saputo, president Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation. Cocktails 6 pm. Dinner 7:30 pm. Le Madison Reception Hall, 8750 Provencher Blvd. Tickets \$300. Anne Riby, Anne.riby@montrealthoracique.ca. 514.890.8000, extension 24543.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Soirée Productions Porte Parole under the artistic direction of Annabel Soutar. Extract from J'aime Hydro about the future of energy production in Quebec. Guest of honour Éric Martel, president/CEO Hydro Québec. Honorary co-presidents Mary Dailey Desmarais, curator international modern art, Montreal Museum Fine Arts, and Alexandre Taillefer, managing partner, XPND Capital. Emcee Jean-René Dufort, host/producer Infoman. Cocktails. 7 pm. Extract/play 8 pm. Discussion with Éric Martel 9 pm. Digestif and auction of artist Marc Séguin work 9:30 pm. Usine C, 1345 Lalonde St. Tickets \$125. Julia Hervish 514.842.8883. jhervish@porteparole.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Muscular Dystrophy Canada's Cabaret presented by the Tenaquip Foundation. Honorary chair Glenn Watt, chief financial officer Tenaquip Ltd. Cocktail dîatoire. 6 pm. Ritz-Carlton Montreal, 1228 Sherbrooke Street W. Valet parking. Tickets \$200. Info: Kevin.harrison@muscle.ca, 1.866.999.8909 or muscle.ca.

More to come in future editions.



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Details: royalmontrealregiment.com/vimy-100

Meo: a tale begging for a tail-wagging end



The Underdog Club
JANE DAVEY

This underdog, Meo, falls into that sad category of abandoned senior animals. He is vocal when left alone and the neighbours were apparently complaining, which resulted in 11-year-old Meo being surrendered by his family into the care of the Frontier Animal Society, which has witnessed this kind of situation all too often. The shelter is doing its best to keep Meo comfortable, but he is sad, lonely and confused, they say. And who wouldn't be?

Meo is described as a friendly, gentle dog who has lived in harmony with both children and cats, and gets along well with other dogs. Being an older guy, he's not overly active or high energy, but he hasn't lost his playful edge either. He walks well on the leash but given the fact that he's a beagle/hound mix, it's hard for him to resist the lure of a great scent, so he does sometimes pull. But what pooch doesn't?



Meo has no pressing health concerns but like many other older dogs, he's got lumps and bumps due to harmless fatty deposits. And I say: What's a few lumps and bumps between friends?

An unabashed lover of humankind, Meo gets lonesome on his own and is then prone to singing the blues, so he'll need to live in a house (not an apartment) and ide-

ally with an adopter who can spend lots of time with him. He is otherwise a perfect gentleman in the home.

Are you that special someone who is "so over" the allure of puppies and looking for a mellower vintage of canine companion? You are? Please contact The Frontier Animal Society at frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or 819.876.7747.

Hidden talents: Artistic photo project *'A case of identity'*



Photographed by Sam Beitel at the dog run in Westmount Park November 14: "How many times do I have to tell you, you are not a squirrel!"
Photo courtesy of S. Beitel

We believe there is hidden talent amongst Westmounters. Please submit your artistic photos to indie@westmountindependent.com, including what struck you about the scene and the date you took the photo. We'll run the best ones. We hope you enjoy this first one.

— Kristin McNeill, editor

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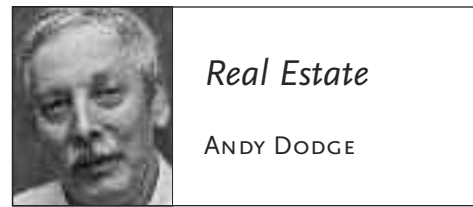
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History by the house

41 Holton Ave. (Part 1): A piece of currency



The lead source for the information in this column is deeds of sale, including the names of the owners and their professions or livelihoods. The deeds, especially older ones, rarely state the profession of women.

The two-storey house at 41 Holton Ave. may hold the record as the most transferred single-family dwelling in Westmount's history, traded back and forth among various speculators as though it were a piece of currency and generally rented out during almost all of its life.

Situated alongside the border of the well-known Sulpician farm or "priests' farm" on the eastern edge of Westmount, the property was part of a stretch of land owned by Hon. Luther H. Holton (a prominent Montreal businessman and politician), which led from Côte St. Antoine Rd. (now Sherbrooke St.) to the top of Westmount mountain up the steepest slope in the city, east of "Brehaupt's Hill," which was renamed Mountain Ave.

By the time Holton sold the land in 1889 to William Francis Lewis, Esq., Mount Pleasant Ave. had been installed, zig-zagging up the mountain in Swiss Alp style, above what was then called "High Street."

Lewis, who originally purchased 10.3 acres of land for 23 cents per square foot, sold the land between High St. and Mount Pleasant Ave. to a stockbroker named Michael Guerin in 1892. The vacant land changed hands five more times – often traded off for land in other parts of Montreal – before finally being picked up for



41 Holton Ave., photographed March 1.

\$18,240 by a "brick contractor" named Anthime Paquette in 1902. He started constructing four houses on the north side of what was still High St.

Wood Ave., which until then had only run from St. Catherine St. to Sherbrooke St., was extended north to intersect with High St., which was extended east from Elm Ave.

In April 1906, Paquette renamed the street and sold 1, 3, 5 and 7 Holton Ave. to a real estate agent, W. Courtland Palmer, for "good and valuable considerations," which (it appears) involved paying off his debts. The 1908 *Lovell's Directory* shows that all four were rented out, including No. 1 to Walter R. Hannan, a clerk, for \$35 a month. Various actions against Palmer

were registered before he was forced to give up 1 and 3 Holton to notary Victor Morin, again for "good and valuable considerations" in 1909, beginning a chain of sales and buy-backs over the next 12 years with names like Louis Perron, civil engineer; Pascal d'Ambrosio, another real estate agent; Cecilia Coté; Joseph St. Pierre, builder; Joseph Hector Tessier; and Harry Fraser, insurance inspector, at times in conjunction with 3 Holton and at times without.

Palmer and Morin's names are interspersed within the list several times as is the designation of the sheriff of Montreal, who had to seize back the property at least twice.

Most of the transfers involve 1 and 3

Holton, some include other property as well, so it is difficult to get an idea of the value of 1 Holton by itself. During most of this time, Walter Hannan continued as the tenant, but must have been horrified to wake up every morning wondering who his landlord was.

On November 26, 1915, for example, the sheriff turned over the property to Morin; on De- *continued on p. 26*

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Local hockey players go for the provincial championship despite scheduling issue

BY RUBY PRATKA

The mother of a Midget B hockey player is concerned that a scheduling quirk has put her daughter's team at a disadvantage for a key tournament.

The Lac St. Louis Elites Midget B Extreme, which plays home games at the Westmount recreation centre and has

seven local players on its roster, won the Coupe de Montréal tournament February 5 for the first time in its history. "This is the first tournament they have won this year, but they came in third in a tournament in Ottawa in December," said Valerie Schwartz, secretary of the league committee and parent of Midget B player Charlotte Lalonde. "They've had an extraordinary year."

However, Schwartz is worried the season may come to a premature end because of a scheduling change that she said favours boys' teams.

"Regional playoffs [to qualify for the provincial championship tournament] always start during March break, but this year, boys' teams had been saying they didn't want to play during the break.

"They got to play after the break, but the girls' teams had to start their playoffs during the break, which meant that some teams had to forfeit games because players were away. Some teams had full rosters, some had barely enough players, and others did not have a full roster and had to for-

feit. If a team forfeits a game, they start the playoffs at a huge disadvantage."

Schwartz said she and other parents raised objections with the league, without getting a favourable response. "The Lac St. Louis league agreed to let the boys start later, and we requested they do the same for us. They at first ignored us and finally said 'they can't, it's too complicated.' We respectfully disagree with that argument."

Sylvain McSween, general director of Lac St. Louis Elites Hockey, said school board vacation scheduling bears some responsibility. "During the season, we have

600 games and 1,000 hours of ice time to schedule for our boys' and girls' teams.

"The girls' playoffs start one week before the boys'. Our division finals are all scheduled for the same date, March 25; we have to work backwards and make sure everything is decided by that date. Our players come from school boards across the region, and some of them have had their March break starting February 27, others March 6 and others March 13. We can't stop for three weeks. It has nothing to do with favouring boys over girls or one team over an-

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From left: The Lac St. Louis Elites Midget B Extreme hockey players and coaches, Mika Malloch, Eugene Plawutsky, Annisa Burgos, Madeleine Michaud, Alexa Scalia, Charlotte Lalonde, Ariel Rosen, Lauren Saad, Jeanne Martel-Thibault, Clare Aitken, Helen Bitz, Emma Hason, Lola Gilmore, goalie Lindsay Saad, Catherine Plawutsky and Rick Burgos. The team took home the Coupe de Montréal on February 5 at Étienne Desmarteau Arena in Rosemont, where the tournament was held. The team, which plays home games at the Westmount recreation centre and has seven local players, won the regionals final March 25 in Vaudreuil, beating out the other four teams in the region. The team will represent Lac St. Louis at the provincial championship in Sherbrooke April 13 to 16.

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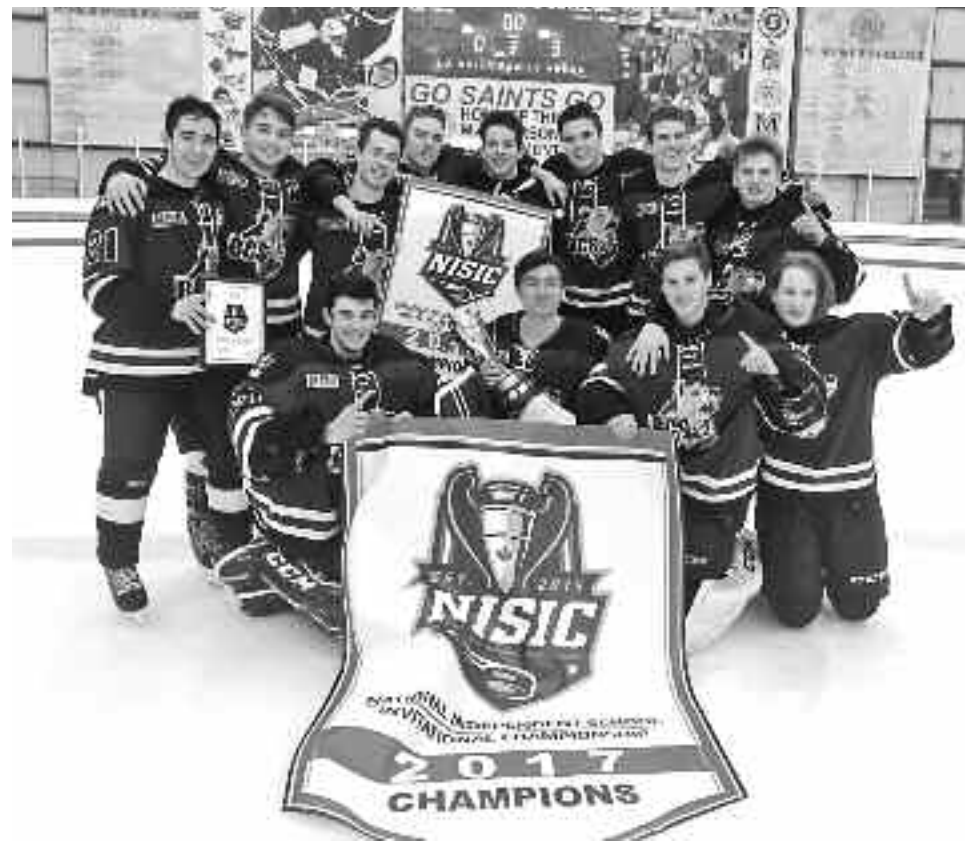
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Price part of nationally victorious BCS hockey team



Bishop's College School U18 varsity hockey team was the victor of the National Independent School Invitational Championship on March 12. The tournament was held in Toronto, jointly hosted by St. Andrew's College and Upper Canada College (UCC). Ranked fifth going in, the team won the final 3-0 against the third ranked UCC. Westmounter Tom Price, son of former city councillor Tim Price, is seen holding the trophy.

Photo courtesy of Bishop's College School.

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other."

McSween said a total of three playoff games – the girls' Midget B game mentioned by Schwartz and two boys' games – were forfeited due to teams having incomplete rosters.

This month's playoff games determine

which boys' and girls' teams across all youth divisions will advance to the provincial championships, the Coupe Dodge. The girls' tournament will take place from April 13 to 16 in Sherbrooke, and the boys' tournament from April 19 to 23 in Montreal.

Local Shoebox Project goes back decade, evolves for a second year

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A Westmounter who helps lead the Montreal branch of an organization dedicated to helping women who are homeless or at risk of becoming so was recently part of organizing a free shopping spree for disadvantaged women.

Shoebox Project Montreal, coordinated by Westmount resident Debbi Jardine and NDG-er Katherine Velan, held a special in-store event at Arden's Decarie location on March 7 for International Women's Day.

It was the second year the event took place with support from the Arden Foundation, a non-profit organization affiliated with the women's fashion accessory retail chain.

More than 150 women attended and were given an empty bag that they could fill with items of their choice, including clothing, footwear and jewelry, as well as hats and gloves.

While Arden's involvement with the Shoebox Project goes back only a few years, she and Velan have been involved for more than a decade, said Jardine, a Claremont Ave. resident.

"We started back then by asking our friends for some items which we could collect and put into shoeboxes and donate to women's shelters. And out of that, this project grew over the course of a few years.



Debbi Jardine, seen here on March 22 outside Roslyn School, helps coordinate the Montreal chapter of the Shoebox Project.

We started amassing more and more boxes. We started then to go to corporations for sponsorship in order to fill those boxes."

According to Jardine, sisters-in-law of former prime minister Brian Mulroney, Jessica, Katy and Vanessa Mulroney, became involved in 2011 when they expanded the Shoebox Project across the country. "They took the project and elevated it nationwide," she said.

The Montreal project interacts with 36 women's shelters. "Last year, we provided 1,900 boxes to those shelters," Jardine noted, while adding that 32,000 boxes were distributed during the same period across the country.

Jardine said she and other supporters are grateful to the Arden Foundation for its involvement. "For this event alone, the foundation donated over \$90,000 of products for women in shelters," she said.

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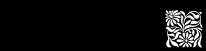
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STM 'open to suggestions'

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plained. This would reduce the amount of mud they might take onto the street.

The STM "was open" to suggestions on how to minimize the impact of the trucks, she said. This has been referred to the city's Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC).

The work is expected to start in September. (See story February 28, p. 5.)

More trucking?

Meanwhile, with a decision "on hold" concerning the construction proposal for the Provigo/seniors' residence at the Claremont, de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine intersection in NDG, Smith said that if the project goes ahead, Westmount could be in line for two more years of trucking on top of the Vendôme project for a total of four years.

On the other hand, were the two projects to take place at the same time, the traffic congestion could be magnified, she pointed out.

When the Provigo project was stalled at the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough level by citizen opposition from nearby residents, developers submitted the plan directly to the city of Montreal, where it remains under study by the Jacques Viger Committee, Smith confirmed.

This committee studies major projects and is understood to be looking at the Provigo project in conjunction with the potential development of the entire block of de Maisonneuve between Claremont and Decarie, she explained.

"I don't have anything official, but there won't likely be a decision on Provigo until after the election," she said referring to the upcoming municipal vote November 5. "What they want to look at is the re-development of the whole street."

This strip of de Maisonneuve includes the Vendôme Metro station, and a mix of commercial buildings that could be ripe for potential redevelopment, especially by clinics and others in the healthcare sector related to the super-hospital just south of the Metro station.



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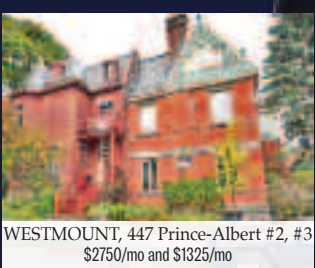
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Yale locks in harmony at Shaar

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On a Shetland-misty snowy February 2, Westmounter **Bruce Kent**, vice president/director, portfolio manager, RBC Dominion Securities Wealth Management, hosted a private event at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Attending with his wife **Joëlle**, Kent welcomed guests to the Yale Whiffenpoofs, touted as one of the oldest capella groups in North America. Each year, 14 Yale seniors are chosen to join. They have performed at such notable locations as the Lincoln Centre as well as for President G.W. Bush, whose grandfather Prescott Bush was a Whiffenpoof in 1917.

Kent, a Yale grad and president of the Yale Club in Montreal, organized the one-time performance in Montreal for his guests.

The young Yale singers – smartly clad in white tie and tails, and white gloves – celebrated a 100-year tradition by singing the



From left: Guy Casgrain and Marie-Josée Hénault; and Joëlle and Bruce Kent.

Whiffenpoof Song, a celebration of brotherhood and tradition, for the finale. The song has been recorded by Rudy Vallée, Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley and Louis Armstrong, among others.

After enjoying sushi and smoked

salmon, guests noted applauding the singers included human rights lawyer **Irwin Cotler**, also a Yale grad.

Local residents seen included **Charlene** and **Reg Weiser**, whose eldest daughter



Daniel Yelin, left, and Diane Tkalec.

Wendy Weiser went to Yale; Marie-Josée Hénault and Guy Casgrain; Victoria and David Cape with sons Theo and Isaac; Diane Tkalec and Daniel Yelin; and Naomi Ronn and Stephen Hecht.

Noted from RBC were **Suzanne Giroux**, **Natalie Roussin**, **Sholom Tabak**, **Elizabeth Gudas** and **Cherine Mitri**.

After the concert, guests continued on p. 26

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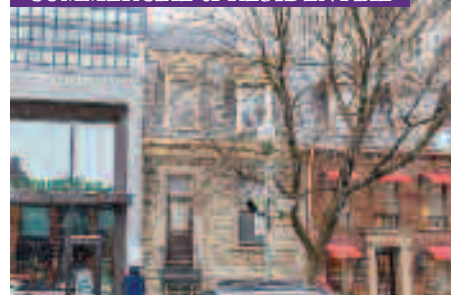
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enjoyed coffee and a delicious sweet table as they raved about the amazing recital. Amidst the erudite elegance, there was a sartorial observation. While the adults

changed out of winter boots and overshoes into stylish pumps and well-polished wingtips, the younger generation left their snow boots on and open with the laces trailing. Now we know.



From left: Theo, Isaac, Victoria and David Cape.



Irwin Cotler

Hydro pole catches fire in heavy snow

A hydro pole caught fire March 15 at the rear of 369 Lansdowne behind the city greenhouses, Public Security officials said. The fire was quickly extinguished by fire-fighters but power had to be cut to several houses. The call at 6:30 am was initially reported as a fire in an electrical transformer, but the pole did not have one. The cause was attributed to heavy snow on old, uninsulated electrical wires.

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ember 16, he sold the two houses to Jean Baptiste Adelphus, alias Dolphe Wilson, bookseller, for \$30,000. Two weeks later, they were turned over to Joseph St. Pierre for \$38,000. That sale was annulled the following March, and by May they were sold to Joseph Tessier, this time for \$36,000.

Finally in 1916, Hannan's name disappears from *Lovell's*, and Palmer reappears as owner of the property less than a year later, this time with a new tenant. Again in 1918, the sheriff turns the property back to Morin and in 1919 it is sold back to St. Pierre, who sells 1 Holton, all by itself, in 1920 to Harry Fraser for \$10,000.

In 1922, Joseph O.N. Tetrault bought 1 Holton for \$12,000, renting the property to a jeweller and later an insurance agent, but in 1926 sold it to Arthur Tetrault, per-

haps his son, who was assistant general manager of Tetrault Shoe Manufacturing Co., for the same \$12,000.

During the next year, the "priests' farm" was developed, and the civic number changed to 41 Holton. Tetrault actually moved in and lived there for about seven years, but in 1934 he rented it out to Victor Barbeau, a professor at University of Montreal.

One year later, in June of 1935, the estate of Simon Lacombe, which held an \$8,000 mortgage on the property, seized the house back, and so began the next litany of 10 sales, mostly to women, over the next 20 years, who rented out to six different tenants.

The rest of the story of 41 Holton will appear in an upcoming issue of the *Independent*.

Part 1: History of 1 or 41 Holton (1906-1935)

Date	Buyer	Price	Address
Apr. 3, 1906	W. Courtland Palmer, real estate agent	o.g.v.c.*	1-3 Holton
June 4, 1909	Victor Morin, notary	o.g.v.c.	1-3 Holton
Oct. 31, 1911	Louis Perron, civil engineer	\$26,500	1-3 Holton
Dec. 1, 1911	W. Courtland Palmer	\$27,000	1-3 Holton
Mar. 20, 1912	Pascal d'Ambrosio, real estate agent	\$18,500	1 Holton
June 11, 1913	Victor Morin, notary		various properties
Nov. 11, 1914	Cecilia Coté		1-3 Holton
Nov. 26, 1915	Victor Morin		1-3 Holton
Dec. 16, 1915	Jean Baptiste Adelphus, alias Dolphe Wilson, bookseller	\$30,000	1-3 Holton
Dec. 31, 1915	Joseph St. Pierre, builder	\$38,000	1-3 Holton
May 17, 1916	Joseph Hector Tessier	\$36,000	1-3 Holton
Mar. 1, 1917	W. Courtland Palmer	1-3 Holton	
Apr. 24, 1918	Victor Morin	1-3 Holton	
Dec. 3, 1919	Joseph St. Pierre	\$25,176	1-3 Holton
Oct. 13, 1920	Harry Fraser, insurance inspector	\$10,000	1 Holton
Oct. 5, 1922	Joseph Olivier Napoleon Tetrault, <i>industriel</i>	\$12,000	1 Holton
Dec. 18, 1926	Arthur Tetrault, a.g.m. Tetrault Shoe Manufacturing Co	\$12,000	1 Holton
June 22, 1935	estate Simon Lacombe	<i>dation-en-paiement</i>	41 Holton

* other good and valuable considerations.

Heavy damage to two cars at 3:42 am when brakes fail

Public Security patrollers came across two heavily damaged cars in the intersection of Atwater and Dorchester March 18 at 3:42 am, department officials said. Airbags were deployed, but no one appeared to be injured. The driver of a westbound Ford Taurus stated he had tried to stop at the red

light but the brakes didn't work. The car hit the front passenger door of a Honda heading north on the green light. Fire-fighters were called to clean up leaking fluid, police arrived and Urgences Santé confirmed no one needed transport to hospital. Both drivers lived out of town.

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above Sherbrooke St. near Metcalfe Ave.

Laperrière said the vehicle in question was owned by a couple that had two cars. The husband told police it was parked on the street outside their home when he drove off in his car to go to the store for a few minutes.

"But when he came back, he noticed his wife's car was no longer on the street, although when he went inside his wife was there," Laperrière continued. "That's when they realized the vehicle had been stolen."

Again there were no obvious signs of break-in, such as broken glass scattered on the ground where the vehicle had been parked. Laperrière acknowledged that the Infiniti appears to be very popular among car thieves.

"Even according to the CAA, it is one of the top stolen cars in Canada," he said. "That, and the Toyota Highlander is also another make that is highly sought by thieves. There's also Lexus. But the Infiniti Q models are very popular."

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1420 Av. des Pins \$2,595,000
MLS 15856545



WESTMOUNT

215 Redfern Apt 308 \$2,350,000
2200 SF, private terrace MLS 24466488



WESTMOUNT

2 Westmount Square \$2,295,000
1700 SF, Panoramic views, MLS 23020613



GOLDEN SQUARE MILE

2 Chelsea Place \$2,250,000
MLS 26576267 5 Bdr, rooftop terrace



WESTMOUNT

4298 Montrose Ave. \$1,975,000
Ideal family home of 5 Bdr MLS 14681732



OPEN HOUSE SUN 2-4

WESTMOUNT

332 Wood Av \$1,965,000
MLS 24027789, 2925 SF, 5 Bdr



WESTMOUNT

3 Westmount Square \$1,895,000
MLS 11571055 Panoramic views, 3 Bdr



GRIFFINTOWN

Le Canal \$1,350,000
MLS 23441249 Amazing views of Canal Lachine



NDG

4385 Royal Ave, \$839,000
MLS 16139562, 3 BDR, semi-detached



NEW

NDG

5877 Rue de Terrebonne \$675,000
MLS 27069588 Few steps from Monkland village.



NEW

WESTMOUNT

388 Av. Olivier, apt. 7 \$485,000
MLS 25694619 Next to Green Ave.



CONDITIONAL OFFER

NDG

4631 Av. Harvard \$415,000
MLS 18939896, 1,100 SF, 3 Bdr.



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

619 Clarke Av. \$4,295,000
MLS 27373203



SOLD

MOUNT-ROYAL

383 Chester Ave \$2,895,000
MLS 17820503 Tudor cottage, 14740 SF



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

Chateau Westmount \$1,950,000
2376 SF, magnificent views



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

4805 de Maisonneuve O. \$1,935,000
MLS 25118868 2540 SF



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

2 Westmount Square \$1,450,000
MLS: 14188743



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

428 Metcalfe Ave \$1,275,000
MLS: 11223133



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