

Bees still busy on library roof after 5 years

Honey harvested, hives to be winterized by Halloween

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The two rooftop bee hives at Westmount Public Library are about to be winterized in the next few weeks, at least by Halloween, according to Declan Rankin Jardin of Alvéole, the urban agriculture service that cares for them.

As the days shorten and winter beckons, the queen bee stops laying eggs and a supply of honey is left to help the hive survive under its winter protection for the start of next year's season, he said.

Business as usual

"The last time I checked on the bees, they appeared to be as busy as usual," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella. The public can view them from the library's top

floor.

Rankin Jardin dispelled rumours that Alvéole might be giving up its servicing of the hives, saying it is the residential backyard services it is moving away from. Schools and other "open," educational projects, such as Westmount's, are an important focus for the company that he co-founded.

Honey coming

He expects Westmount to receive its supply of honey for sale in a week or so. The local program has been in place since the spring of 2014, funded initially by proceeds from the city's plant exchange (see story, May 6, 2014 p. 3). It is now self-sustaining from the honey sold at the city's fall reception and at the library.

Martin meets Pope Francis



Westmounter Patrick Martin, who served on city council from 2006 until 2017 and who ran for mayor in that latter year, met Pope Francis (left photo) on October 4 in Rome, during events relating the elevation of his Loyola High School friend Michael Czerny (right photo, October 5) to a cardinalship. See p. 4 for another photo.

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Lieut. Meunier retires Nov. 7

Likes to be in contact with 'reality' by working at the station

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

On the approach of his retirement November 7 at age 50, police lieutenant Jacques Meunier is proud he's spent his entire 30-year career in uniform.

That means Meunier, who has been second-in-command at Westmount's Station 12 for eight years, has not spent stints in investigative, administrative or non-un-

formed units but has had his "boots on the ground" and has been "grounded in reality," as he puts it.

"I'm a station guy," he explained last week. "I believe in local policing – in contact with reality. It's the alpha and omega of law enforcement. If a flying saucer landed at Westmount Park, for example, it's the police on patrol who would be the first continued on p. 20

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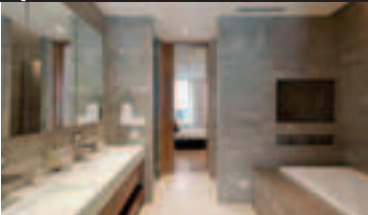
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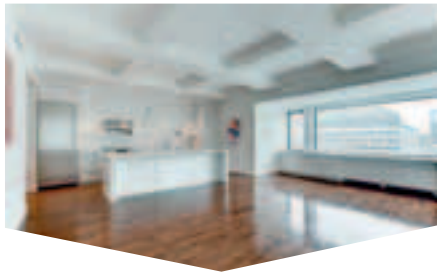
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Catharine McKenty recounts life with Neil in *Riding the Elephant*



Seen here on October 3 at Manoir Westmount during the launch of *Riding the Elephant* are, from left, Serge G  n  reux, Ann Ascoli, Joan McGuigan, Catharine McKenty, Alan Hustak and Joy Rutenberg.

PHOTO: MARTIN C. BARRY

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Old friends and one-time neighbours of Catharine McKenty gathered on October 3 at the Manoir Westmount, where the former Somerville Ave. resident now lives, to launch her latest book, *Riding the Elephant: Surviving in a bipolar marriage*.

Published by Torchflame Books with an introduction by former *Gazette* journalist Alan Hustak, the book recounts McKenty's marriage with her late husband, Neil McKenty, a former Jesuit priest who was a

talk-radio and TV host in Montreal during the 1970s and 1980s.

Riding the Elephant is her second book. A previous work, *Polly of Bridgewater Farm: An Unknown Irish Story*, was the story of a girl whose childhood in mid-19th century Ireland was disrupted by the Irish potato famine, followed by emigration to a new life in Canada.

Among McKenty's guests were a number of former members of Montreal's media community, including Hustak, retired FM radio host Matthew Cope and former *Gazette* drama critic Pat Donnelly.

There were also close friends, such as former Sherbrooke St. boutique owners Gail and Gerard Fellerath, and local realtors Joan and Brian McGuigan.

While Neil McKenty's name was familiar in English-speaking households throughout Montreal at one time, Catharine McKenty's was perhaps less so, although some of her exploits are no less remarkable.

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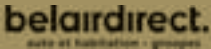
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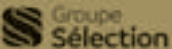
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From left, former Westmounter Robert Hackett, Don Ferguson, Westmounter Donat Taddeo, Bishop Michael Czerny (he became a cardinal the next day), John Hamblin, Westmounter Patrick Martin, and Stanley Vincelli in Rome on October 4. All seven are from Loyola High School class of 1963. See p.1 for more photos and details.

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'Amazing experience': Mayor Smith

Climate change march to accelerate city's actions



From left, second row: Mayor Christina Smith, former mayor Peter Trent and Baie d'Urfé mayor Maria Tutino; front row: Mary Cundill (Smith's daughter), Councillor Marina Brzeski, Sophie Ferreira and city director general Benoit Hurtubise.

PHOTO COURTESY OF C. SMITH.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Inspired by the massive enthusiasm and message for action relayed in the climate change march in Montreal September 27, Mayor Christina Smith said last week that Westmount would accelerate its efforts in areas where it can act as a municipality.

This means increasing parking for shared vehicle services, she said, and installing additional charging stations for electric vehicles, of which Westmount has a greater proportion than the rest of Quebec.

"This may mean facing some pushback and budget increases," she said, but just being at the march "was amazing." It rein-

forced how many decisions can be made in the fight against climate change at the municipal level, such as the city's recycling efforts.

Among the estimated 500,000 who participated in the march along with Mayor Smith were Councillor Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility, former mayor Peter Trent who joined with Westmount rather than with fellow members of the board of the Société de transport de Montreal (STM), and city director general Benoit Hurtubise, as well as a number of city employees.

"It was a great thing to be a part of," Smith said. With them were Baie d'Urfé mayor Maria Tutino and, at one point, Montreal mayor Valérie Plante.

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Four join Quarter Century Club this year

City recognizes 24 employees for long service at banquet

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While active and retired city employees who had reached at least 25 years of service shared past and present experiences October 2 at the city's Quarter Century Club Banquet, 24 received special recognition for milestones of service.

In particular, however, four who had reached the quarter century of service were specially honoured and inducted into the "club" at its 76th annual banquet. This entitles them to be invited to the dinner every year.

This year, they were: Gayle White of the library, Public Security parking inspector Richard Lamer and two firefighters who joined the Westmount Fire Brigade 25 years ago and have continued to work at the station on Stanton following the merger of the brigade with the Montreal fire department.

They are Gianni D'Argenio and Patrick Hearson.

After welcoming those invited and introducing special guests, emcee Benoit Hurtubise, the city's director general, spoke about how the Quarter Century Club was one of the Westmount traditions "we talk about" especially at this time of year.

Mayor Christina Smith thanked all employees for the "level of service you deliver" and said she was thrilled to see the photo of librarian Mai Jay, marking 40 years' service, on the front page of the *Independent*

the same day "rather than mine."

Retiree John Camia delivered the blessing before dinner in English, French and Italian and a moment of silence was held in memory of those recently deceased.

At the end of the evening, honouree Jay provided the traditional thank-you to the city on behalf of some 115 attending, adding her special gratitude to a chorus of those before her to the event's organizer, Anne Renaud, the mayor's executive assistant.

Honoured for 40 years

Mai Jay, reference librarian (see story October 1, p. 1)

Completed 30 years

Faith Holness, library; Maria Ippolito, IT; Lynda Meloche, purchasing; Dina Pietrangeli, city clerk's office; and Cecilia Emanuel, Silvia Tuccia and André Vézina of Hydro Westmount.

20 years

Réjean Binette, Franco Caucci, Todd Séguin and Lily Tremblay, of Public Works; Matthew Ciampini, Sports and Recreation; André Duplantie, Hydro Westmount; and Shawn Reeves, Public Security.

15 years

Lora Baiocco, library; Jennifer Chabot, Public Security; Anne Renaud, DG's office; Erminio Masucci and Antonio Ragazzino, Public Works.



Retiring police lieutenant Jacques Meunier, right, introduces Station 12's incoming lieutenant, Jonathan Chase, left, to Councillor Anitra Bostock, the city's public security commissioner, October 2 at the Quarter Century Club banquet.

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Wrong way on de Maisonneuve



The turning car at left, which was going the wrong way on de Maisonneuve, came nose to nose with the car at right just east of Victoria on October 3. The *Independent* witnessed an almost identical event September 29. It has regularly seen cars go the wrong way in the block west of Victoria, but these events were the first two times it has noticed the phenomenon to the east of that street.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Rouleau to appear on Dragons' Den

Westmounter Anie Rouleau is in the *Dragons' Den* this week. The episode of the CBC venture capital TV show with her appearance airs Thursday, October 10 at 9 pm.

Rouleau will be representing her business, The Unscented Company. Her inspiration to found it came 10 years ago. She is "intolerant of fragrance" and decided to start a soap and detergent company that would "redefine clean" and not be "normal" or "part of the problem" when it came to single-use packaging, she told the *Independent* by phone on October 4.

Local stores that carry her products include L'Autre Choix, Hogg Hardware, Metro and À Votre Santé. The firm's website also lists which stores are "fill-up" centres, which aim to minimize packaging.

Additionally, Rouleau has had the company certified as a "B-Corp" by the relevant organization, meaning to her that "profit is important, but not to the detriment of the environment or the community."

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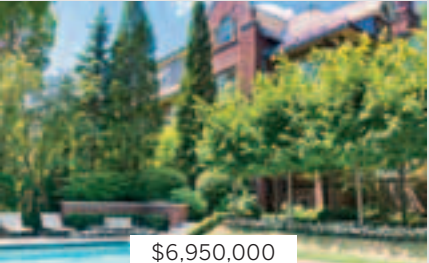
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Council to get options for increasing safety this winter



Surrey Gardens and Gordon Crescent on January 11. The temperatures felt close to -30°C. St Joseph’s Oratory in the background.

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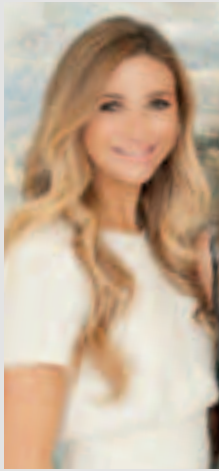
By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A big presentation from Public Works to “better optimize snow clearing” this winter is to be presented to council at its general committee session before the public meeting October 7, Mayor Christina Smith told the *Independent* last week. “The goal is to make safety a priority.” Proposed options for the streets and sidewalks had been reviewed recently by the city’s Finance and Administration (F&A) Committee planning the capital works budget, she said. Now they must be

approved by council. “We’re looking at different options to move snow out of the city faster, including the Turcot traffic issue, and what we can do, such as working at night. I think if we can prove the extra budget and manpower required can expedite removal and improve safety, I think citizens will be okay with it.” She said the council recognizes that last year’s sudden freeze-thaw cycles and major snow storms are probably the new normal and have to be addressed.

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A pair of nines for Stansfield



Irene Stansfield celebrated her 99th birthday September 30 at St. Margaret's seniors' home on Hillside Ave. and had a party on October 3 so that her daughter, Westmounter Lorraine Bell, could be there. "She is an inspiration to the second floor where she lives," said son-in-law and *Indie* photographer Ralph Thompson, "She wears a big smile all the time and only gets upset when we try to tidy her room... Lorraine had to buy her Pedal Pushers (cropped pants) this summer because she insisted she have some to look fashionable."

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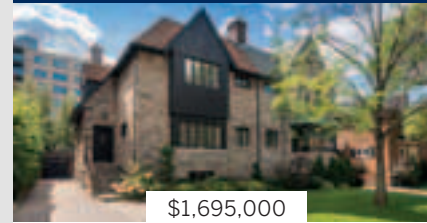
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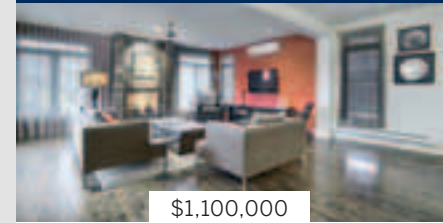


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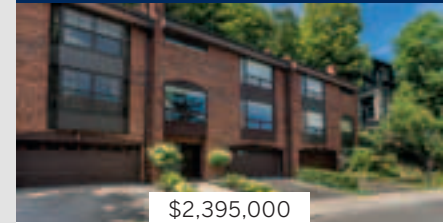


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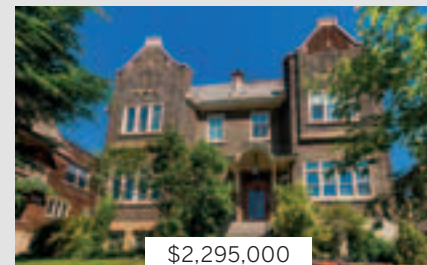
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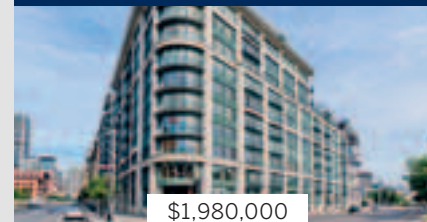


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Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK

At the Visual Arts Centre, Mylène Boisvert's linen wall hangings evoke traditional lace, while Jacques Payette's floral paintings at Galerie de Bellefeuille recall botanical prints. A mix of old and new, both exhibitions convey an appreciation of contemporary design as well as the beauty of traditional art.

Linen exposé






Boisvert's meticulously crafted, linen sculptures or wall hangings of collars and handkerchiefs line the McClure Gallery. Crafted from spun thread made from linen paper, lace-like loops create intricate and delicate patterns. Entitled *Les saisons du lin*, the exhibition's large-scale art encourages a close inspection of artist technique as well as design.

Wall-hangings of oversized lace collars replicate a past elegance. Some like "Col #1" have a rust patina formed by wrapping wet linen threads around pins fixed on a Styrofoam board. The exquisite handkerchief "Mouchoir" or panels of "Chemin" – a lace *continued on p. 15*

Boisvert, Payette: traditions renewed



Mylène Boisvert's "Abondance."




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runner and family heirloom – are eloquent reminders of traditional lace making.

Others like “Champ de lin #1” – a medallion design with entwined red, yellow, blue and green circles – are contemporary. Gilded threads in the freeform wall hanging “Souffle” shimmer like gossamer in light. In contrast the dramatic sculpture “Abondance” – composed of linen fibre with blue, turquoise, green and taupe circles – is spread like peacock plumage across a raised platform. Unique and interesting, Boisvert’s exhibition *Les saisons du lin* continued until September 28th at 350 Victoria Ave.

Botanical motifs

Jacques Payette’s new floral paintings resemble colourful botanical etchings of roses or woodcuts of geraniums or peonies. Pink and red blossoms, green leaves and stems of “Rosa setigera” or

Jacques Payette’s “Syringa vulgaris.”

“Geranium Sylvatica” are dramatic against a dark grey background. Rendered in encaustic, oil and acrylic on linen, handlettering below the image – a lost art – informs viewers *continued on p.19*



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History by
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ANDY DODGE

The stonefront house on the slopes of Clarke Ave., 457 Clarke Ave., was a part of the orchard for Simon Clarke’s “summer cottage” on Côte St. Antoine Rd. in the early 19th century, which was one of the first houses along the road leading to the Monklands estate, and Westmount’s first street. The farm had been granted to the Décarie family and was purchased by





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457 Clarke: The original Clarke holding



Clarke in the early 1770s. According to Aline Gubbay, he was a furrier with the

Northwest Company and chose to build a relatively modest house on the northeast

corner of Clarke and Sherbrooke, which was demolished in 1906.

Clarke’s daughter, Elizabeth, married Gregor McGregor, an auctioneer, in 1839 and he took title to the land on both sides of what eventually became “Clarke’s Ave.,” reaching north into the mountain. They sold off various parts of the long strip-farm in the years leading up to the establishment of the village of Notre Dame de Grâce in 1874. Various Montreal dignitaries were starting to build along Clarke: David Greenshields, son of Samuel, who had joined the family dry goods business; William Rutherford, a lumber merchant; and to the east, Robert James Reekie, prominent businessman and railroad executive, whose house was actually on Rosemount Ave.

Lot 315, just to the north of Simon Clarke’s summer house, which was beginning to show signs of deterioration, changed hands several times between 1870 and 1874 and it was obvious development was being planned, since every deed makes sure there is a “right of passage over the (lot) of a lead pipe (one and a quarter inch diameter) connected to a well on an adjoining property,” higher up the hill. That phrase finds its way through deeds as the

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land passes to Philip L. and James Ross, John Taylor, Alfred Brown and finally two lawyers, John Lang Morris and James Kirby, who purchased the vacant lot in 1874 as the town was being formed.

Unfortunately, recession gripped Montreal and the rest of the country starting in 1873, including the land up the hill from Simon Clarke's summer house – and now apparently across the street from a new house, 134 Clarke Ave. according to the 1888 Lovell's Directory, put up by David Greenshields.

Morris and Kirby paid \$7,200 for the 300-foot-by-120-foot lot, thus 20 cents per square foot, in March of 1874, and then split it, 50-50, with Morris owning the upper half of the lot. Because of the Long Depression, nothing happened to the land until 1887, when Samuel Greenshields picked up Morris' half of the lot, paying \$2,880 or 16 cents per square foot. Samuel died in 1889 and the estate sold the land on the east side to Matthew Hutchison, a lawyer who lived on Dorchester Blvd., for \$3,600, basically the same price paid in 1874. Finally, a year later, Veronica Annie Mary Ritchie, wife of John Baxter Wood, an insurance agent, bought the land, subdivided it into six portions and sold them in 1891 to Elzear Brabant, a carpenter and builder.

Even this was not enough to get the ball rolling: a year later Wood bought back the lower two subdivisions, each 25 feet wide, and eventually (1896) these were picked up by the wife of another builder, Joseph Ber-

HISTORY OF 457 CLARKE AVE.

(since construction)

DATE	BUYER	PRICE
5-Feb-1897	Dame Harline Kimber-Boxer	\$8,000*
30-Jul-1906	James Bailey	\$4,625*
30-Nov-1908	Thomas W. Lamb	\$5,000*
26-Jun-1918	Edith A. Robinson-Hutchison	\$8,500
5-Jul-1972	Floyd Herbert Frizzell	\$20,500
29-Mar-1978	Jorma Olavi Poranto & Ann Lloyd	\$62,000
7-Apr-1987	David Clifford & Mary Dupas	\$273,000
20-Oct-1988	John Riley & Elizabeth Kennedy	\$410,000
22-Sep-1992	James Berwick & Margaret Cooper	\$370,000
12-Dec-2003	Marc Philippe Drouet & Joanne Mawson	\$590,000
17-Jul-2006	Richard Lamer & Natalie Couet	\$706,000
18-Feb-2011	Sandrine Hyenveux & Stéphane Garcies	\$1,000,000
17-Jul-2015	Stephen Lewis & Brona Burke	\$1,185,000

*457 Clarke sold with 459 Clarke; the price quoted here is half of the declared price for the two properties.



As previously reported (September 24, p. RE-22), interior demolition at 4014-22 St. Catherine St., near Atwater, was greenlighted last month. Work seems to have proceeded to the next phase with the fencing off of the sidewalk and the opening of a hole in the building's façade, presumably for the ejection of debris. This photo was taken on October 2.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

thiaume Guenette, who proceeded with the construction of two semi-detached houses, nos. 457 and 459, which in fact became rental properties. He sold them to a British woman, Harline Kimber, widow of Admiral Charles Richard Boxer of the British navy; according to Lovell's Directory, the first occupant of 457 Clarke was Norman W. McLaren of Ness, McLaren & Baie, "manufacturers of telephones and electrical supplies of all kinds."

Over the next two decades various tenants moved into both houses and they changed hands – together – twice, in 1906 and 1908, but still were rented out to various tenants until finally, in June of 1918, No. 457 was sold to Edith A. Robinson, wife of Notary Robert Bennett Hutcheson, who paid \$8,500 for the single-family dwelling.

Sun Life leaves Quebec

The Hutchesons lived there, presumably raising a family, until he died in about 1939, and she stayed there until her death around 1970. In 1972, the house was sold to Floyd Herbert Frizzell, director of agencies at Sun Life of Canada, but the new resident, according to Lovell's Directory, was John Miller Hill, banker with the Royal Bank of Canada, and his wife, Jill.

Two years later the occupant was Guy Savard, an engineer with Canadian Liquid Air. In 1977, of course, Sun Life moved out of Quebec, and Frizzell, who lived in Mon-

Exterior demo begins at 4014 Atwater

treau West throughout his ownership of 457 Clarke Ave., moved to Lancaster, Ont., selling the house to Jorma Olavi Poranto, a technician, and his wife, Ann Lloyd, a copywriter.

The couple lived in the house until David Clifford and his wife, Marie (Mary) Dupas, bought it in April, 1987, for \$273,000, added (according to the realtor's listing) "new wiring, new plumbing, new roof...2½ new bathrooms, new addition in rear, new windows...new kitchen..." They sold the house for \$410,000 to a member of the United States consulate, John Riley, and his wife, Elizabeth Kennedy, who stayed there four years before moving on to Jamaica.

In the early 1990s the Westmount real

estate market was having one of its worst recessions, following the Gulf War and leading up to the second provincial referendum, so the diplomats left after selling the house for only \$370,000, a \$40,000 loss. The buyers, James Berwick, a marketing manager, and Margaret Cooper, a bank director, held onto the house for nine years and then sold it for \$590,000. Three more sales since then doubled that price, to \$1,185,000, by 2015.

The 2017 municipal evaluation, which is supposed to represent the market of 2015, is \$1,128,800. As of next year the municipal valuation goes up 23 percent, to \$1,388,400, supposedly representative of the market value for 2018.



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Police Report

Unlocked door may have left home vulnerable to burglary

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A Westmount homeowner who failed to ensure a ground-floor back door was properly locked may have left the house in question on Roslyn near Sherbrooke vulnerable to burglary.

According to an account of the September 24 break-in provided by police at Station 12, a suspect entered by the back door sometime between 9 am and 5 pm while the owners were away. Investigators called to the scene found evidence that several rooms in the house were searched.

The perpetrator took eight bottles of wine and a laptop computer, then left by the door through which he or she had come in. Neighbours were able to provide a description of a suspicious individual seen in the vicinity around the same time as the break-in.

“The police officers said entrance was made by the back and they did not see any traces of infraction,” said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, noting there were no signs of forced entry. “It’s possible the door was unlocked. Or

it’s also possible the damage was unnoticeable.”

Stolen Infiniti

A black Infiniti vehicle parked in a private parking space on Metcalfe Ave. around 10:30 pm on October 2 was reported stolen by the owner the following morning when he noticed it was missing from its usual place.

“It was parked in a rented space that was reserved for the owner of the vehicle,” Pimentel said, while adding there was no broken window glass on the scene, suggesting the perpetrator didn’t use force to gain entry.

Officers investigating at the scene have little to go on as they were unable to find any nearby security cameras that might otherwise have captured images of the crime in progress.

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Jonathan Powers, academic director at the Thomas More Institute, addressed current and potential future students during an open house event held on September 7 at the institute on Atwater Ave., just east and outside of Westmount. In 2020, the TMI will be celebrating its 75th year. Since 1945, the institute has offered a wide range of humanities and human-interest courses using the Socratic teaching method. Students who complete the liberal arts program can receive a bachelor of arts degree conferred by Bishop’s University. Many TMI students are retired and semi-retired people. A good number of Westmounters sign up for studies at the TMI because of the proximity of the institute.

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Price wins 'bronze' for squash



Westmounter Mike Price discovered last week that he had won third prize for his squash at this year's Brome Fair, held over Labour Day weekend in the Eastern Townships. He is the father of the Independent's editor. "There must have been only three entries," said Price, who was not proud of this year's crop. He is pictured here at his farming location in Sutton on September 28 with his prize, a \$4 cheque.

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Art Scene, cont'd. from p. 15

of the flower's Latin name.

The mauve lilac blossom of "Syringa vulgaris" is, in contrast, light and airy against a background of variegated taupe blocks. Composed of stratified wax layers – Payette's signature encaustic technique – the design creates interest and a contemporary note. A similar pattern bookends a snowy owl in "Harfang au couché du jour," while multicoloured blocks enliven a painting of a horned owl "À l'aurore."

Also known for figurative art, for "Voici des fleurs..." Payette painted a young girl next to a botanical panel with red and yellow blossoms. In contrast, the same child is centred between two Chinese

Ming vases in "Derrière, le passé intouchable." Always inventive, Payette's work can be seen until October 8 at Galerie de Bellefeuille III, 1455 Sherbrooke St. and, after the exhibition, at 1367 Greene Ave.

Echoes of yesteryear

"It is the function of art to renew our perception. What we are familiar with we cease to see." Writer Anaïs Nin's words ring true for both Boisvert's linen sculpture and Payette's antiqued florals.

Both artists combine contemporary techniques and design to convey new associations or meaning, but – through the use of familiar forms – renew our respect for past traditions.

Classical guitarists inaugurate concert series at St. Matthias



A performance by classical guitarists Bruno Gauthier-Bellerose (left) and Steve Cowan on September 28 at St. Matthias' Church marked the beginning of a series of free concerts that will be taking place at the Côte St. Antoine Rd. church over the coming year at 2 pm on the last Saturday of each month. "This is a brand new classical music series focusing on contemporary music," said Julia Reddy, a professional violinist who also teaches music at St. Matthias. "They're free because we want to keep them accessible and open to everyone," she said. "They will take place on the basis of free-will donations."

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ones in and the last to leave after everyone else has come to look at the aliens.”

As the station lieutenant, he says, “I’m the glue that keeps the bark on the tree. That’s how I think of myself.” That means administering the station, carrying out the directions of the commander and replacing her when needed.

Having served a three-year stint in Westmount as a rookie patroller in 1989 means Meunier has spent more than a third of his career here.

It has provided him with the challenge of working with both Westmount and Montreal, he said, providing an international aspect that includes the security of consulates and an opportunity to attend diplomatic and municipal events.

“My first impression of Westmount was its architecture, the hills, the beautiful parks and the respect the people have for police,” he recalled.

Integrity, compassion

Community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, who has worked at the station since before Meunier became its lieutenant, has three words to describe him: “integrity, honesty and accountability.” Then he adds, “and compassion.”

Meunier was born in NDG, attended police technology at Ahuntsic College and

after finishing the Nicolet police academy, served for four months with police in Otterburn Park and Candiac before being hired by Montreal Urban Community police and posted from 1989 to 1992 to what was then Westmount’s large full-service Station 23.

Worked all over Montreal

From there, he worked in LaSalle and Côte des Neiges as well as Verdun and Hochelaga-Maisonneuve as well as at the detention centre at the south regional headquarters. That was when he took a training course on how to arrest someone without injuring them, during which he himself was injured, suffering a pinched nerve in the neck from which he still suffers, he said.

After being promoted to sergeant and then lieutenant he returned to Westmount in 2011. His last day at Station 12 is November 6.

“That’s when I hand in my gun and other equipment.”

In the meantime, he plans to spend much of the time introducing the lieutenant, Jonathan Chase, who will take over his position. Chase, who served in Westmount from 2001 to 2008 on his first posting, has been the lieutenant in Park Extension.

A photo of both men at the city’s Quarter Century Club event can be seen on p. 6.



Lieut. Jacques Meunier in his office September 27

McKenty, cont'd. from p. 3

farm during the 1930s in an area of what was then on the rural fringes of Toronto, Catharine McKenty got some of her first communications-career experience working as a volunteer in post-World War II Germany with an international group of young people involved in reconstruction.

In those early years, she also worked as a speechwriter for the Ontario minister of Education as well as for *Reader’s Digest*.

As she states in her book and as she told the *Independent*, she met Neil “on the

dance floor” in Toronto during the early 1970s.

In addition to her own published works, Catharine helped Neil with his well-received biography of Benedictine monk John Main, and they co-authored a best-seller on the early days of *Laurentian skiing: Skiing Legends and the Laurentian Lodge Club*.

This book was published by Price-Patterson Ltd., which has a shareholder in common with Sherbrooke-Valois Inc., the owner of the *Independent*.

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Social Notes

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Charming chamber music eve

Music aficionados gathered at McGill University's Salle Tanna Schulich for the Allegra Chamber Music 39th fundraiser.

The annual event starred invited guests award-winning singers **Elisabeth Boudreault** (coloratura soprano) and **Leo McKenna** (bass baritone), who performed with Allegra founder, Westmounter **Dorothy Fieldman Fraiberg** (piano), along with **Simon Aldrich** (clarinette), **Alexander Lozowski** (violin), **Elvira Misbakhova** and **Jean René** (altos), and **Sheila Hannigan** (violin cello).

The program featured works by Brahms, Mozart and Prokofiev, and a quartet by Anne Eggleston (1934-1994).

Fraiberg, chic in a black jumpsuit and shoes with red-flamed heels by Paris designer Tanya Heath, also founded Bach Before Bedtime, concerts for children 0 to 6 years old.

The successful and often sold-out series is celebrating its 11th year.

"Once we held a pyjama party, and the musicians all wore, yes, pyjamas."

Local res at the gala included **Claudia**



From left, Dorothy Fieldman Fraiberg; Nancy Brown and Julie Keith; Jonathan Goodman and Dani Pollack.

Pasteris and her husband **Jean-Elie Sayegh**, **Nancy Brown**, **Caitlin Wetherly**, **Andrea Fieldman**, **Marie Claude Gatineau**, **Sylvia Haltrecht**, **Renee Heisler**, **Dani Pollack** and **Julie Keith** as well as **Jill and Joe Yanow**,

Jeanne-Marie Lynn, **Sally Yaffe**, stylists **Claude Abitbol** and **Serge Levy**, **Katherine** and **Donna Muller**, and **Munira and Leila Amara**.

Also noted in the packed room were the

evening's chair **Stephanie Riddell**, **Morris Goodman** and his son **Jonathan Goodman**, **Rona Davis**, **Kata Endrodi**, **George Hendy**, **Judie Jokinen**, **Samira Sak-**
hia, **Anna Birnie-Lefco-** continued on p. 22

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Social notes, *cont'd. from p. 21*
vitch, Olaf Skorzewski and Samantha Wel-
scheid.

After the concert, the sweet table offered
delicious brownies and cookies.

◀ Jean-Elie Sayegh and Claudia Pasteris.

The *Westmount Independent's* fall-winter
social calendar will be published soon.
Please send information (date, time,
info, address, ticket price and contact)
to redgrave@videotron.ca.

Comin' Up

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Women's Canadian Club of Mon-
treal presents a conversation-lecture be-
tween Anna Porter and Sylvia Fraser. \$10.
Sandwich lunch \$8 from 11:15 am to 12:15
pm. Victoria Hall. Lecture: 12.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

"A Seven-Week Sharing and Learning
Group for Survivors of Suicide Loss" by
certified life coach Z. Nelly Martinez
(z.martinez@mcgill.ca) (514) 933-0292).
Free. Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke
St. 6:30 pm. *Continues for six more weeks.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

► "An Introduction to Alzheimer's disease
and communication strategies," by Jessica
Gozlan of the Alzheimer Society. Free, but
register at 514.369.3000. Château West-
mount, 4860 de Maisonneuve. 6 pm.

► The Westmount Historical Association
presents a lecture on the late former mayor
of Westmount (1987-91), May Cutler by her
son, Adam, and former mayor Peter Trent.
\$5. Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

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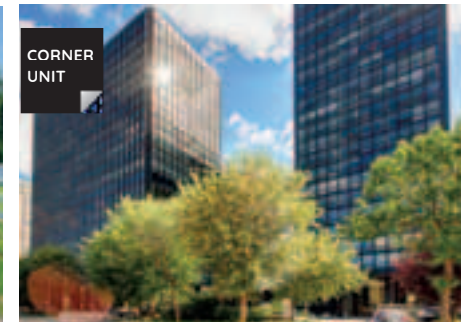
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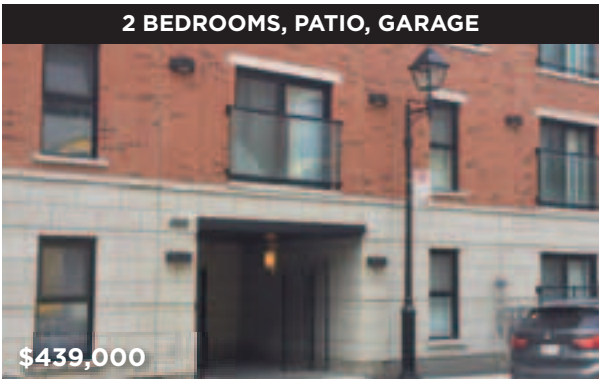
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