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Douglas Fales lent his paintings to the city to celebrate Aboriginal Day. Read his profile, p. 18.

# Totem unveiled in festive ceremony

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

After years of lying hidden away, Westmount's West Coast totem pole was unveiled June 10 at its new public venue in the reference room of the Westmount Public Library.

The project to conserve the artifact and prepare it for display was made possible by fundraising efforts over several years by the Horticultural Advisory Committee, said city councillor Cynthia Lulham in removing the cover to expose the totem along with council colleague George Bowser.

The 12-foot totem, which attracted many "oohs" and "ahs," was mounted in the glassed corner of the reading room against a background of trees and sky as seen through the windows.

The totem, which had no specific home after being removed from the playground in Westmount Park many years ago, was finally brought out of its dormancy in a stabilizing environment through the efforts of Lulham and Bowser.

Its unveiling was preceded by a powwow of aboriginal storytelling and dancing in the library's Storytelling Garden led by a brightly costumed Marie-Céline Charron, a member of the Naskap Nation, and Sylvain Rivard of Abenaki lineage.

Both related legends to an audience that included Beavers, Cubs and other children. Some took part in an explanation of the totem's symbolism described by Virginia Elliott, the city's assistant community event coordinator. An anthropologist, Elliott has been researching the totem's history, which she related at the event.

Acquired by the city from the former Campbell family garden on Edgehill, once a tourist attraction, the totem had been installed after a family member brought it back from a visit to the West Coast in 1927. It is believed to be a replica of the Kiksetti Memorial Pole in Wrangell, Alaska, raised in the 19th century to honour a chief of the Tlingit culture.

The pole depicts, in ascending order, a beaver, a young raven, Raven the Creator, a frog and a mountain.



At the unveiling of the Westmount totem pole June 10, Marie-Céline Charron dances during aboriginal storytelling.





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# Shaar's Rabbi Scheier attends first Orthodox rabbinical ordination in Germany since Holocaust

BY KRISTIN MCNEILL

The trip back to Germany this June wasn't an ordinary visit for Rabbi Adam Scheier, who lived and worked there in his



Rabbi Adam Scheier, June 8, just home from a trip to Germany.

early 20s. The rabbi at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim went to Munich in order to witness the June 2 ceremony of the first Orthodox rabbinical ordination in Germany since before the Holocaust.

The two rabbis who received *semicha* (rabbinical ordination) were Zsolt Balla and Avraham Rabbil, both former students of Scheier, who was instrumental in starting a Jewish learning centre in Berlin in 2000.

The ceremony, which took place in a

Munich synagogue described by Scheier as "a symbol of the rebirth of Jewish life in Germany," also marked the renaming of the Berlin learning centre to a full-fledged rabbinical school, now called "Rabbinerseminar zu Berlin." This was the name of a school that existed in Berlin between 1873 and 1938.

The historical and social significance of the ordination was that the two rabbis are German-speakers who intend to stay in Germany, and that they were ordained within the traditional rabbinical school that existed prior to World War II, Scheier explained.

"The Rabbinerseminar's vision, even back in the early 20th century, was to graduate rabbis not only fluent in traditional Jewish studies, but who were able to interact with the intellectual elite in German in matters of literature and philosophy."

The president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, a minister from the German government, the president of the World Jewish Congress, as well as leaders of other world faiths attended the ceremony.

A *semicha* occurs when a rabbi has studied a prescribed curriculum and has been tested thoroughly in the Jewish tradition.

Of the two young rabbis, Scheier said "it's extraordinary for individuals who didn't learn how to read Hebrew...until later on. These aren't your typical North Americans who have made their way through the Jewish educational system and been inculcated with the values [early on]. These are people who came to it later on and embraced it with such an aptitude. It's remarkable."

Scheier, who is fluent in German, attributes his capacity to have learned the language from his students when he lived

there. The best way to learn a language, he said, is "to be thrown into a classroom with students who don't speak English, and not speak their native tongue."

The photos of Balle and Rabbil suggest they are men in their late 20s or early 30s, to which Scheier commented, "It's not so unusual. It's a new generation of rabbis." Scheier himself is 30.

Now settled in Montreal, Scheier was born in upper New York state but keeps up with friends and colleagues in Germany. "I feel I have a major investment in the German Jewish community," he said.

For Scheier, this was a chance to reconnect with friends and celebrate the learning centre he helped start. "It's extraordinary to see how [Germany] has

embraced the German Jewish community. To hear the president of Central Council speak about her own experiences in Germany in 1938 – walking down the streets of Munich and seeing the synagogues destroyed. Who could have imagined that on those same streets we would be singing and dancing and celebrating the young men achieving the title of rabbi? It's historically almost unimaginable."



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# Letters to the Editor

## BEWARE OF BIKERS IN PARK

Arrogant bicycle riders seem to have taken over Westmount Park on sunny weekends, and the mélange of speedy cyclist, senior citizens and small children all sharing the same pathways is a sure recipe for serious injury.

To support Public Security in controlling bike riding in the park, there should be pictograms against bicycle riding at every entrance to the park.

In particular, it is ridiculous that there are no pictograms at four entrances along the park's southern border where the park's pathways almost invite cyclists to enter from the adjacent bicycle right-of-way along de Maisonneuve.

Also, there are no pictograms against cycling at two entrances from Melville Ave. and at the entrance from Sherbrooke St. beside the abandoned wading pond now used for skateboarding.

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

## MORE POSITIVE VIBES

Congratulations on the *Independent's* second anniversary... I look forward to the

*Indie* every week, really fun and informative.

JOHN FRETZ, LANSDOWNE AVE.

## TRAFFIC JAMS ST. CATHERINE

As the school year winds down, summer sets in and people leave on vacation, the afternoon traffic problem that has arisen on St. Catherine St. between Clarke and Lansdowne avenues will probably abate. However, unless the city takes action during the summer months, I am certain the problem will return in September.

Currently the above mentioned section of St. Catherine has a no-stopping regulation in effect on the south side of the street, weekdays from 8 am to 9 am. This is well monitored and stopped cars, not merely those that are parked, are moved along and/or ticketed. This ensures a free flow of traffic during the morning commute to the downtown core.

Unfortunately there is no corresponding situation during the afternoon drive. The bottleneck that forms westbound at Metcalfe and St. Catherine often backs up traffic to Redfern and beyond. Aside from

the annoyance and inconvenience of the delay, this leads to the dangerous situation whereby drivers dart down Hillside Lane, zip along Hillside Ave. and race up Abbott Ave. to circumnavigate the blockage. This is a route well populated with children and seniors; do we wait for a tragedy to occur before something is done?

It would make sense to apply a similar no-stopping regulation along the north side of St. Catherine St. from Clarke to Lansdowne from 5 pm to 6 pm on weekdays to allow for a smooth and safe drive back home.

DEEGAN CHARLES STUBBS, MELVILLE AVE.

## WALKING IN WESTMOUNT PARK IS NO WALK IN THE PARK

I would like to respond to Ms. Carson regarding her letter in the June 9 issue of the *Independent*. In regards to my "comments" about the cyclists, skateboarders, and scooters that are constantly on the park's paths, I would like to point out that I do not have problems with young people in the park. I would like to remind her, however, that city by-laws prohibit such vehicles in the park. The paths in the park are for pedestrians. Many elderly people enjoy walks through the park and should not have to be dodging all the wheels going through there. As for the garbage, I walk my dog early in the morning. I usually pass the city workers who are cleaning up the mess. I don't know what time you take your daily walk, but if you are not seeing the garbage, this is a testimony to how

well the city workers are doing their job.

Accommodating the activities of a younger population is a wonderful thing for the city to do, however the younger population should also be respectful of the laws that have been put in place for a reason. Unfortunately, they are not always respectful of the other people who also have a right to enjoy the wonderful space the city has provided. Many times I have witnessed people barely being missed by bicycles or scooters. The skateboards and bicycles destroy benches, stone walls and landscaping in the park. There is a reason there is a bike path (which I use every day) and a separate pedestrian path.

Previous letter-writer Mr. Loertscher may well be a young person, and you are right that we need people like him to be active in the community, but I am not quite ready for a retirement home myself. I have quite a few years to go. It is not a case of "Hey you kids, get off my lawn," it is a question of respect for the area you live in and the laws that are in place. By the time the new facilities are built, I may very well be retired. Ms. Carson lives several blocks from the arena area and do not have to put up with the daily problems of parking and noise so I don't expect you to fully appreciate the problems that we have to deal with daily. No one is objecting to providing facilities for sports and recreation, we only object to the fact that not everyone is being taken into consideration when the plans are being drawn up. We do care about people's health and well-being, not just the young, but everyone's.

BELINDA BOWES, ACADEMY RD.

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# Garnier Foundation honours Patel

Dr. Hema Patel was the honouree at the 5th Annual Event of the Garnier Kids Foundation ([www.garnierkids.com](http://www.garnierkids.com)), which was held at the Sheraton Laval on June 11. Patel is an advocate of deafness testing for newborns. She has championed legislation to make the practice uni-

versal in Quebec, which it currently is not. Joseph Borsellino, president of Garnier Construction, summed up the Westmount pediatrician's approach with one word, "genuine." The foundation has supported Westmount's Oral School for the Deaf and the Montreal Children's Hospital.



From left: Jacques Deforges (first vice-president of the National Bank, a major sponsor of the event), Franca Novielli (president of the Garnier Kids Foundation), Dr. Hema Patel and Joseph Borsellino (president of Garnier Construction).



## Civic Alert

# Harel revives old sores as Westmount becomes epicentre of criticism

BY DON WEDGE



Former PQ minister Louise Harel, principal architect of the forced mergers, revived many unhappy memories June 3 when she announced a formal bid to become mayor of Montreal in November's elections.

She chose to do so on a Wednesday morning just as Canada Post was delivering that week's *Independent* to Westmount homes. With wonderful timing, Harel thus confirmed that issue's forecast of her candidature and of teaming up with existing opposition candidate, Benoit Labonté.

*La Presse*, with its large-scale projections and teams of reporters, homed in on Westmount as the epicentre of criticism – if not actual opposition, because we have no vote – to the newcomer on the municipal hustings.

Among the most persistent journalists seeking anglophones' views was *La Presse* journalist Agnes Gruda. Next day, she quoted this columnist's prediction that "Even if Tremblay is the victor, it is likely Harel will push his position into the more extreme one of the Parti Québécois."

Gruda also wanted to talk to me as a kind of *vox pop*, but I had just got home from another stay at the Royal Vic and declined. Nevertheless, she described me as "one of the more virulent voices" – which was a surprise.

The Westmounter whom the journalist keenly wanted to reach was Peter Trent, the leader of the demerger movement and bitter Harel opponent. Despite still being in retirement and away from home, many media outlets hoped he would resume the inevitable battles over the *fusions forcées*. The former mayor was reticent.

He knew that he would face an old problem: city journalists would want to talk about linguistic issues, while he

wanted to talk about the horrible results of Harel's forced mergers.

"Harel is the architect who comes to save the masonry that she constructed," he eventually told *La Presse*. Later to me, he explained: "You could debate the benefits and disadvantages of the borough system, but the mergers were a failure. Harel wants to blame Jean Charest for extending the boroughs' powers."

### Marks notes democracy lacking

Mayor Karin Marks was away from her office but Gruda reached her by cell phone. She, too, did not wish to become involved in Harel's attention to the language issue. In her interview, Marks emphasized the former minister's "lack of respect for democracy."

"There have been huge changes in the language issue," the mayor observed this week. "I'm pleased and, in some ways, surprised at the procedure in the Agglom council: nearly everyone is bilingual, and we make our points in the language that best suits the subject, especially if it is emotional or technical."

"Responses come back with the same freedom. I'm not sure that this success is recognized by the language critics."

However, it is hard to ignore Harel's lack of English skills. Trent pointed to an item in Lysianne Gagnon's Saturday column in *La Presse*. It was perhaps acceptable for the mayor of Rimouski or Lyon to be unilingual, she wrote, but "not that of a great North-American city. Who will translate for her in Boston or China?"

"Gagnon is absolutely right," Trent commented. "I would like to have said it, but of course that would have brought out the language critics."

**"Mergers were a religion. To present an argument to her [Harel] was like speaking to a wall."**

– PETER TRENT

In the same weekend's *La Presse*, Katia Gagnon wrote a major feature on Harel, drawing quotations from many acquaintances. Here, Trent was a little more forthcoming with his biographical comments. "For her, mergers were a religion. To present an argument to her was like speaking to a wall," he concluded.

Gagnon related how in June 1999 Premier Lucien Bouchard had rejected Montreal mayor Pierre Bourque's plea for "one island, one city." A few months later, Quebec discovered that Montreal was on the verge of bankruptcy, and the premier sent Guy Coulombe, one of his top civil servants, to become director-general and clean it up.

### Spreading Montreal's labour costs

The bureaucrat's proposed solution was to slash labour costs, but Bouchard refused. The other solution, said Coulombe was to spread Montreal's costs across the entire island. Harel, the

minister, added her linguistic arguments. So began the forced mergers. Six months later, Bouchard quit politics. Trent speculated that he had said: "In any event, it is not me who will pay for the *pots casés* (broken pots)."

Bernard Landry, who succeeded Bouchard as premier, went into the election where he admitted that the forced mergers played a role in the PQ losing 25 seats. Today, even Harel would like to put the mergers away. "There is no question of rekindling the debate over *'Une île, une ville'*," she said on June 3 when announcing her bid for the mayoralty. That's what she said anyway – and in English, too! We'll be watching.

Citizen activist Don Wedge's email address is [dwedge@sympatico.ca](mailto:dwedge@sympatico.ca).

## What Lysiane Gagnon is saying...

*La Presse* columnist Lysiane Gagnon said that Harel had stayed faithful to the mentality prevalent among left-wing sovereignists of seeing the English as "Rhodesians – colonizers and exploiters of francophones."

In the "acrimonious debate of 2001," Gagnon recalled, Harel had been resentful towards Westmount as an "ethnic city." This archaic vision led one to believe that the new candidate did not know the west of Montreal well and lacked sensitivity to minorities, the columnist wrote.

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# One less orphan

Chiquita the chihuahua has been adopted by Joséane Brunelle and Tristan Tondino of Vendôme Ave. Although Chiquita was featured in the *Indie*’s Underdog column of June 2 (p. 8), the *Indie* can’t take any credit. A friend of her new owners acted as matchmaker.

Brunelle explains that Sophia Lauren – Chiquita’s new name – is “perfect” and “not a yapper” – which she proved when she visited the newsroom last week.

Sophia Lauren was originally dropped off the SPCA with paralysis in her hind legs that was left untreated by her previous owners. Now, with the help of a cloth support holding up her hind end, she has some mobility, explained Brunelle. The couple is also taking the dog to physiotherapy.



Joséane Brunelle and Tristan Tondino with Sophia Lauren (centre).

# Cycling foursome to compete at Maccabiah Games

Four Westmount cyclists are getting ready to travel to Israel to participate in the 18th Maccabiah Games in July. They are Morris Shore, Garry Garbarino, Allan Schouela, and captain and coach Sylvan Adams.

The event expects to welcome approximately 8,000 Jewish athletes, including 500 from Canada, from as many as 64 countries to compete in 30 events. Most of the Maccabiah athletes are in their teens and twenties.

Adams, Garbarino and Schouela will compete in the 50-plus age category of the road race, with Adams also competing in the time trial event. Adams is the reigning Quebec champion in both types of race.

Shore, who turns 73 this month, will be competing in the 70-74 age group of the triathlon. The race is composed of a 40-km bike ride, 10-km run and 1.5-km swim, which Shore thinks will be taking place in the Sea of Galilee, “which is kind of exciting.” Shore has previously been profiled in the *Independent* (January 30, 2008, p. 10).

In order to participate, each participant had to raise at least \$7,500. To find out about supporting athletes, especially young people, contact Shore at shoremor@hotmail.com or 514.932.8206.



Morris Shore at the Montreal Triathlon in September 2008.



From left: Allan Schouela and Sylvan Adams at a Brossard race in May 2009.

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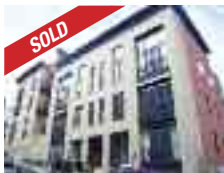


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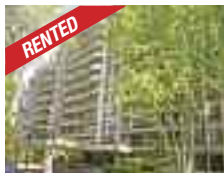
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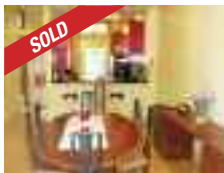
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## Manoir turns 30



From left: Duncan de Zoysa, assistant manager of Manoir Westmount, resident Ivy Overing and Ted Sancton, president of the Manoir board.

A large group of residents, staff, Rotarians and well-wishers converged on the Manoir Westmount seniors' residence June 11 to celebrate the institution's 30th anniversary. The Rotary Club of Westmount raised the original funds for the Sherbrooke St. landmark, and continues to own and operate it.

Pictured above, Duncan de Zoysa has worked at the Manoir since its inception. Ivy Overing is the longest-standing resident (at 22 years) and oldest: she turns 100 in November. Ted Sancton is a Rotarian

and the current president of the Manoir board. His father, John, was president of the Westmount Rotary club in the run-up to the Manoir's founding and championed its construction. His mother, Mary, is a current resident.

The late Bob Layton, former Progressive Conservative MP for Lachine, was also a prime mover of the project. His son, Jack, now heads the federal NDP and recalled his father's role in the Manoir project at a campaign stop in Westmount Park during the last federal election.



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## Underdog

# Stopping Underdogs before they happen

BY FERN BRESLAW



Here is a shocking fact: the most common reason for dogs being abandoned in Quebec isn't allergies. It isn't the addition of a baby to the family, the unforeseen expenses or having to pick up poop.

Turns out, more dogs wind up homeless here because of a move than for any other reason. In Quebec, that means that two weeks following July 1, while thousands are moving into new homes, an anticipated record number of dogs will also find themselves without one.

Not only are the high numbers upsetting: dogs are very often simply left locked in apartments, gardens and even closets when their owners leave. It's not uncommon for the landlords or new tenants to discover animals left behind - often days and sadly sometimes even weeks after-

wards.

Moving up the scale, there are those people, in the thousands, who at least feel a little better about bringing their dogs to shelters, wishfully thinking that their lovely dog will find a fantastic new family, no problem.

Unfortunately during moving season, this is dreaming in hyper-color. Euthanasia rates for cats and dogs reach their annual peak during this period as many shelters cannot handle the volume of animals being left on their doorstep. A shelter drop-off should therefore be the very last option. Leaving them behind in the apartment is never an option.

The best solution available is thankfully one that we all still have time to organize. If you cannot bring your dog with you; if you love them and give a darn about them, then find them a home yourself.

You should avoid ads in the paper and Craigslist as there are frequently animal

researchers, etc., masquerading as potential owners. Only place your dog with someone you personally know and who will make a good owner. This may require some work, but the bottom line is that most of this season's suffering and bad karma is preventable and comes down to planning ahead.

The Montreal SPCA confirms that there are fewer and fewer rental properties in Montreal that allow dogs. This certainly makes things more difficult for those of us who own dogs, but that's part of our responsibility. We know dogs aren't allowed everywhere, and we know they will live at least a decade. That means thoughtful planning or not getting one to begin with. In Ontario, it's now illegal for landlords to refuse occupancy to pet owners. The laws were challenged and changed because people pressured their government to do so.

We should think about doing the same.

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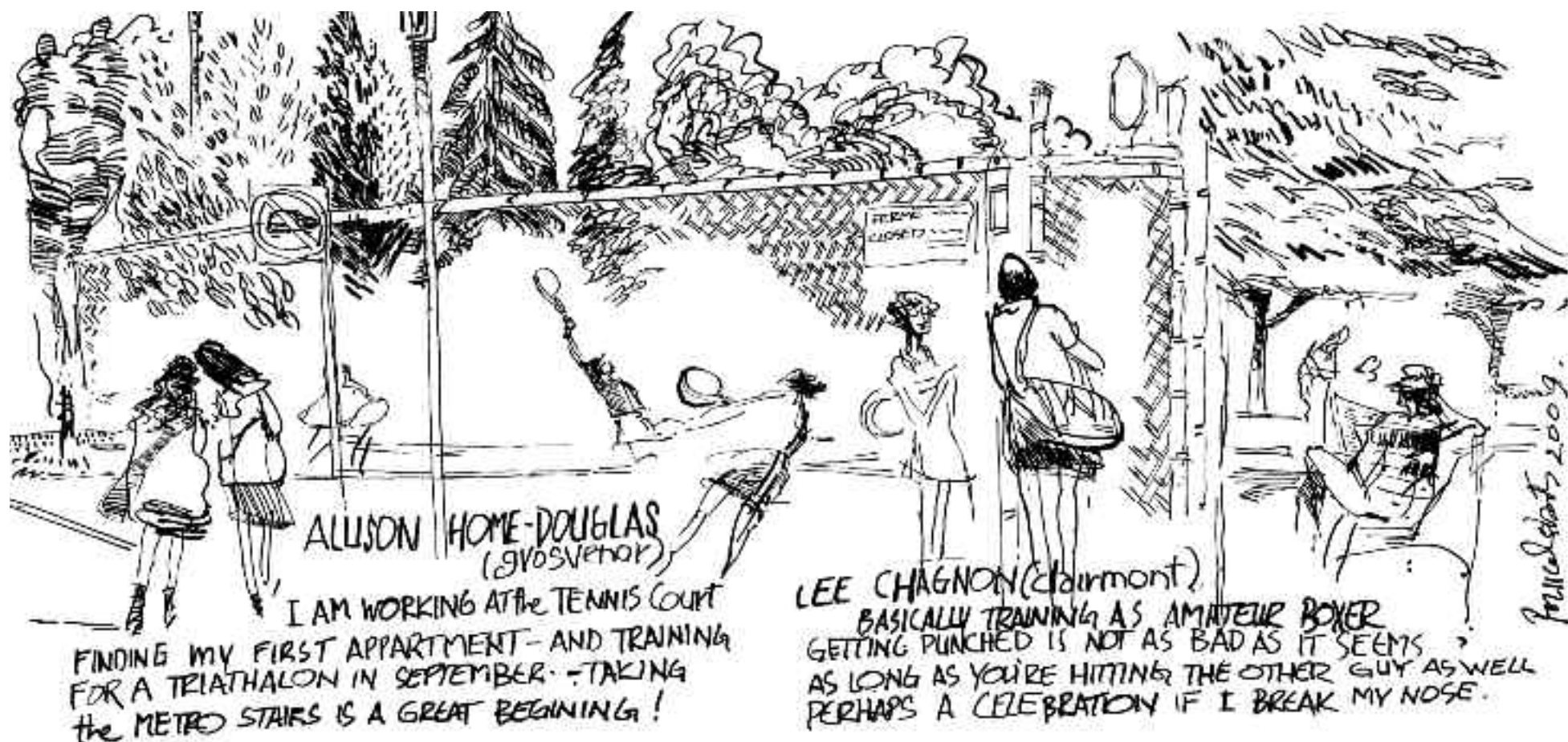
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Not a Court Reporter by Bruce Roberts

# Westmount Park adult courts: What are you doing this summer?





## Speech

## Canada needs a federal Children's Commissioner

BY MARC GARNEAU,  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR  
WESTMOUNT-VILLE MARIE



When I decided to run as a Liberal Party candidate, I made a commitment to promote science and technology in our country, and to represent the residents of Westmount-Ville Marie to the best of my abilities.

My top priority was to be an effective member of parliament and defend the progressive social values in which I believe so deeply. One of these values concerns the protection of children's rights.

During my previous career as an astronaut and president of the Canadian Space Agency, and ever since my election last October, I have had the opportunity to visit numerous schools in my riding and throughout the country. This has not only given me the opportunity to promote the study and importance of science and technology, but also to explain the importance of Canada's federal government in our daily lives. These visits also provided me with something else, however, something equally important: a chance to listen to our country's youth, to their hopes and concerns for the future, as well as how they are affected by the issues of the day, such as poverty, and any form of violence and abuse.

These young people are not the only ones who have shared their thoughts on

these issues. Many teachers, counsellors and persons who work with children have also made me aware of the problems faced by this important segment of our society, a group that, let us remember, has no voice, no voting rights and no formal way of expressing how they are affected by our policies, our economy and our way of life. One person I have talked with a great deal is Ginette Sauvé-Frankel. She is with us today and it is thanks to her that my first bill will be introduced in the house this afternoon. Its purpose is to create a Children's Commissioner of Canada to ensure that our children have a voice.

With the help of Mme Sauvé-Frankel, my staff and I undertook extensive research on what Canada might do to better promote and implement the spirit and obligations that we as a country undertook with the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our conclusion is that the answer lies with the establishment of a Children's Commissioner of Canada.

#### Surveyed the world

We examined the models of some of the 60 countries who have established an ombudsman/commissioner for children, from Australia to Argentina, Norway to South Africa, looking at the pros and cons of each office. We also consulted with a number of NGOs that in recent years have called upon the Canadian government to establish a children's commissioner. I'm very happy to say that some have come to Ottawa today, as a united force, to support this proposal.

#### Garneau starts to legislate

Marc Garneau tabled his first private member's bill last week, which called for the creation of a federal children's commissioner.

MPs draw numbers to establish an order for such bills' second readings. Garneau drew number 227. Currently, only the first eight private bills are going through second reading. This column is an adaptation and abbreviation of Garneau's speech at the bill's unveiling at the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery in Ottawa on June 11.

Garneau will also be championing the new post by proposing its inclusion in the Liberal Party platform.

So what is the mandate of the Children's Commissioner of Canada? In short, it is to promote, monitor and report on the effective implementation of Canada's obligations under the Convention of the Rights of the Child that are within the legislative authority of the parliament of Canada, in order to advance the principle that children are entitled to special safe-

guards, care and assistance, including appropriate legal protection.

In order to carry out this mandate, the Children's Commissioner of Canada will have many tools at his or her disposal, including the development and conduct of information programs to foster public understanding of the Convention, review parliamentary legislation and federal programs, carry out studies, engage with various individuals, including children, on issues pertaining to children's rights under legislative authority of parliament, just to name a few. Most importantly, a Children's Commissioner of Canada would not infringe on parental rights or examine specific cases, like the Human Rights Tribunal.

As Canadians learn about the merits of this bill and the important obligations we as a country undertook by ratifying the Convention of the Rights of the Child, it is my sincere hope that that public awareness will increase. I also hope that my colleagues in parliament will set aside their political differences to debate the merits of this bill, for the good of our children across the country.



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## New program pairs seniors and 'juniors'

# Place Kensington and Westmount Park School bridge age gap

By ASHLEY KARP

Westmount Park School's grade 1 students have been leaving school grounds to bridge generational and cultural divides this spring. Every other week, the students have been walking the short distance to the Place Kensington residence to meet with seniors. On June 9, they went for their final visit of the year.

Throughout the 12-week program, each child has been engaging in a one-on-one visit with a senior to play games, read books and write in a journal.

When grade 1 teacher Debbie Beitel approached her friend Doreen Friedman, recreational coordinator at Place Kensington, with the idea of an intergenerational relationship program, Friedman felt it would be a "wonderful opportunity for the children to improve their conversational skills and gain confidence when interacting with older adults."

This has proven to be particularly true for 6-year-old Lisa and Yuu, two students from Japan. Their visits with Anne Shugar, a former special-education teacher, have profoundly improved their English reading and writing skills. In return, Lisa shared her talents in the Japanese art of origami and Yuu proudly showcased his karate skills.

Another resident, Pauline Ouimet, found her experience with 7-year-old Alex

"very fulfilling." She explained, "once you get to know the children, you become anxious to see them each time. They are full of spirit." Alex said that his favourite part of the program was playing cards.

Similarly, resident Nyla Grossman felt that the program was constructive. "It is very important for senior citizens to keep in contact with the young. They teach us more than we teach them."

Beitel, positive about the experiment



From left, Mohamed Gheryani, Simanta Dey and Miriam Berger.

said, "The generational exchange empowers both the seniors and the children. It also serves as an introduction to volunteerism for the children."

She also feels that the experience has been an embodiment of the newly implemented Ethics and Religious Culture Program. "The students have learnt to treat other people with respect in spite of their cultural and generational differences."



From left: Anne Shugar, Risa Sugimura and Yu Matsuda.





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## Westmount Art Scene

# Varte, Merola and Cohen: Duelling textures

BY HEATHER BLACK

The joy of life “comes from the brushes,” but “texture tells the story of it.”

From the words of contemporary artist Diako, the sentiment equally applies to Rita Cohen’s textured paintings at Galerie D’Este, as well as those of Marie-Dominique Varte and Mario Merola at Galerie V. Trimont.

### Varte at Galerie V. Trimont

Painter Marie-Dominique Vartanian – or Varte – paints stylistic and colourful canvases, and bold monotones. With waves of textured colour or sharp lines with a palette knife, the artist creates tension and drama.

Acclaimed for her recent black and white series in “Coeur de rocker”, bold shapes and jagged lines reveal a face and a story. Another strong graphic, “Le K”, is inspired by a novel of the same name.

In “Vago”, however, metallic gold shimmers against an emerald, cobalt and black background. An asymmetrical composition, the bold shapes and colours exude a vibrant radiance, like the artist herself.

Varte – with husband Alain Trimont – recently opened their gallery of contemporary Canadian artists, most recently exhibiting the work of Mario Merola.

### Mario Merola at Galerie V. Trimont

Texture is what makes Mario Merola’s art sing. An artist and art educator – first at l’École des Beaux-Arts de Montréal and



“Easter” by Mario Merola.

then l’Université du Québec à Montréal – he works in a variety of media including oils, glass and metal.

Known for his Metro installations – a mural at Sherbrooke, glass at Charlevoix – his paintings are similarly vibrant.

“Easter” is a colourful yellow and black composition. Strong lines suggest tree branches and roots. His most recent work of lyrical pastel lines also reflects nature’s organic forms.

What is consistent in his work is strong colour and vigorous line. A member of the Royal College of Art since 1977, Mario Merola’s work is on display at Galerie V. Trimont (4259 St. Catherine St.).

### Rita Cohen at Galerie D’Este

Painter Rita Cohen also focuses on textured colours. Influenced by Jackson Pol-



“Conversation” by Rita Cohen.

lack, a sense of play dominates. Often evoking nature, “Roses are Pink” is a large, complex composition of red, metallic gold and black.

Paint drips and dabs, coloured lines and multiple layers create depth and interest. “Conversations”, painted on paper, is similarly vibrant and whimsical. Swirls of black create movement and energy within a dense and intricate composition of light and dark.

Opening on June 17, the exhibit will contain a variety of works painted during the past thirty years. Cohen’s exhibit continues to July 5 at Galerie D’Este (1329 Greene Ave.).

### More than texture

The abstract or abstract-figurative works of Cohen, Merola or Varte rely on contrasting or duelling textures to create interest. Seemingly simple and painted effortlessly, these works require skill and a balanced eye.

But they also require imagination! In their work the artists have recreated joy, drama and the complexity of nature itself.

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## Health Round-Up

### Water: How much to drink?

BY BARRY NASHEN

Water: It makes up two-thirds of our body weight, so it must be very important to our health, right? We've heard "drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water every day." Have you ever wondered why eight?

Can eight glasses be too much for you, but not enough for me? Even nutritionists don't know where this rule of health comes from. A cynic might say from the bottled water companies. So what is the correct number of glasses per day?

Here's my take: Obviously we have to replace the water that we lose daily through perspiration, etc. Water performs various functions in the body: it carries nutrients through the system, lubricates joints, transports waste and keeps the skin supple. And that's just the short list. For example, the brain is about 85 percent water, so it follows that clear-headed thinking requires a daily supply of fresh water. But how much?

To begin to answer this question, let's look at the two extremes. What happens if we do not drink enough water? Our bodies react quickly to dehydration. Generally, our heart rates and breathing rates go up, our body temperature rises as we perspire less; muscle cramps and headaches set in, then we get nauseous. These are not the only effects of dehydration, simply the most common. But what happens if we drink too much water?

#### Too much water?

Drinking too much water may lead to a

condition in which the body's electrolyte balance is disturbed. Electrolytes in the body consist of various elements such as sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium. Our bodies require a subtle and complex balance between the various electrolytes found within and outside our cells. This balance is critical for nerve and muscle function.

Now it is easy to understand why water is so important to maintaining our good health. But the question remains: How can we make sure that we are getting the water that we need every day, but not too much?

Here's my answer: Your thirst mechanism. All healthy people get thirsty when they begin to get dehydrated. Quench your thirst, unless you've been advised otherwise by a doctor, and you will help your body stay out of trouble. Instead of counting the glasses that you drink or forcing yourself to drink when you are not thirsty, allow your thirst to inform you when to drink water. This way you can be certain that you will be drinking just the right amount of water for your daily individual needs.

*Barry Nashen is a Westmount IT consultant who is interested in health issues and shares his personal experiences in this column. He is not a doctor or health professional and his comments should be read in that light. Any medical problems that you are having or remedies that you are contemplating should be discussed with a doctor or appropriate health professional.*

## 9 Lives

### Gear up for Montreal's July 1 animal orphans

BY LYZANNE



This is the worst time of the year to be a cat. So many cats, even kittens, are left behind by families when it comes time to move.

Outside, inside, anywhere, they are left behind to fend for themselves when they have been fed, cared for and sheltered up to now.

Since Westmounters are known for their kindness and generosity when it comes to companion animals, we find ourselves on the adoption side of this sad sit-

uation.

If your family could make room for a kitten or a cat, why not consider adoption or fostering, especially this season? The shelters are full to the brim, and there are more to come with July 1 moving day a couple of weeks away.

Please contact the SPCA, Gerdy's Rescue, SPCA Montérégie, or visit the adoption days that are being promoted in our area.

Thank you for saving a loving pet's life at this difficult time of year.

Your neighbour,  
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# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT



# Westmount Profile: Douglas Fales

## Bringing chieftains and ships to life

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The installation of Westmount’s totem pole at the library last week held particular significance for Douglas Fales.

For over seven decades, he has been fascinated with the lore of aboriginal chieftains, learning how to paint them from the master, Adam Sherrieff Scott, and going on to bring them to life in more than 150 oils and pastels.

“Since a boy, I’ve been enamoured with their origins and history,” he says. “While my classmates were playing cowboys, I was always sympathetic to the Indians. In later years, I liked the structure of their faces and stoical features as well as their colourful symbols.”

And colourful is exactly the way one might describe the versatile life of Fales himself.

This longtime Westmount resident plays the sitar and other musical instruments from India. He’s a sailor, historian, author, and expert kitemaker and flyer, as well as a Highland games competitor and commentator. And all his pursuits bear a common hallmark: his obsessive curiosity, and attention to detail and accuracy.

“I carry out a lot of research,” Fales says, “and I’m careful always to depict the correct symbolism.”

His more than 350 paintings of different tall ships bear archival information on their construction, dates and cargo. Many of his landscapes and athletes reflect his personal interests.

As a professional illustrator, Fales forged a 40-year career sketching men’s fashions and other merchandise for the advertising departments of Morgan’s (now The Bay) and later for Ogilvy’s. “In those



One of the many men’s wear sketches by Fales.

days, we had three newspaper deadlines a day, and I never missed one. Over that time, I drew several tens of thousands of units.”

Now at 80, Fales continues to pursue a busy lifestyle.

His fifth book, *The Last Blacksmith of Apple Hill*, is about to be published by Shoreline Press. Three of his canvasses will be on exhibit next month at the gallery at Victoria Hall. And in August, the A.H. Collins gallery in Diligent River, Nova Scotia, will be holding an exhibition of his tall ships and coastal scenes.

While a number of his works are on permanent exhibit in galleries in eastern Canada, many are displayed through Westmount’s West End Gallery.

When Fales, who has lived in Westmount 45 years, read in the *Independent* about the totem pole unveiling June 10, he loaned eight of his canvasses to the library for its current display of aboriginal artifacts. They are being shown on a rotating basis.

India also holds a strong fascination for him, a country he has never visited but whose culture – music in particular – he embraces. He plays many Indian instruments – the sitar in particular, with which he provided the background theme for the film *Manette*. In 1954, he co-founded the Canadian Yoga Centre. He also fashions many of his kites on the Indian style. “I’ve made about 200 out of tissue and slim bamboo.”

In 1964, Fales and his wife, the late painter Maria Maniate, purchased a 100-acre farm in Glengarry County near Alexandria, Ontario, where he spent many weekends restoring the 1857 log farmhouse, painting the countryside and helping organize the Canadian championship Highland games at Maxwell. He also participated in the heavy-weight events: stone putt, hammer, caber and sheaf toss.

“I did it to learn the body mechanics so when I was drawing the athletes it would be authentic.”

He later served as the commentator for the games and, between 1979 and 1992, produced 79 paintings of athletes inducted into the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame, where they form part of the collection.

Born in Westmount at what was to become the now-closed Reddy Memorial Hospital on Tupper St., Fales grew up in Verdun where his access to the water enabled him over the years to own and sail five boats.

Knowing early on that he wanted to be



Douglas Fales in his studio: displaying his sitar from India.

a painter, he talked his way into the Bishop St. studio of Sherrieff Scott in 1943. He was 14. From that day on, he spent Saturdays and every available moment in apprenticeship, learning the master’s techniques as the older artist worked on government and corporate commissions to paint Stony Nations chieftains, the Battle of the Atlantic, soldiers in uniform for recruiting posters and other topics of the day.

After school, Fales worked briefly at *The Gazette* before joining Morgan’s and later Ogilvy’s, where he retired in 1985. Here he was known for flying his kite at lunchtime from the roof of the St. Catherine St. department store.

Now, on a windy day, when a kite is seen flying at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, chances are the expert guiding it through the air is the multi-faceted octogenarian who refers to himself in one of his books as “the kite man of Westmount.”



Author Hugh McLennan, by Fales for a book launch at Ogilvy’s in 1980.

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## Victoria Village fair

A large crowd of Westmounters enjoyed some good old-fashioned outdoor commerce (and fun!) at the annual Westmount Street Festival, June 12 to 14 in the Victoria Village area.



From left, Sarah Marceau, Nyssa LeSeigneur, Amber Stephen, Miriam Brassard and Autumn Stephen hand out flyers for Aveda Salon and Spa.



From left: Nancy Faraj and her daughter, 5-month-old Naima Hottenroth, enjoy the sunny afternoon.

Photos by Erin Stropes.



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# Batshaw cycles Route sans Fin



From left: Charles Williams and Sam Barile.

The Westmount-headquartered Batshaw Youth and Family Centres participated in the 5th annual edition of “*Une Route Sans Fin*” on May 30.

The province-wide event saw approximately 50 staff members and 1,000 young people, from 16 different youth centres, collectively cycle 1,000 km from Abitibi-Témiscamingue to Saguenay-Lac St. Jean

between May 29 to June 6. Over 60 km were covered by 20 Batshaw youth and 11 staff members.

Participants use the event to raise money for their foundations. Batshaw organized a Belgian chocolates and bracelets sale. With the proceeds, they were able to buy three brand-new bicycles.

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# Running against cancer



From left: Christina Vroom and Chloé Chapoulie in front of the Westmount Y, June 6.

Chloé Chapoulie and Christina Vroom are running with "Team In Training," an effort organized to support leukemia and lymphoma research. They are preparing for the Nike Women's Marathon to be held in San Francisco on October 18.

Vroom will be running in memory of her grandmother Jean Longhurst, who died of acute myelogenous leukemia, and in honour of her work colleague Catriona Moore, who was recently diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Chapoulie will be running in memory of her uncle, Jérôme, whom she never met because he died of cancer at age 7. Chapoulie has been profiled in the *Independent's* Trendsetter column (October 21, 2008, p. 5).

Vroom aims to raise \$6,000; Chapoulie \$5,000. Well-wishers can donate by mailing a cheque to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada (1255 University, #705, Montreal, QC H3B 3W1) or visiting the runners' websites: [tinyurl.com/clvroom](http://tinyurl.com/clvroom) and [tinyurl.com/cchapoulie](http://tinyurl.com/cchapoulie).

## James Perse finds a home in Victoria Village



BY ERIN STROPES

What inspires a well-known, celebrity-favoured beach couture label to establish its first Canadian store in Westmount? Apparently, it's the Victoria Village atmosphere.

Store manager Daniel Garcia-Weinstein told the *Independent* that James Perse is very particular about where his storefronts are established. Malls are out of the question, and a main drag like St. Catherine St. just doesn't have the cozier "neighbourhood" feel that suits the brand. The corner of Sherbrooke and Prince Albert

for James Perse (4869 Sherbrooke St.), though, was just right.

The store features simple cotton clothing in a variety of pleasant, muted colors interspersed with beach and music paraphernalia. Sixties rock music playing over the loudspeakers and a surfboard leaning against the wall lend a very California feel to the interior, which is accented by a collection of music and art books that fill one corner.

The clothes are made in Los Angeles from European fabrics. Aside from the cotton t-shirts, the store offers a variety of other pants, tops, swimsuits, and even

a line of Montreal-themed printed tees.

Starting in the fall, there will be items exclusive to the James Perse store that won't be available at the other Montreal retailers, such as Holt Renfrew, that also carry the label.



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# ON THE SHELVES

## Magazines

“Hear well in a noisy world: how to find the best hearing aid for you” in *Consumer Reports*, July 2009, p. 32.

“Le bruit, c’est assez! Il nous stresse, il nous rend sourd et même malade. Enquête sur une épidémie silencieuse” by Catherine Dubé in *Québec science*, mai 2009, p. 14.

“Keep an eye on your skin: on the look-out for skin cancer” by Wendy Haaf in *Good Times*, June 2009, p. 20.

## CD’s

*Homage* – by James Ehnes is a tribute to 12 of the world’s greatest stringed instruments and their makers. Winner of the Classical Album of the Year at the 2009 Juno awards.

*Wooden Arms* – This album is Patrick Watson’s highly anticipated follow-up to the critically acclaimed *Close to Paradise* which vaulted this Montreal singer and his band to international stardom in 2007.

## The world of comics – for adults

Two new titles are found in our graphica section on the second floor.

*A drifting life* by Yoshihiro Tatsumi – This Japanese artist, who has influenced

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*The Collected Doug Wright, Vol. 1: Canada’s Master Cartoonist* – A record of the cartoonist’s life, his creation of Nipper and also a record of the thriving Montreal publishing industry in the ‘40s and ‘50s.

## I spy...

*Des cendres en héritage: l’histoire de la CIA* by Tim Weiner – Entirely based on factual research, this is a highly readable history of the famous institution.

*Le chevalier d’Éon: une vie sans queue ni tête* by Evelyne and Maurice Lever – Charles de Beaumont spied for Louis XV and cross-dressed to in order to be admitted into the inner circle of the Empress of Russia. Having fallen out of favour with the king, he was ordered by the court to dress uniquely as a woman and spent the rest of his life as such.

## Reference

*Guide to drugs in Canada: the essential home reference to over 2,000 medications.*

# Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

## Westmounters enjoy artful evening at Parisian Laundry

By VERONICA REDGRAVE



On a windy eve, Westmounters wandered down Greene Ave. to an art exhibit at the Parisian Laundry, a gallery just south of Westmount. As the name implies, the building was, indeed, a former laundry.

Today the property has been beautifully restored by entrepreneur and art aficionado Nick Tedeschi, who was there with his wife Dale.

The cocktail celebrated the 25th anniversary of CIAC’s (Centre international d’art contemporain) Biennale. Westmount-



Nick Tedeschi

Niro (of Galerie Orange) was also there with her fiancé John Anthony Luzio and proud parents Rosemary and Frank Niro; Susan and Jonathan Wener, and sports stars Peter Dalla Riva (former Alouettes player) and Hockey Hall of Famer Yvan Cournoyer (former Canadiens right wing player). Drinks were followed by dancing



Linda Smith and Yvan Cournoyer

ters noted included Carmen Robinson, Odette and Joey Basmaji, Sharon Rundle, Judith Henderson and Vivian Billick. Amongst the eleganza enjoying the art for sale were lawyer Maurice Forget; Charles Lapointe, president of Tourism Montreal; Suzanne Sauvage, executive vice president of NuRun; Louise Roy, chancellor Université de Montréal; Danielle Sauvage, executive director of the Conseil des arts de Montréal; designer Philip Hazan. Nadia



Vivian Billick and Judith Henderson.

at this successful event, which was well organized by chair Linda Smith (another Westmounter!) and her hard-working committee.

## Comin’ Up...

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

• Special **city council meeting** at 12 noon in the council chambers of city hall.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**Rotary Club of Westmount** invites the public to witness and welcome 40 new Canadians as they are sworn in as citizens. Victoria Hall at 7 pm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Fête de la St. Jean** takes place in Westmount Park in the main playing field along Melville, including the bonfire. Starts at 4 pm with bring your own picnic, followed by an evening of music, games, cake and a bonfire. Refreshments are sold on site. In case of rain, some events will be in the arena. Info: 514.989.5226.

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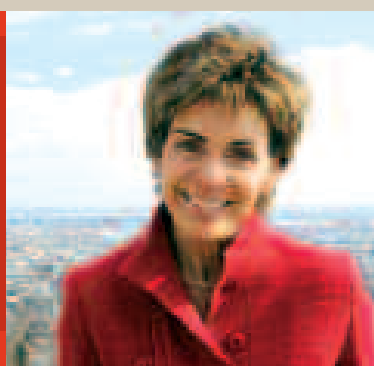


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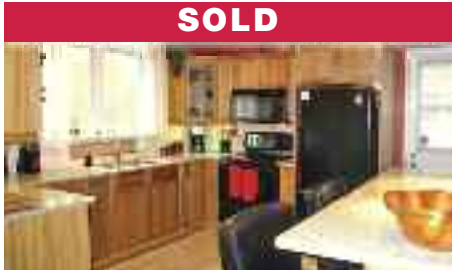
**FINCHLEY:** Adorable, detached, 4 bedroom stone charmer in old Hampstead on a 6,000 sq ft lot! one step into this lovely property and you will feel at home. from its lovely wood floors, master bedroom with ensuite bathroom, wall-mounted a/c unit, fireplace, finished basement, garage, large garden and numerous improvements throughout, this home will impress. **Asking \$698,000.**



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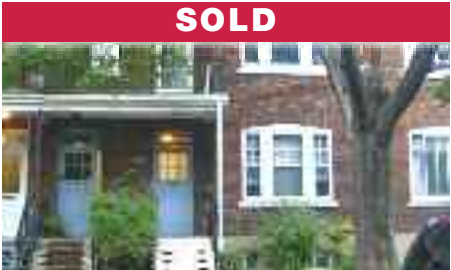
**ADDINGTON:** Large semi-detached 4+2 bedroom home filled with beautiful woodwork, stained glass, inlaid wood floors & the charm of 1912. With a garage, sun-filled garden, eat-in granite kitchen, ground flr den & finished basement, this home is perfect for a large family who like to entertain! **Asking \$535,000**



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