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No indoor pool for Hillside Armoury project Developer awaits news from city on sports complex

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The developer of the former Hillside Armoury continues to await official word from the city in reply to his plans to convert the century-old building into a physical fitness and sports centre, the *Independent* learned last week.

"I can't wait forever and then have to go in another direction if there's no positive vibe," said Karl Beauchamp of Hillside Limited Partnership. "It's one of my many projects, but I can't leave the building vacant forever."

The red brick Category II heritage-rated building dating to around 1910 is at Hillside Lane and Hillside Ave. directly across from the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG). Beauchamp said he had last met with Urban Planning officials in October and has already eliminated a former idea to include an indoor pool, mainly for the structural work it would entail and now to comply with a city request to supply 30 indoor parking spaces. These would occupy the basement and sub-basement, where the pool would have been located.

The city has additionally asked for benefits the project would provide to the community.

Westmount High's Cristofaro retires this month



Westmount High principal Michael Cristofaro is taken by surprise by dozens of his colleagues in the lobby of the school on May 28. See p. 9 for story. Photo: Ralph Thompson.



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Easing pressure on St. Léon Two sites named for new downtown French schools

By Laureen Sweeney

It may have been a long time coming, but relief appears at hand for overcrowded St. Léon. Westmount's only French public elementary school also serves as the only one for downtown children.

After years of talk by other people and recently meetings between Mayor Christina Smith and her Montreal counterpart Valérie Plante, not one, but two, sites have finally been found for young downtown students under the Commission scholaire de Montréal (CSDM).

"All the pleading has worked," Smith told the *Independent*.

Quebec Education minister Sébastien Proulx announced the two locations at a press conference June 1: one at the former *continued on p. 25*



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High-traffic St. Catherine plus Lansdowne Ridge City moves to test a new paving product on 2 streets

By Laureen Sweeney

The city will be experimenting this summer with an asphalt additive to test increased durability and reduced cracking in street paving, the city council meeting heard May 7.

In awarding a resurfacing contract, a slightly higher bid was accepted from Les Entreprises de Construction Ventec for the option of including Kevlar fibres in its asphalt, Councillor Philip Cutler explained as commissioner of Infrastructure and Innovation.

"So I'm excited to see how it will hold up," he added.

And to test its durability, the product will be used for two layers of asphalt on St. Catherine from Kensington to Clarke (excluding that intersection), according to Elisa Gaetano, the city's director of Engineering.

This portion was chosen for the experiment because "it gets a high volume of traffic including heavy vehicles," she explained. "Traffic flows are very important."

The Kevlar mix will also be used for work on Lansdowne Ridge that came under another contract, and is a more res-



St. Catherine St. from east of Kensington to Clarke on June 1.

Photo: Independent.

idential street, which can be used as a comparison. This had not been mentioned when that contract was approved.

The cracking of newly reconstructed streets has been brought up at other council meetings notably related to Grosvenor, Westmount Ave. and Prince Albert.

Used elsewhere

Known for its strength, Kevlar is used in different products, including the manufacture of bullet-proof vests and armour. Described as a heat-resistant and strong synthetic fibre, it has been used by some other municipalities in Quebec, Gaetano said. These include Montreal on Sherbrooke St. East and in Boucherville, where Westmount's assistant director general for infrastructure Sandra Avakian was director of Engineering.

The recent Ventec contract, which includes work on other streets and sidewalks, was accepted for \$1,571,478 under the Kevlar option for St. Catherine. compared to the contractor's bid for a non-Kevlar option of \$1,542,389. Gaetano said it was interesting to see the price differential.

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Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at indie@westmount independent.com before the 21st of each month. Major changes since last month's coverage (May 1, p. 10) in **bold**.

Greene Ave. area

New establishment

4152A St. Catherine St., Salon Coiffure Olivier & Gabrielle

Coming

Zar beauty bar is opening in Alexis Nihon Plaza (first floor), said a sign at the mall seen May 30 and last month. New this month was a call for employee applications.

1359 Greene, Saint Sushi

4185 Greene Ave., Ryu sushi at the former site of Joaillier David Plotnick

Construction under way

- 1358-60 Greene Ave. The construction hoarding is now gone from the façade, but it is still under construction.
- 1347 (approx.) Greene Ave.
- 1235 Greene, former site of Babar en ville and, before that, the Double Hook 206-208 Olivier Ave.

Not in retail use

- 1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia
- 1368 (basement) Greene
- 1336 (basement) Greene Ave.
- 1314 Greene Ave.

1308 Greene Ave.

- 1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller
- 1212 Greene Ave., former site of Marie Dumas, now open at 1234 Greene
- 4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater), former site of Tutti Frutti
- 4026 St. Catherine St., former site of Morning Glory
- 4026A St. Catherine St., former site of Tia Maria prêt a porter
- 4090 St. Catherine St., former site of Metro dry cleaner
- 4146 St. Catherine St.
- 4185 St. Catherine St.
- Unit 300 of Westmount Square retail concourse, former site of Galerie la Manière Noire
- Three first-floor units in Alexis Nihon

Victoria village

New establishments

5028 Sherbrooke, just west of Westmount-NDG border, Garrison House Pub, where Liquid Lounge and, before that, Crossroads used to be.

- 4908 Sherbrooke St., Naïf women's clothing store
- 4914 Sherbrooke St., Ono Pokii, a Hawaiian poke (raw fish salad) eatery at the former site of Java U, and, before that, Marcos and Pepe's.

Re-opened after reno

4972 Sherbrooke (corner Claremont), L'Occitane en Provence

Coming

4883 Sherbrooke St., Manteaux Manteaux, at the former site of Iro

A location of the Aux Vivres vegan restaurant, at 4896 Sherbrooke, corner Prince Albert, is "coming soon," said a sign in its window seen on May 30 and last month. Its outside signage now looks complete.

Closing

According to signs seen on the outside of its store May 30, Mochico, at 4945 Sherbrooke, corner Claremont, is closing. "Everything must go," said the sign.

Not in retail use

- 4822 Sherbrooke St., former site of Sun-Source
- 4823 Sherbrooke St., former site of Pier 1 4825 Sherbrooke St., former site of
- Gascogne
- 4848 Sherbrooke, former site of Laurentian Bank
- 4918 Sherbrooke St., former site of Made in Italy
- 4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location
- 4922 Sherbrooke St., former site of Parm and, before that, Léa
- 4923 (approx.) Sherbrooke
- 4927 Sherbrooke St. (upper)
- 4930 (basement) Sherbrooke St., former site of Sharyn Scott, now operating at 4916 Sherbrooke St.
- 4932 (upper) Sherbrooke St.
- 4932 (lower) Sherbrooke St., former site of Flore, now operating at 4818 Sherbrooke St.
- 4 Somerville, former site of Ceïba.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHERE IS OUR GREENHOUSE?

All this talk about a Westmount indoor swimming pool!

As a swimmer myself, it would be great to have, but first there is the greenhouse to repair and open up. It has been closed for at least three years! It closed in September of 2015!

Why is no one talking about this? What a shame to have this empty shell in between the gallery and the library. Visitors to our city are deprived of the beauty that the greenhouse was.

I know plans are being made, but they should be made public.*

In my estimation, the greenhouse must come first!

CLAIRE SALZBERG, CLAREMONT AVE.

**Editor's note:* The contract to draw up plans was only awarded on May 7 (see "Greenhouse bidder accepted...", May 22, p. 11). It is also our understanding that the principal goal is to refurbish (not redesign) the main pavilion, although ancillary structures may be cut back given the city's decreased use of them. – *DP*

Two mayors, a wedding and a thank-you

After 30-odd years of living in sin, the Hoare house might well be accused of living up to its name; but to cement, as it were, the occasion of your correspondent's 75th birthday, it was decided to redress the balance the very same day.

Enter both Her Worship, Christina Smith, and His Worshipped, Peter Trent. Acting with typical efficiency and startling



One front view (top right) and two back views of the city's greenhouse complex on June 1, which has its main entrance between the library and Victoria Hall. "I was surprised by how much land is covered by the structures at the back," said Independent editor David Price.



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Owned and published by: Sherbrooke-Valois Inc., 310 Victoria Ave., #105, Westmount, QC H3Z 2M9 alacrity, these two kind souls took us firmly in hand between them, along with the patient staff at city hall, and turned a potentially perfunctory occasion into one of great delight.

On behalf of my brand-new wife, Margot Stevenson (who has wisely decided to keep her own name), as much as myself, may I use your good offices to thank them both in public? It is all too easy to find fault with our surroundings, as manifest through many a letter in these pages; but ours is a remarkable community, with enviable leadership, of which we should *all* be proud.

To Peter and Christina, our beloved mayors both past and present, the warmest of thanks for a faultless performance. It was a pleasure and a privilege to marry *chez nous*, and we doff our hats to you both.

Nicholas Hoare, Strathcona Ave.

How much street cleaning do we need?

Do we really need street cleaning four times a month in the summer? The clean-



ing schedule has been suspended on my street to allow for parking overflow from the next street over while construction work is done there. After two weeks, which included a bit of rain, it looked absolutely fine. After three weeks, it's in need of a little sweeping. Westmount is always looking at priorities, budgets and expenditures. Maybe a twice-a-month schedule on residential streets would free up some money for other things.

MATTHEW COPE, SOMERVILLE AVE.

Thank you, Good Samaritan

My family spent a wonderful Saturday at Family Day in Westmount Park [on May 26], but it was almost ruined when a friend (a recent refugee from Syria) lost his wallet, which – in addition to other important documents – contained his Canadian resident's card. Thankfully, he received a phone call from a police officer on the site to inform him that a young girl had found his wallet and brought it to them. Unfortunately, she had already left and so we were unable to thank her and her parents.

This is in contrast to a recent story in the news of a woman who attempted to take advantage of a woman from the Philippines, who was forced to work 12hour days (cleaning, cooking, washing the car etc.) under threat of being deported if she refused to comply.

It's unfortunate that not everyone is like that young girl.

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

Own a VW? Be careful

Westmounters, beware. My Volkswagen Jetta was locked and the alarm on. However, to my huge surprise, someone in the back lane near Columbia managed to somehow open the doors without the alarm, and go through everything in the car. Fortunately, they didn't feel the tennis racket worth stealing, but they ransacked the glove compartment and the console between the front seats. Apparently there is a way of hacking locks on Volks issued after 2009 (BBC News). Volkswagen, hello?!

VERONICA REDGRAVE, HALLOWELL AVE.

Westmount High's Cristofaro to retire June 30



By Ralph Thompson

A surprise retirement party was held in the lobby of Westmount High School May 28. As Michael Cristofaro ended his workday at 5:30 pm and wandered down the corridor towards the exit, about 70 parents and staff greeted him with applause, smiles and an impressive array of nibbles and bubbly.

"He has done a remarkable job. Everyone loves him and he has inspired them immensely," said Martien de Vletter, chairwoman of the Parent Participation Organization (PPO). After Cristofaro was greeted by his colleagues, Dr. Earl Rubin, chair of the governing board, brought the gathering to order and vice principals Amanda Vallelunga and Jennifer Le Huquet of-

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fered thoughtful words and a few tears of thanks.

Crisofaro will officially retire June 30 after 11 years as principal. "I have no particular plans. I will be woodworking and renovating my home. I'll relax," said Cristofaro. "This has been the most rewarding part of my career. The staff are special, dedicated and have a clear vision." Asked how he handled the rapid changes affecting education, he said. "You have to remain current. We've introduced home economics (consumer science). We are accepting of cell phones at the teacher's discretion. We keep up with trends in education, digital literacy and social media. Lots of discretion and respect are important."

An oak plaque with the following script, to be affixed outside the newly renovated auditorium, was unveiled revealing how Cristofaro's co-workers feel about his contributions to the school:

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Pool open for summer, whole complex busy Diverse users usher in WRC's busy summer period

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It may be an eye-opener to some, but spring and summer is the busiest time at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC), Sports and Recreation officials said last week.

With the opening of the pool May 28 after the ice had already been removed from one of the two rinks, numerous different users are in and out of the WRC almost all day, explained department director Dave Lapointe.

"All weeks can be different," he said, "but the flow is quite different from the winter."

Users include swimmers, pickleball players, school physical education and fitness programs, the city's summer daycamp program for 120 children a day, the Lynx lacrosse club and the teen centre. Spring inter-city baseball try-outs take place inside when the fields are too wet, as does tennis instruction.

Ice rink busy

The rink with its ice intact is used for hockey camps, general and figure skating and pick-up hockey as well as hockey tryouts and training sessions for the fall. Almost fully booked is its rental by "garage league" hockey teams from 5:30 pm to even later than 10 pm.

One of the summer challenges is restricting pool users from going inside barefoot and wearing soaking bathing suits to buy something from the snack machines. It's also the time when many city employees are taking holidays.

"People think not as much is going on as in the winter when typically activities are based on the ice, but the summer is even busier," said Bruce Stacey who, as facilities manager, schedules the WRC's different uses and playing fields. "The users are so diverse."

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instructors, two part-time lifeguards, one spare and four pool desk attendants.

Of 30 to 40 lifeguard applicants, Stacey said, "I try to hire the most qualified, knowledgeable and experienced. We're fortunate this year to have many returning who are familiar with our pool policies, action plans and emergency measures."

All must have a recently updated certificate from the National Lifeguard Society and experience at another pool. Refresher training takes place every Monday morning through the summer.

Stacey considers experience particularly critical in "life and death" situations and when the pool is close to its capacity of 350. At that point, the pool desk attendant keeps counts and if 10 users leave, 10 more are allowed in.

While Westmount residents form the majority of users, he estimates that because of the pool's size and geographic location about 20 percent come from surrounding areas such as downtown Montreal, St. Henri, Côte St. Paul, NDG and Côte des Neiges and use the facility by purchasing day passes.

The Dolphins aquatic club runs its own program at the pool with increasing numPhoto: Ralph Thompson

bers involved in training for diving, water polo, synchro and swimming.

Programs provided by Sports and Recreation include Masters swim, swimming lessons geared to Canadian Red Cross standards and aquafitness, "which has been very popular from Day 1."

The two aquafit sessions are already filled with 35 participants each, plus a waiting list, Stacey said. Most cross over from the city's inside keep-fit program, whose instructor switches over to the pool for the summer season.

Now in its fifth year of operation, the pool is continuing a practice based on evolving experience of roping off one to three lanes for lap swimming at certain times, depending on the demand, numbers and types of swimmers.

The pool's pre-season runs from May 28 to June 24, the regular season from June 25 to August 19 and the post-season from then to "as late as possible in September," Stacey said. This depends on the availability of lifeguards, mostly students heading back to CEGEP or universi-

All three pool seasons operate on different schedules.



The pool on May 29, its second day of operation in 2018.

Last summer, despite cool and rainy weather, counts of pool usage morning, lunchtime and afternoon, recorded a total of 27,200 people, Stacey said. It was well over that when one includes use by the Dolphins aquatic club, he added. "This year, the forecast is for warmer weather."

The city is staffing the pool for morning and afternoon shifts with 10 fulltime lifeguards, the longtime pool manager, two assistant pool managers and a head lifeguard. There are also four swimming

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A tree at the corner of York and Prince Albert was cut down this spring, leaving a large stump. At left, workers from the city's tree-cutting subcontractor, Arboriculture de Beauce, attacked the stump with this machine on May 24, leaving mainly earth and grass seed, right, by 1:30 pm the same day. Photos: Independent.



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City accepts Anderson's stained-glass legacy for library

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council May 7 approved a resolution accepting the official donation of three stained-glass panels at the children's section of the Westmount Public Library from the family of the late Christina Anderson.

"They're beautiful and the city is delighted," said Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture and Sports and Recreation, in moving the resolution.

She said it was "a great way" for remembering the daughter of Bruce and Bissera Anderson, who passed away November 27 at the age of 37 after a chronic illness.

While the large panels depicting whimsical figures were installed over the south windows after their creation 10 years ago, they have now been moved across the area to windows overlooking the library's storytelling garden, where they fit "perfectly," the artist's father explained last week.

"We consider them to be one of her main legacies," he said.

Conditions include plaque

Among eight conditions in the council



resolution are that the panels remain in the children's department for a period of 20 years and that a plaque with text approved by the family be installed nearby to include the context of the artwork and the artist's biography.

Should the works be relocated, the family is to be informed, and the panels cannot be sold to a third party. The translucent five-foot square panels use a relatively new technique in the world of stained glass art. Created on Plexiglas with glass beads, paint and leading, the designs depict three Walter Crane illustrations for children, which Anderson named "Daffodils," "Harebell" and "Lilies." Each was specially chosen to create a parade of seasons in a procession of fairies and small woodland animals.

A marine biologist, triathlete and explorer, Anderson was born and raised in Westmount, attending Roslyn, ECS, Marianopolis and McGill (see profile August 19, 2008, p. 1).

A tea reception to celebrate the official donation is to take place June 8, 5-6 pm, at the library's storytelling garden.

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Police Report Driver arrested on The Boulevard after breaching conditions

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

there was no one to take charge of it.

Bentley bumped

A 24-year-old woman was driving along The Boulevard around 6 pm on May 28 when she made the mistake of going through a red light. She was arrested a few minutes later when a police officer discovered she was under a court order not to drive.

The woman, who was not a Westmounter, failed to heed a red light at the corner of Mount Pleasant Ave., according to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière. The officer, who was stationed at the corner, saw her go through the intersection without coming to a halt.

When asked why she failed to stop, the woman maintained to the officer that the pavement was bumpy, according to the police report. The officer didn't buy her story and asked to see some identification. At that point, she also turned over a slip of paper stating fairly rigid restrictions that had been imposed on her by a judge.

"One of the conditions was that she was not allowed driving up to August 2018," Laperrière said. However, he added, the woman had untruthfully told the officer, before he was able to conduct an ID check over the radio, that any driving restrictions on her had already expired.

"She was rearrested for breach of conditions - for driving while under conditions not to drive," said Laperrière, noting that the restrictions were Canada-wide. He said the woman was placed under those conditions for a year, after she recently was found guilty of armed assault.

Laperrière suggested the conviction probably involved dangerous use of a vehicle to strike someone. The woman now faces a new charge of breaching her conditions. According to Laperrière, her vehicle was towed away to be impounded as

Historical Association announces new board

At its annual general meeting on May 17, the Westmount Historical Association elected a new board of directors, as follows: President, Anne Barkman; Vice-president, Louise Carpentier; Secretary, Lorne Huston; Treasurer, Cynthia Grahame. Members at large: Ruth Allan-Rigby, Marlene Chan and Jane Martin; Past president, Caroline Breslaw.

It also has a new website: www.wha. quebec.

The owner of a Bentley luxury vehicle, whose front bumper sustained a small crack after it was parked on Greene Ave. north of St. Catherine St. on the evening of May 9, filed an accident report at Station 12 in which he claimed it would cost around \$10,000 for repairs.

"It is a Bentley, after all," said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, noting that Bentleys are among the few remaining consumer market automobiles that are assembled largely by hand. A quick check on the internet reveals that prices for Bentleys begin at more than \$180,000 and range up to \$700,000.

Roslyn robbery attempt

On May 26 around 8:45 pm, would-be thieves attempted to break into a house on Roslyn Ave. through the back. "They tried to get in by the rear door," said Laperrière.

While the suspects didn't succeed in entering and got away, video surveillance cameras that were active in the nearby area managed to capture images of a vehicle believed to belong to the suspects. "There is an investigation under way," Laperrière said.

Lexington looting attempt

Sometime between the early afternoon of May 28 and noon on May 29, burglars gained entry through a ground floor rear entrance to a home on Lexington Ave., although they seemingly didn't find much worth taking for all their trouble.

"They came in by the patio door," said Laperrière, reading from the police report. While there was no mention of any valuable property being stolen, he said the thieves apparently left with a bag of religious items.





Lazy, May, day

A scene on the banks of the Westmount Park lagoon on May 31.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



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Real Estate

Andy Dodge, CRA (Ret.)

Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in February 2018, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.



54 Forden Crescent.

February transfers: weak volume, strong prices

Volume was weaker but prices got stronger in Westmount home sales registered in February this year. Only eight closings were tallied in February, down from 12 in January and 17 in February last year, but the average mark-up over valuation was 29.2 percent, up from 20 percent in January and an average of 10 percent for

all of 2017.

The range of prices was extreme: 100 Abbott Ave., corner Riverview St. at the bottom of Abbott, sold for \$579,000, the lowest price for a house in Westmount since September 2016, when 181 Metcalfe Ave. - just a block away - changed hands for \$565,000. On the high side was 54 Forden Cresc., a lovely stone house tucked into its own cul-de-sac next to King George Park, sold which for \$4,400,000, so far the highest price this year, but sure to be surpassed

in coming months. That price also represented the highest mark-up of February, almost 57 percent, one of three sales to clear 40 percent.

În between those two prices were six sales of more typical – by Westmount standards – prices ranging from \$1,071,000 to \$2,150,000. The 29.2-percent average

mark-up over city valuation is the highest monthly average since the 2017 valuation roll came into effect last year; if applied to the average one- and two-family valuation of \$1,575,722, this would put the value of the "typical" Westmount house over \$2 million.

The only mark-down of the month involved the second-lowest price, with 540 Prince Albert Ave. going for \$1,071,000, 4.3 percent less than its tax value.

The month was busier in the condominium category, with five sales, all of apartments, in a range from \$250,000 to \$1,561,000. The lowest price, at 4500 de Maisonneuve Blvd., also represented the only mark-down of the month while the second-highest price, \$1,050,000 for a ground-floor unit at 4160 Sherbrooke St., sold for 24 percent more than the combined municipal valuation, since the sale included



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So far in 2018, buyers have purchased eight condo units for an average \$799,188 but an average markup over valuation of only 5.3 percent, inching up from the average 4.4-percent markup in the fourth quarter of 2017 and not much more than the average 1.0-percent mark-up for all of last year. Thus it would seem that there is relatively little enthusiasm for condos compared to single-family dwellings.

The only other real estate transac-

tion to report in February was a flat in one of the triplexes on St. Catherine St. west of Bethune St., which sold for \$465,000, a good 50 percent more than the portion of municipal evaluation attributable to the property.



540 Prince Albert.

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Bought & Sold – real estate transfers in February 2018, and others

Address	Price	2017 VAL	P:V
100 Abbott	\$579,000	\$518,100	11.75%
377 Claremont	\$1,240,000	\$858,300	44.47%
54 Forden Cresc.	\$4,400,000	\$2,805,300	56.85%
524 Lansdowne	\$1,185,000	\$954,000	24.21%
644 Lansdowne	\$1,595,000	\$1,081,700	47.45%
540 Prince Albert	\$1,071,000	\$1,119,100	-4.3%
4344 Westmount Ave.	\$2,150,000	\$2,118,400	1.5%
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4500 de Maisonneuve #12	\$250,000	\$275,500	-9.26%
267 Olivier #304	\$435,000	\$434,300	0.16%
4175 St. Catherine #1003	\$1,561,000	\$1,443,300 ¹	8.15%
4700 St. Catherine #114	\$980,000	\$952,600	2.88%
4160 Sherbrooke #102	\$1,050,000	\$845,800 ²	24.14%
SHARE SALES 4642-46 St. Catherine, 28%	\$465,000	\$309,9603	50.02%
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¹Valuation is a combination of \$1,336,.500 for the apartment, \$53,400 for each of two garage spaces. ²Valuation is a combination of \$713,600 for the apartment, \$44,500 for a garage space, \$17,700 for each of two outdoor parking spaces, \$47,000 for a private terrace and \$5,300 for a storage locker. ³Valuation is 28% of \$1,107,000.49



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The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) invites visitors to reflect on perceptions of identity, aesthetics and culture through two thought-provoking exhibitions: From Africa to the Americas Face-to-Face Picasso, Past and Present, and Here We Are Here: Black Canadian Contemporary Art. Following milestones in Picasso's life, one explores the richly layered relationships between the Spanish master and the arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas - a new ethnography arriving in Europe from far away cultures.

Masks shown alongside the works aptly illustrate the impact that African artefacts had on Picasso's artistic curiosity. Profoundly inspired, the artist created portraits that upset the classical tradition.

Almost 100 of his paintings, sculptures, ceramics and works on paper attest to these powerful influences. In the complementary show, the MMFA exhibition challenges predetermined notions of blackness in Canada. The exhibition was conceived by the Royal Ontario Museum through the work of eight contemporary artists, to which the MMFA has added three Montreal artists. MMFA, until September 16, 2018.

Armoury, cont'd. from p.1

other uses as a sort of *pied à terre*." He said it could also benefit other schools.

The current plans submitted to the city, he said, call for a three-on-three artificial ice rink (50 ft. by 100 ft) suitable for youth hockey. This would be on the building's main floor, which is elevated off the entrance on Hillside Lane and was formerly a gymnasium and the armoury's parade floor. That level would also include changing rooms and a golf simulator.

Fitness facilities and a training gym would be provided upstairs.

Preserve the building

When announcing the project last August, Beauchamp had told the Independent: "We want to try to preserve the building as an architectural site with a project that will serve the community well" (see story August 15, 2017, p. 1).

The building had been home to the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment (formerly the 3 Field Engineers), which moved out four years ago after 67 years (see story April 1, 2014, p. 1). It was put up for sale in January 2017 and reported sold in March.

Because of its location across from the WAG, its potential sale



The former armoury on June 1.

Photo: Independent

had given rise as long ago as 2009 to suggestions it was a natural venue for an indoor pool or other use by the city's Sports and Recreation department.

The city declined an offer to buy it, citing its ownership of too many properties (see story March 7, 2017, p. 1).





Schneider-Granatstein's Westmount scenes off to exhibition



Schneider-Granatstein holds "Ramesay and St.-Sulpice" in front of "View from My Roof" on May 29.

By Heather Black

Lynda Schneider-Granatstein is readying oil paintings of Westmount for her new solo exhibition at Galerie Cazeault. Although well-known for her paintings of dancers, interiors and florals, scenes of Westmount – the greenhouse, cenotaph, and city vistas – are a new subject for the artist.

Schneider-Granatstein said "I am intrigued by everything. During my walks, there is always something that catches my eye, the light on a tree or brick on a beautiful home."

In 2017 she turned her attention to painting her community and completed canvases include "Sunnyside Path to Aberdeen," "Thornhill and Argyle," and "Clandeboye and Prospect." The Anworth

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St. resident also said: "I have lived in Westmount most of my life and, to me, there is no neighbourhood as beautiful." Known to Westmounters as a frequent exhibitor at West End Gallery on Greene Ave., this is Schneider-Granatstein's first solo show at the Sherbrooke St. Galerie Cazeault. Entitled "Love Montréal," the exhibition will also include paintings of Montreal and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens. The vernissage takes place from 5 to 8 pm on June 7, while the exhibition continues until June 21 at 1428 Sherbrooke St. West.



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Le mercredi 6 juin, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Birth of a Family (2017). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Réception : Panneaux en verre coloré de Christina Anderson

Le vendredi 8 juin, 17 h à 18 h, Jardin du conte, Bibliothèque. Vous êtes invités à un thé en après-midi pour célébrer le don officiel des panneaux en verre coloré de Christina Anderson à la Bibliothèque des enfants. Inspirés par l'oeuvre de Walter Crane, ces panneaux donneront désormais sur Le jardin du conte. 514 989-5229.

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Prochaine séance du conseil le mardi 3 juillet

Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 19 juin, 19 h, Bibliothèque. The Left Hand of Darkness d'Ursula K. Le Guin. Animé par Carly Vandergriendt. 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 heures : Lora Baiocco

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Temporary relocation of reception

Due to ongoing renovation work, the City Hall reception desk and Finance counter has been relocated to the 2nd floor until mid-June.

LIBRARY

Tales and Travels Series

Fridays, June 1-29, 1 p.m., Library. A weekly activity that simulates the act of travelling to a foreign country for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Registration required: dmiguez@westmount.org or 514 989-5530.

Documentary Film Club

Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m., Library. Birth of a Family (2017). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Reception: Christina Anderson's Stained Glass Panels

Friday, June 8, 5 to 6 p.m., Library Storytelling Garden. Join us for an afternoon tea to celebrate the official donation of Christina Anderson's stained glass panels to the Children's Library. The Walter Crane-inspired panels will now overlook the Storytelling Garden. 514 989-5229.

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Bloomsday Readings

Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m., Library. Dramatic readings from James Joyce's Ulysses by local media personalities and actors.

Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m., Gallery at Victoria Hall: special performance of the Molly Bloom soliloguy by actress Kathleen Fee. Free. 514 989-5226.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, July 3

English Book Club

Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., Library. The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin. Led by Carly Vandergriendt. 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Conferences Series: Lora Baiocco Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m., Library. Rembrandt in Westmount. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Reading group for Joyce's Finnegans Wake: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP

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Director Christopher Moore briefly welcomes the audience and explains the protocol of a live "radio" broadcast including applauding when the APPLAUSE sign is raised.

Humour, horror combine in vintage Hitchcock by Dramatis Personae

By Ralph Thompson

Dramatis Personae, Westmount's community theatre group, entertained locals in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall May 25, 26 and 28 with Alfred Hitchcock material, presented as a "live radio" comic drama, and directed by Christopher Moore.

Three Alfred Hitchcock plots were adapted by celebrated playwright Joe Landry in the style of three 1940s radio programs – The Lodger, Sabotage and The 39 Steps – grouped under the title Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Broadcast.

Professional actor and producer Christopher Moore has worked with the group for the past three years.

"This is a new genre for me," said Moore. "It is fun to do. It is very authentic."

Moore studied at John Abbott College and works with Gabrielle Soskin in Persephone Productions. The Friday evening sold-out performance packed about 50 people into a theatrical radio station for the "live radio" broadcast, complete with appropriate computerized background music, the on-air red light and many special sound effects (called foley) including a creaky door, clip-clopping shoes and a walking cane, a chest of noisy drawers, a cymbal and of course, the obligatory sheet of wobbly tin and an APPLAUSE sign, all managed by Roger Jochym and members of the theatre group.

Dramatis Personae presents autumn and spring performances. The entry price was a recommended \$10 but voluntary. All performances were sold out, except the Saturday matinee. The production was managed by Ann Elbourne and Ellen Rubin and the stage manager was Carly Terreault.



The plot in The Lodger unfolds as the sinister tenant Mr. Sleuth (actor Clive Brewer, centre) expresses his fanatical religious views, his dislike of blonde women and laughter. The boarding-house owner Ellen Bunting (actress Ellen Rubin) is becoming suspicious as the radio announcer (actor Phillip Dumouchel, left) prepares to reveal another murder has been committed in the foggy streets of London.



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"Dossier : L'éthique est dans le steak," dans Philosophie magazine, mars 2018, pp. 50-69. Être ou ne pas être carnivore?

"Curating history" by Janell Hobson in Ms. Spring 2018, p38. Irma McClaurin's new Black Feminist Archive offers activists the chance to determine their own legacy.

"Appropriation," by Aylan Couchie, Raven Davis and Chief Lady Bird moderated by Lindsay Nixon in Canadian Art, Spring 2018, pp. 86-89. A conversation between indigenous artists about the emotional labour surrounding fallout from the appropriation of indigenous identities, spiritualties and visualities.



The eastern entrance to the library on June 1.

lyst for an unexpected bond among a human rights scholar, his Chilean lecturer tenant and an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala, who explore firsthand the difficulties of immigrants and rePhoto: Independent.

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The Elizas by Sara Shepard. A heartpounding, Hitchcockian double narrative composed of secrets, lies, false memories and an unreliable narrator you'll never forget.

Tangerine by Christine Mangan. The last person Alice expected to see since arriving in Tangier with her new husband was her estranged friend Lucy. At first, Lucy seems to help Alice adjust to life in Morocco, but soon Alice starts feeling controlled and stifled.

Livres numériques

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Adult English: Canadian authors

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N'avalez pas tout ce qu'on vous dit : superaliments, détox, calories et autres pièges alimentaires by Bernard Lavallée. We are bombarded by advice on nutrition. Food has become worrisome while it should be a source of pleasure. How is it possible to survive in this information jungle? Nutritionist Bernard Lavallée debunks myths and analyses the disproportionate influences of agribusiness and pseudo-specialists.

A/V: Oscar nominees

All the Money in the World directed by Ridley Scott. The story of the kidnapping of 16-year-old John Paul Getty III and the desperate attempt by his devoted mother to convince his billionaire grandfather Jean Paul Getty to pay the ransom. Christopher Plummer did not win the Oscar for best supporting actor but was praised for his performance.

Phantom Thread written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson. Set in 1950s London, Phantom Thread was a runner-up for best picture. Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma, who becomes his muse and lover.

New non-fiction for children

Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win by Rachel Ignotofsky. A beautiful and inspiring book about 50 female athletes from the 1800s to present day.

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Book Club in a Bag

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende. A minor traffic accident becomes a cata-

BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

Council approves more building permits May 22, refuses none

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting May 22. There were no refusals.

Approved

- 19 Grenville: at a Category I house, to replace storm windows:
- room structure and rebuild a new one, modify window openings and replace windows, build a new two-tier deck at the rear, install a new fence and build a stepping stone path in the side yard;
- 473 Prince Albert: landscaping at the rear and side yards to replace patio stones and stairs as well as retaining walls provided stone or stone-facing is used;
- 556 Lansdowne: to replace a fence;
- 619 Clarke: at a Category I house, landscaping;
- 4707 The Boulevard: to replace a door and repair the rear balcony;
- 737 Lexington: to install a transformer;

642 Belmont: to modify a rear balcony; 317 Metcalfe: to modify front stairs;

- 324 Victoria: at a Category I building, to install two signs;
- 9 York: to repair the back balcony on condition the fascia is in wood;

25 Chesterfield: at a Category I house, to replace some windows on condition

they are of wood (exterior and interior); **4850 Westmount:** landscaping at the front;

- 784 Upper Belmont: to modify the rear balcony;
- **102 Arlington:** to replace windows;
- 12 Aberdeen: at a Category I house, front landscaping;
- 566 Grosvenor: to replace windows and a door on the solarium:
- 459 Strathcona: two permits listed, one to replace windows and a balcony door and another to replace a front door;
- **3302 Cedar:** to replace a door;
- ify the existing deck;

- 572 Claremont: to demolish the rear sun-

- 484 Wood: at a Category I house, to mod-

362 Kitchener: to replace windows.



During the press conference June 1, from left, Westmount mayor Christina Smith, Catherine Harel-Bourdon, chair of the Commission scolaire de Montréal, and Montreal mayor Valérie Plante.

Photo courtesy of city of Westmount's Facebook page.

Schools, cont'd. from p.1

Académie Bourget at 1214-30 de la Montagne; the other to be built on vacant land on St. Mathieu belonging to Concordia and near the historic Grey Nuns' building at René Lévesque Blvd. and Guy St. This is now part of the Concordia campus.

"It's absolutely great," Smith said. "It's at times like this when you realize how rewarding this job can be," she added. Referring to her combined government lobbying with Plante, she added: the acute need for a new school "is the one thing we've agreed on" (see story May 8, p. 8).

One of their major concerns has been the construction of six new residential towers at the former Montreal Children's Hospital site with St. Léon's being the only school remotely nearby (see story March 6, p. 8).

The new schools will not be open for three to five years. Smith said she believed the previously announced funding for expansion of St. Léon would not be affected by the new schools (see story October 3, 2017, p. 11).



Currently, about 50 percent of the students come from outside the city of Westmount, mostly bussed in from downtown, she said. She expects the school's enrollment to reach around 800 for the coming term.

Durnford-Dionne awarded TD scholarship

Marianopolis student Charlotte Durnford-Dionne was awarded one of 20 TD Scholarships for Community Leadership, worth up to \$70,000 each, on May 29. While volunteering at the Tyndale-St. Georges Community Centre in Little Burgundy, she noticed that sports did not interest all the children and founded an after-school arts program for participants aged six to 12. It is now a permanent offering at the centre.

According to her parents, Westmounters Laurent Dionne and Megan Durnford, Charlotte "has been travelling for the past several months and then working as a volunteer at a Unitarian family shelter (Child Haven) in Hyderabad, India. She plans to use the scholarship to pursue her university studies in communication arts."

Priory wins Community Cares award

The Priory School, its teachers and its students were awarded the Montreal Community Cares Foundation Award in the "community leader, elementary school" category. "Throughout the year," the

Westmount High's Jafralie wins Prime Minister's teaching award

Westmount High teacher Sabrina Jafralie has been awarded a \$1,000 Prime Minister's Award for teaching excellence. She teaches ethics, religious culture and history.

According to a press release, "The Prime Minister's Awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers ... Recipients are recognized for their leadership and exemplary teaching practices."

Described as "a pillar in Montreal's black community," Jafralie is lauded in the press release as "devoted to her students. Her care is visible in her practices inside and outside the classroom, which is why so many students have flourished under her watch.

"Sabrina believes that student success and skill are a result of holistic learning. She takes factors such as background, self-image, nutrition and academic achievement into account when building her inclusive classroom. And then she initiates and sustains a personal connection with each student."



school said in a press release, "students participate in a number of community service initiatives, learning a sense of responsibility and the joy of giving. As The Priory School makes the term 'inspiring positive change' a part of everyday vocabulary, our school can proudly say that 100 percent of the student body participates in regular community service initiatives."

Lacroix wins McEuen scholarship

Westmounter Katherine Lacroix is the 2018 winner of the McEuen Scholarship, its foundation announced May 28. According to its press release, it is the largest undergraduate scholarship in Canada. It includes tuition, room and board and a stipend for four years at St. Andrews University in Scotland. It is intended to foster links between Canada and Scotland.

"This is an absolutely surreal experience that I still cannot quite fathom. I look forward to representing Canada and the McEuen Scholarship Award at the University of St Andrews," said Lacroix in the release. She'll be taking the university's international affairs program.

"We are delighted that Katherine is our 2018 scholar. She is only the second Quebecer and the first Montrealer to be awarded the scholarship," said foundation president John Aylen in the release.



Shaar panel considers possible rise of anti-Semitism in Germany

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

"If there is not a future for Jews in Germany, then there's no future for the Germany we want to live in," Sabine Sparwasser, the federal republic of Germany's ambassador to Canada, told a crowd of 350 people during a panel discussion on May 29 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim on the future of Jews in Germany.

While noting that current statistics don't necessarily suggest that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Germany, she said "the feeling is universal that it is," while adding that "anti-Semitism shows its face more," although "not just in Germany."

Whether or not there's been a rise of the phenomenon in her country, she pointed out the large number of young migrants who've entered Germany in recent years from countries "where it belongs to the culture to be anti-Israel, anti-Jewish, that this brings in more anti-Semitism to Germany too."

According to Sparwasser, Germany's federal parliament, the Bundestag, passed a resolution in January to address anti-

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From left, panellists Gemma Wasserman-Michalski, German ambassador Sabine Sparwasser and Congregation Shaar Hashomayim rabbi Adam Scheier spoke on May 29 at Shaar Hashomayim on whether there is a future for Jews in Germany.

Semitism while establishing a committee of inquiry to examine anti-Semitic incidents and report back.

"When civility and a sort of a tone of discourse that is basically polite and respectful is getting lost when we vilify people, when we dehumanize people, I think we in Germany know best that that's the way to the worst possible destruction," she

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said.

The panel consisted of Gemma Wasserman-Michalski, Ambassador Sparwasser and Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's senior rabbi, Adam Scheier. The evening's topic was chosen largely as a result of a series of anti-Semitic incidents involving Wasserman-Michalski's 14-yearold son at a private school in Germany last year.

She is the daughter of Baron Gordon Wasserman, who made introductory remarks. Baron Wasserman graduated from Westmount High School and was a member of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim during his younger years.

Describing herself and her husband as "politically liberal and progressive" and not accustomed to overt anti-Semitism in their 20 years of living in Germany, Wasserman-Michalski said they began to change their minds after their son, Oscar, started attending a new school where the curriculum was very liberal and the student body was multicultural.

While she said Oscar was very happy at the school during the first few days, the situation changed near the end of the first week, when the students were being taught ethics and religions of the world, and Oscar revealed to the teacher and his classmates that he was Jewish.

During a break following class, one of the students asked him whether he was really Jewish. Wasserman-Michalski said the student later told him that, even though he liked him, they couldn't be friends anymore "because Muslims and Jews cannot be friends."

Thereafter, she continued, "began three-and-a-half months of verbal and physical abuse because he was Jewish.

That he was Jewish got around the whole school. What you need to know is that it was widespread in that school. Normalized. Completely normal."

Wasserman-Michalski and her husband were deeply disappointed with the school's response - or lack of one. She maintained, among other things, that she was told that her son's presence provoked his main tormenter and that it would be best for her son to stay out of his way. In the end, Oscar's parents transferred him to another school.

Rabbi Scheier, who is fluent in German and spent time in Germany 20 years ago, had his own take on anti-Semitism in that country. He recalled an experience in Berlin where a peace rally was being held and he was warned by local people to "just make sure you're not identifiable as Jews."

When he asked why not, he was told that peace rallies in certain parts of the world had become synonymous with anti-Israel feeling. And indeed, he saw at the rally in question that the Palestinian flag dominated.

But at the same time, he noted some of the paradoxes that exist in Germany when it comes to Jews and anti-Semitism. Walking through the town of Aachen, Rabbi Scheier saw a group of young people walking towards them with spiked punk hair and aggressive-looking dogs.

After gesturing to his host that they should cross the street to avoid them, he said the latter replied, "No, those are the peaceniks. The people you want to avoid are the skinheads over there."

Living on the edge



Stephen Lipper.

A lighter moment occurred when moderator Stephen Lipper seemed to forget that he was sitting on a riser and got up, only to fall off the edge. There was a moment of worried silence as people waited to see if he was hurt. A few seconds later, he was back on his feet, saying, "I'm fine. I'm sorry to interrupt. You might say the Jewish people live on the edge. I suppose having lived very much a Jewish life, I was quite on the edge." – MCB

McCord Ball another success

Veronica Redgrave

Social Notes

The annual McCord Museum Ball is not only always one of the city's most glamorous, but also really cool. Why?

Because the sold-out fun gala gathers fashion designers (Michel Desjardins, Rad Hourani, UNTTLD, Antoinette Di Carlo), cultural personalities/collectors (Joe Battat, Anne-Marie and Pierre Trahan, Élourdes and Alain Simard) and artists (Nicolas Baier, Marisa Portolese), who mingle with black tie-clad titans of industry, politics and culture.

Event design guru Dick Walsh excelled with his outstanding décor for Don Cristobal, the Spanish-themed eve in honour of the McCord's upcoming exhibit Balenciaga Master of Couture. Artist Zilon hand-painted his iconic faces on chair cushions and designer Denis Gagnon created wall installations like balloon dogs but massive. Fabulous! Franca Mazza catered the amazing meal with her inimitable flair.

Along the red carpet – wet from the eve's unrelenting torrent - the McCord's CEO Suzanne Sauvage, board chair Monique Jérôme-Forget, and executive di-



Max and Katia Pacioretty, Patrice Brisebois, Nadia Saputo, Darren and Vicky Carmosino.

rector of the McCord Foundation Nathalie Lévesque, greeted guests with the evening's honorary co-presidents Salvatore Guerrera, president SAJO (with his wife Diane), Danielle Lavoie, senior vp portfolio manager, Cadillac Fairview (with husband André Paquette) and Nick Tedeschi, vp SAJO (with his wife Dale Tedeschi). Ball committee co-chairs were Bita Cattelan (there with Paolo Cattelan) and Nathalie Lévesque (attending with husband continued on p. 28



Bita Cattelan and Nathalie Lévesque.



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Eric Dunberry).

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Museum board members attending were vice chair Michal Kuzmicki and treasurer Daniel Baer, along with Gregoire Baillargeon, Bruce Bolton, Alan MacIntosh, Jean-Claude Poitras, Marie SenécalTremblay and Diane Wilhelmy. Foundation board members there were Bita Cattelan, Thomas R.M. Davis, Armand Des Rosiers, François Duffar, Sandra Ferreira and Claude Gendron.

During the champagne-fuelled cocktail, guests wandered the massive Arsenal Contemporary Art gallery space admiring the art installations – one of which aptly spelt out SUPER! in neon lights.

Seen were Westmounters Mitch Garber, Susan and Peter Varadi, Joey Basmaji, Anna and John Broccolini, Karen Beaulieu and Clarence Epstein, media celeb **Richard Burnett** with his mom **Liliane**, and **Katia** and **Max Pacioretty**.

Noted arriving were Lucien Bouchard and Solange Dugas, MAC director John Zeppetelli and Kassa Bourne, Rosemary and Frank Niro with daughter Nadia Niro and her husband John Anthony Luzio, and son Nick Niro with his wife Yasmine Comert, Danielle Sauvage, Bruce McNiven (with Marie Senécal-Tremblay), Nadia Saputo and Patrice Brisbois, Scott Yetman, LaSalle College's Sandra Parker, Carole and Myer Bick, and super stylists Serge Jean Laviolette, Louise Labrecque and Andrew McNally.

Noted amidst the glam glitterati were Peter Nicholson, president WCPD, Emmanuelle Gattuso, Normand Ciarlo, divi-

Sal and Diane Guerrera and Suzanne Sauvage.

sional vp Holt Renfrew Ogilvy; Jan-Fryderyk Pleszczynski. CEO/president 4U2C; Chantal Durivage and Jean-François Daviau, creators of Groupe Sensation Mode; Jacques Chagnon provincial legislator for Westmount–St. Louis, attending with Sylvie Chagnon; and Ivan Cavallari, artistic director, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal.

Dresses ranged from jewel-bright Indian silk inspired (Madame Jérôme-Forget) and opulent full skirts (Nathalie Lévesque's Caroline Herrera) to trailing goddess gowns. But the shoes! Be still my heart. Many glittered with gleaming crystals. Stilettos were sky-sky-high, but somehow walking was fashionably faultless. As was the night.

Polak meets Dutch royals





From left, Westmounter Michael Polak met with the Dutch king, Willem-Alexander; the queen, Máxima; and the queen-mother and former queen, Beatrix, at the royal palace in Amsterdam on April 17. Polak is the honorary consul for the Netherlands in Montreal. He first met Willem-Alexander in 2012, before he became king. Photo courtesy of M. Polak.





Peter Varadi, Martine Larouche, Susan Varadi and Pierre Laboursodière.



Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

The Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (CABGU) hosted a cocktail featuring guest speaker Bill Browder, author of Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice.

The American founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management led the largest foreign investment fund in Russia until 2005. Then, after battling widespread Russian corporate and official corruption, he was denied entry into the country and declared a "threat to national security."

Sergei Magnitsky, Browder's tax lawyer and principal corruption investigator, was arrested, tortured and killed in custody in November 2009. Since then, Browder has lobbied for, and obtained the passage of, "Magnitsky acts" in the US, the UK, Canada and elsewhere. The acts hold accountable those involved in Magnitsky's murder, as well as other human-rights abusers, by denying them visas and freezing their assets.

The evening's honorary chair was Irwin



Larry Nachshen and Jack Altman.





Bill Browder, Simon Bensimon, Irwin Cotler and Mark Mendelson.

Cotler, and event chair was Westmounter Jack Altman. CABGU Montreal's executive director Simon Bensimon and Larry Nachshen, president, welcomed guests with CABGU CEO Mark Mendelson. Noted arriving were Israel's consul general David Levy and deputy consul general Rotem Segev and her husband Sagi Shneur, as well as David Birnbaum, provincial legislator for D'Arcy-McGee. Westmounters attending included Penny and

Gordon Echenberg, Erna and Arnold Ludwick, Naomi and Eric Bissel, Marilyn Takefman, Janis Levine, Marlene Gilfix-Raich and Robert Raich and Roslyn Margles.

Shaar Hashomayim hosts Bill Browder event

Larry Nachshen presented a short film about Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The sold-out crowd enjoyed a discussion between Browder and Cotler, moderated by journalist Jonathan Kay, the evening's MC.

The lavish dinatoîre eve raised \$200,000 to support doctoral scholarships in human rights studies at the Pinchas Sapir faculty of humanities and social sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU).



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Montreal ex-mayor Coderre addresses Temple

By Martin C. Barry

Addressing more than 200 people at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on May 8 as the invited speaker for the 2018 Victor and Sheila Goldbloom Symposium, former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre explained how his participation in April in the March of the Living strengthened his support for the state of Israel.

"I believe in two states, but I believe that Israel's people deserve to have their country. They have the right to defend themselves and they have the right to exist," said Coderre who was in Poland for the March of the Living, after which he also travelled to Israel for the country's 70th anniversary.

Placing the events of the past in context with those of the present, Coderre said, "I don't like what I'm seeing right now." Saying that he wasn't fond of the current president of the United States, Coderre added, "I don't like what I'm seeing in Europe or in Germany or Australia and Hungary, where you have the right-wing extremists coming back."

Several times during his talk, Coderre urged the audience to "Think global, act local," which was a phrase he also employed quite often during his time as Mont-



Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom senior rabbi Lisa Grushcow, left, and former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre react with laughter during an exchange with audience members during the 2018 Victor and Sheila Goldbloom Symposium held at the Sherbrooke St. synagogue on May 8.

real's mayor from 2013 to November 2017.

While acknowledging that "countries are important, continents are important," he insisted that the world increasingly is being defined through cities. "If you want to settle problems, it will go through cities because of the proximity of their leaders in civil society," he said.

Coderre was asked by symposium comoderator Jonathan Goldbloom about what inspired him in his youth to become interested in politics. "To be honest, I was president of my kindergarten," he jokingly replied.

On a more serious note, Coderre acknowledged that he developed a talent for public speaking when he was still a student. "It seems that I always wanted to be up front, to be in public life, or the master of ceremonies in high school. I always loved that."

During a period for questions from the



audience, Coderre was asked to explain his views on community and individual rights. "If you don't protect minorities, who will?" he replied. "I'm for multiculturalism. Why? People have differences at the same time at every level."

Referring to a position he took while mayor, he continued, "Why do you think I was against the Charter of Quebec Values? Why do you think that I complained about Bill 62?"

He said he never wanted to see a situation developing in Montreal whereby "a bus driver at -25°C will have to make a choice if a woman with a veil and with her two children should be in or not because she's wearing a veil."

Comin' Up

Thursday, June 7

God's Light Youth Choir Concert of the First United Methodist Church in Smyrna, GA. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 7 pm.

Monday, June 11

NDG-Westmount-Montreal West Good Neighbourhood Committee for the Turcot/720/136 project. St. Raymond Community Centre, 5600 Upper Lachine. 7 pm

Wednesday, June 13

Rosh Chodesh service, including Torah reading, singing hallel for the new month and the chance to say kaddish. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. 8:30 am: light breakfast; 9 am: services.

Thursday, June 14

Cedars Cancer Foundation hosts Men's Health Awareness Day/free examination (including prostate check). MUHC Glen campus, 1001 Decarie Blvd., just west of the Westmount-NDG border. 9 am to 4 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

The Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal presents *What Will Make Us Change*? \$5. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., 2 to 4 pm.

Sunday, June 17

Sundays at the Shaar presents Joyce Borenstein on photographer Lida Moser. Lecture/film followed by lunch. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. \$5, reservations appreciated: 514.937.9474 x 139; shaarhashomayim.org/calendar. 12 noon.

Friday, June 22

Bass-baritone Douglas Renfroe presents a sermon in song as well as leading parts of the Friday evening service. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 7:45 pm.

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