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13% lack working smoke alarms

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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than 25 years after Westmount required functioning smoke detectors in all homes and individual apartment units, inspectors this summer discovered some 13 percent of those visited still failed to comply.

Smoke detectors were either missing or defective in 171 of 1,316 dwelling units inspected north of Sherbrooke St., according to figures reported by Public Security last week on the approach of national Fire Prevention Week (October 3 to 9).

Inspectors were unable to gain entry at another 2,187 doors during the city's annual summer door-to-door fire inspection program operated jointly by the Public Security Unit and the Montreal Fire Department.

The inspectors also in- *continued on p. 6*

Chilvary alive and well on Greene Ave.



Johnny Cariona, a construction worker for Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc., the contractor for the Greene Ave. reconstruction

project, lends a gentlemanly arm to a pedestrian trying to negotiate a path along Greene Ave. between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve, September 3. The photo was taken by Len Even, Marianopolis College's director general, a big "fan of civility," according to the college.

No stampede against new valuations

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

So far, Westmounters aren't exactly knocking down the doors of city hall to appeal their property assessments on the new roll for 2011-13 deposited September 15.

Only about five people had requested and filled out contestation forms by September 29, according to city clerk Mario Gerbeau. He expects the number to increase, however, once the Finance department sends out official notification to all taxpayers.

"We can expect reaction from that to be more involved," he said.

Under Quebec's Act Respecting Municipal Taxation, the city is obliged to no-

tify owners of property valued at \$1 million or more within 60 days of the roll's deposit, he explained. But Westmount would notify everyone in the coming days.

Under the new roll, the average valuation of a single-family dwelling is now \$1.2 million, an increase of 18.3 percent while the city's overall valuation rose 19.9 percent (see table September 21, p. 9).

Anyone planning to contest a valuation has until April 30, 2011 to do so, but hearings are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Forms may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office where staff can assist in filling them out. The responsibility lies with the property owner, however, for sending the form to the Montreal evaluation office.

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City backs CN line

City council was expected to adopt a resolution Monday, October 4, enshrining its position to use the CN tracks and Central Station for the proposed airport shuttle to Dorval.

This followed a strong stand Mayor Peter Trent said he had taken at the agglomeration meeting September 23, despite pressure by West Island mayors to use the CP line through Westmount. The city might have to stand alone on the issue if Montreal supports the West Island position so that the airport train could be extended west for commuters.

He said that a way should be found to use the CN line through St. Henri even if it meant that trains would switch over to the CP line further west.

Press council vindicates *Indie*

The Quebec Press Council has dismissed a complaint against the *Indépendant* deeming it in French as “*irrecevable*.”

Westmount resident Marilyn Gillies made the complaint in mid-September in connection with coverage of Westmount’s August 17 arena by-law loan registry, which was open for signature that day at city hall.

The article in question (“‘Last hurdle’: No referendum for arena loan by-law”, August 24, p. 1) has generated much local comment and subsequent coverage. As previously reported (“Nothing new in naming signatories”, September 14, p. 3),

past registry signatory coverage has gone unchallenged.

The *Westmount Independent* was copied on the council’s French-language response to Gillies, but had no other involvement in the case.

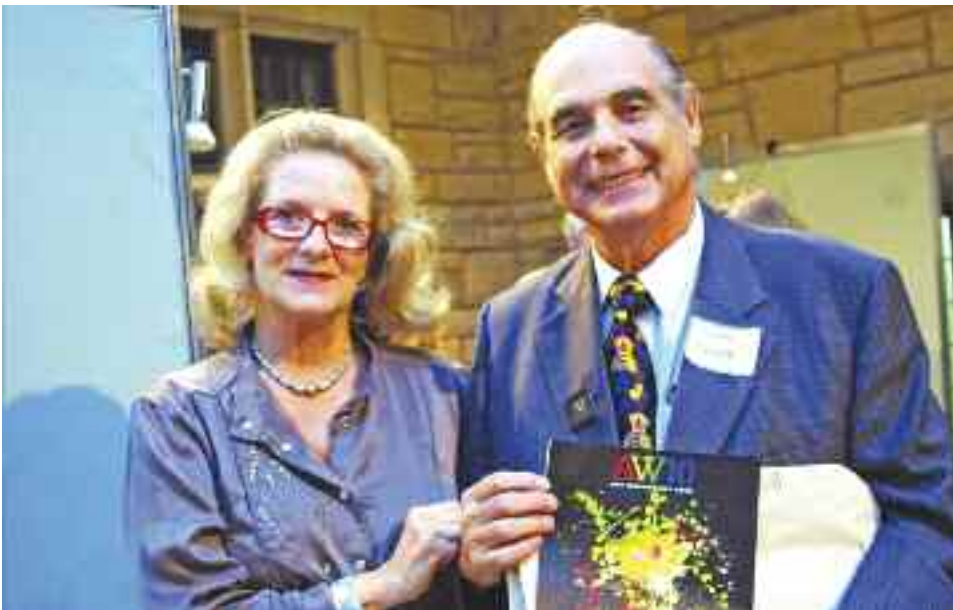
The council considered Gillies’ claim of invasion of privacy and rejected it on grounds that the registry was public and open to news coverage. It stated: “*Ce registre étant public, il s’avèrait tout à fait plausible qu’un journaliste puisse en tirer une nouvelle.*”

Gillies also alleged bias, but the council disagreed there too, citing its belief in a right of reply and the fact that the paper had made space available in the subsequent issue to the people named in the story: “[The *Indépendant*] a ouvert ses pages à certaines personnes qui étaient nommées dans l’article.”

Publisher David Price was pleased with the news, “We are not a member of the council, but we’re always happy to find new friends. It’s what we’ve been saying all along.”

**The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Saturday, October 16.
See Comin’ Up, p. 20.**

Art Westmount exhibition features local artists



Local artist Louis Touyz was on hand with city councillor Nicole Forbes at The Gallery at Victoria Hall September 27 to help launch the third edition of Art Westmount, a showcase that features the works of 65 Westmounters. The works will be on display October 2 and 3 at city hall, the lawnbowling club house, Victoria Hall, Place Kensington and the library. On both days, the artists will be on hand to provide insight into their works.

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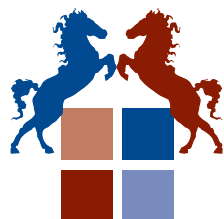
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A WAYWARD BENCH

The bench at the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Strathcona seems to be in a very bad spot. Firstly, it is right on the sidewalk, and secondly, it is right at the bus stop, which means that things get awkward when people are getting on and off a bus.

It should be possible to move it east a few yards (I'll switch to metric when the US does), or at the very least, get it off the sidewalk.

JEAN-CLAUDE TURGEON,
MOUNT STEPHEN AVE.



Bench at northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Strathcona, photographed September 27.

Photo: Independent

CITY NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO BIKE SAFETY

To those who celebrate the bike path with starry-eyed statements to the effect that "Urban cycling has come to be appreciated as one of the cornerstones of sus-

tainability, clean air, healthy bodies and regaining civility within our cities," ("Celebrating the bike path", September 14, p. 6), there are those who would counter the exact opposite as far as Westmount is concerned.

The unbridled recklessness of the vast majority of cyclists on the de Maisonneuve bike path (including the portion that runs through Westmount Park), their disrespect of the basic rules of the road, the no-holds-barred aggressiveness demonstrated towards pedestrians – elderly and young – attempting to cross de Maisonneuve while holding the right of way, the disregard for dogs and their walkers as they cross the street and try to manage intersections, all have nothing to do with healthy bodies and civility.

Sadder still is the city's lack of attention or concern for this matter. And yet the city of Westmount states on its website: "Beware. If you cycle without a helmet; wear headphones when cycling; cycle on sidewalks; drift through red lights and stop signs, etc." Beware of what? Enforcement is non-existent.

And now the special committee charged with looking into this situation subsequent to our report and petition last May has filed a report that points in many directions but provides no clear answers to the basic issues raised. Groundhog day, Westmount style.

BRIGITTE ST-LAURENT AND
ALAN GINSBERG, WESTMOUNT CITIZENS
FOR SAFE CYCLING

CYCLING SAFETY AT MINIMUM EXPENSE

We recommend the following suggestions to improve the safety and well-being of cyclists while employing a minimum of financial burden on the community.

- On the bike path between Prince Albert and Claremont, have the west-bound lane cross over to the north side of de Maisonneuve and protected by a stop sign. This would prevent the possibility of riders entering oncoming traffic when crossing Claremont.
 - Proceeding west from Atwater, at traffic lights, have a preliminary green arrow follow a red light. This would allow cyclists to start safely without cars being allowed to turn left. This now exists along de Maisonneuve on the Montreal side from Berri to Atwater. We recommend this for future traffic light replacements and not create an expense at present.
 - For the future, have speed bumps installed with spaces to allow cyclists safer passage.
 - Create bike paths on The Boulevard, Côte St. Antoine and The Glen.
 - Place stopping or slowing barriers on the bike lane through the park.
- Cyclists must have respect and responsibility for the community.
- We emphasize consideration for wheelchair users and children on bicycles, as well as for the residents living along the bike path.
 - Some riders are clamouring for Bixi stations in Westmount. The ideal is fine, but at present we do not know what the financial and legal liabilities for Westmount would be. It could be nightmarish.
 - A suggestion to build pedestrian bridges in the park to enable cyclists to speed through unimpeded is ridiculous. It is an

unnecessary expense. There are many stop signs and traffic lights along the way that do not allow for clear sailing, so why the park?

STAN GROSSMAN, DE MAISONNEUVE
BLVD., AND CHAIRMAN, WESTMOUNTERS
ADVOCATING CYCLING KNOWLEDGE
ORGANIZATION

GET DOG RUN FENCING BACK ON COUNCIL AGENDA

At the July council meeting, I pointed out to Mayor Trent that the tennis courts at Murray Park were surrounded by a 10-foot high Frost fence. The mayor confirmed that this fence was in place so that tennis players would not have to leave the playing area to retrieve their out-of-court balls.

I noted that about 50 feet from the tennis courts is the Murray Park dog run. It too is surrounded by a Frost fence so that dog owners would not have to chase a dog that escapes from the run.

Unfortunately, that fencing is only three feet high, a height that is easily jumped by all but the smallest dogs.

I asked the mayor if this meant that tennis balls were more important than dogs. He said "You know that I won't answer that question in the affirmative."

With a summer's respite from the rigours of question period behind him, the mayor will hopefully review this response, in order that an increase in the height of the city's dog run fencing be returned to council's agenda.

PAUL CREIGHTON, ARGYLE AVE.

LEGALIZE DIAGONAL CROSSING

I'm writing to support enthusiastically Karen Tee who wrote in the September 21 issue (p. 4) on the subject of diagonal crossing in relation to traffic accidents, jaywalking and timed pedestrian walk lights.

I agree that pedestrians who cross while a warning *continued on p. 5*

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hand is displayed put themselves in danger and infuriate drivers who have the right of way. The timed-walk signal allowing diagonal crossing is a much better safety strategy for all.

Here's an idea. Let's try marking those corners that have four-way timed pedestrian crossings clearly with a large white X painted across the intersection. This would encourage diagonal crossing instead of considering it illegal. Pedestrians would no longer need to wait through two light changes in order to criss-cross, or take a chance on crossing against a raised hand "stop" signal.

PATRICIA ROMAN, LANSDOWNE AVE.

WHAT ABOUT THE "UNDECIDED"?

In his column of September 21, Mayor Peter Trent offers interesting insights about polls and voting patterns.

We were wondering ourselves about similar issues. We were baffled by the oft-repeated claim that 83 percent of Westmounters supported the project.

So, we devised a simple survey: in addition to the city's survey question, which offered a choice between electing to be in favour of or opposed to the project, we included a third option: undecided.

We were surprised that this third option was the response of choice of some 41 per cent of 129 respondents selected at random at different locations in Westmount, whereas by a margin of 33 percent to 26 percent, respondents favoured the project.

While we did not specifically inquire, many common concerns were reflected to us. People remain concerned about the scale of the project, even if it is mostly buried underground. They worry about traffic, pollution, safety, etc. They wonder whether Westmount Park has reached its

limits of saturation and if it depends on commercial, inter-city participation to be viable?

Moreover, do we need to take on yet more debt, saddled as we are with a huge post-demerger fiscal burden? We ourselves do not see anything in the protocole d'entente between Westmount and Quebec that would prevent a reduction in the scale of the project without giving up grants altogether.

Beyond the particulars, of course, the discussion about the arena is driven to great ideals, a vision of the community, of good governance, of inclusiveness, towards seeking just and collective solutions, not simply squeezing poll results or grants. It is still not too late to address legitimate, deeply felt concerns of many residents of Westmount.

GOTHAM HOOJA, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.
AND NATHAN BOSSEN, YORK ST.

DIAGONAL IS FASTER, SAFER

I am writing to express my support for the diagonal pedestrian crossings at intersections with traffic lights. Simply put, the hypotenuse will always be shorter than the sum of the other two sides. We can therefore provide pedestrians with one long, safe period for crossing – diagonally or not – as desired, and have at least as much, if not more, time left for the movement of cars and bicycles.

At Victoria and Sherbrooke, we should try having the pedestrian crossing period immediately after the east-west vehicle period and immediately before the green light for the cars on Victoria. Having just had a good turn of their own, fewer pedestrians would be present and tempted to launch themselves across Sherbrooke St. on a green light but against the red hand signal, which behaviour consistently gums up the intersection by blocking the vehicles turning east from Victoria.

GEORGES HÉBERT, LANSDOWNE AVE.

Teens violate city's canvassing laws in case of confusing acronyms

BY ISAAC OLSON

It is still unclear whether a few kids canvassing Lansdowne Ave. were raising funds for a Terry Fox run or their own personal piggy banks on the evening of September 28, but, says a city official, door-to-door fundraising requires a permit in Westmount, and none were issued.

Though the well-dressed teen that showed up on his doorstep in search of money for what he understood to be Lower Canada College's (LCC) upcoming Terry Fox run spoke with a convincingly smooth eloquence, a few alarms went off in Robert Vanier's head – his biggest suspicions being the late hour and lack of LCC insignia.

After turning down the young lady's request, Vanier scrolled through LCC's website and found nothing indicating a fundraising run was slated for September 29, as the girl suggested. He called public security, LCC and the *Independent* to alert authorities and the public to the potential scam.

"She was really smooth," said Vanier, noting the girl, with two male friends waiting nearby, was equipped only with a crumpled Terry Fox poster and a money-stuffed grocery bag. "She had her lines down. They just rolled off her tongue."

LCC's Terry Fox run, an international cancer fundraiser, happened nearly two weeks prior to the incident, said the private school's assistant head of student life Linda Gendron. She said her students do not solicit strangers and are instead encouraged to ask friends and family for contributions. She speculated the incident may be a case of mixed up acronyms because LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School (LCCHS) shares the same letters.

A call to Phil Clavel, principal of

LCCHS, revealed the public school did hold its annual run on September 29 but his students are not encouraged to solicit from strangers either. Given that about 1,000 students, none of whom live in Westmount, raise a mere \$6,000 each year, he said there's no reason to suspect ambitious teens are out knocking on doors.

Clavel said no posters were distributed to students and, in a follow-up interview, Vanier said there were no indications on the crumpled poster nor in what the girl said that specified either school. Vanier said the girl only used the acronym "LCC," leading him to focus on the NDG-based institution. Gendron pointed out that kids from LCCHS tend to say "LCC."

Teens could not be found

Either way, said Westmount's director general Duncan Campbell, an organization that wishes to canvass Westmount needs a permit and solicitors must be easily identified. In this case, he said, Public Security recorded descriptions of the teens and searched the area to no avail. Besides Vanier's call, there were no other complaints about the fundraisers, he said.

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stalled 200 batteries provided by the city as part of the program to ensure residents have early warning of fire conditions and understand the value of keeping smoke detectors in working order.

They also removed for destruction more than 200 outdated and discontinued kitchen-type fire extinguishers without an ABC rating.

As well, special note was made that 21 percent of homes inspected had carbon monoxide detectors even though these are not required by the city.

Fittingly, the national theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Smoke alarms: A sound you can live with." Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) state that some 70 percent of home fire deaths result from homes without a functioning smoke alarm.

"It's important for people to have something loud to get them out of bed," said Public Security Sgt. Kim Colquhoun. "A new battery costs \$4. That's a pretty good deal to save your life and your kids."

Westmount, whose smoke detector laws went into effect May 25, 1983, re-

quires at least one working smoke detector on each floor of a private home along with additional ones in sleeping areas.

Flyers left

During the summer inspections, inspectors left notices at the doors where no answer was obtained. These asked residents to call for an inspection along with a flyer detailing the need to have at least one smoke detector on each storey and suggesting that batteries be replaced every six months. The flyer also asks residents to develop an evacuation plan and discuss it with their children, as well as to have all chimneys cleaned at least once a year by a certified chimney sweep.

This is traditionally a time of year, at the start of the heating season, when people have been asked to change batteries, clean and check out their smoke detectors.

The city has been hiring fire prevention students from IPIQ (Institut de protection contre des incendies du Québec) to conduct the summer door-to-door inspections since the demerger in 2006.

The program was launched to make up for the loss of the Westmount Fire Brigade's traditional in-service summer inspections that had been abandoned for

Travelling the distance to enjoy Westmount Park



A group from the McTavish St.-based Centre de Garderie SSMU Daycare Centre, a day care for children of McGill students, takes advantage of the weather on September 18 and enjoy a picnic lunch in Westmount Park

Photo: Ralph Thompson

five years as a result of the merger of the fire service with Montreal, which continues to operate it island-wide.

This year, the two inspectors conducted

about 80 visits a day for 55 days from the end of May to September. Inspections south of Sherbrooke were carried out under the 2009 program.

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UMQ president discusses issues in Westmount City could reap \$1.4M over 3 years

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount stands to gain an additional \$1.4 million over three years in its share of Quebec Sales Tax (QST/TVQ) rebates to municipalities if a campaign by the Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ) is successful.

The amount would be based on the 2-percent hike in QST planned by Quebec in the next two years.

Under a current agreement with Quebec, municipalities are refunded a portion of the 7.5 percent sales tax on their purchases of goods and services. This is to rise to 100 percent by 2014 based on the current 7.5 tax rate, according to Mayor Peter Trent.

“What we’re trying to do is get the full amount of the increased tax, which, in Westmount’s case, would be \$1.4 million over three years.”

The announcement was made at a UMQ press conference September 28 at Westmount city hall, which also included calls for tightening government ethics and diversification of revenue for municipalities.

Trent, who chairs the Montreal Island

caucus of the UMQ as president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), also called at the conference for the city of Montreal to return to the UMQ table to provide the organization with more of an urban base. The province’s largest city withdrew its membership some years ago.

After the press conference, the discussion on a number of issues facing Montreal suburbs was continued at a meeting between Trent, UMQ president Marc Gascon and suburban mayors. These include diversification of revenue.

On the subject of legislation concerning ethics, Trent told the *Independent* that “You can adopt all the laws you want but most of it is window dressing ... and can even make the contract-awarding process more complicated.”

Restraints for aggro capital works

Westmount continues to make input on the 2011 aggro budget process with work last week by Mayor Peter Trent on the island-wide’s capital works budget.

Trent – whose proposal was adopted several months ago to hold increases in the operating budget to cost of living plus 1 percent – said the finance committee on which he serves agreed to the same guideline. This evolved over three days of capital works budget sessions.

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Police beat Purse-snatch suspect comes back for more

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A suspect who allegedly stole a purse from an 85-year-old Westmount woman paid an unexpected visit to her home, in what police believe was an effort to break in.

The woman and her 42-year-old daughter, who lives on the South Shore, filed a report with Station 37 in the Plateau district on September 25. They told police they were dining in a restaurant in that district when they realized the mother’s purse had been stolen.

“The daughter was able to watch surveillance video from the restaurant, and she saw the suspect who allegedly stole the purse,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Suspect returns

The following day, at 2 pm, the daughter was alone in her mother’s house on Lansdowne Ridge when she heard someone knocking on the door.

“When she went to the door, she looked through the window and saw the suspect from the restaurant looking back at her,” said Pimentel. “She said the suspect was holding a crowbar and had an aggressive posture.”

The daughter went to the kitchen, then returned to the front door, but the man was gone. However, the family dog, who was watching the suspect through a front window, began barking, leading police to believe the suspect may have been looking to enter through the side door.

“The daughter then called Public Security and gave them a description of the suspect,” said Pimentel.

By the time Public Security arrived, the suspect was gone. He is described as a white male, 40, 5’8”, with curly brown hair and a white shirt.

“When you are faced with a situation when you have a suspect who is holding a tool used to commit a burglary, or any situation where you fear imminent danger or harm, always call 911,” said Pimentel. “When we get a call like that, it is our high-

est priority, and we will arrive very, very quickly. Because Public Security cannot go through stop signs or red lights and we can, we will get there faster and set up a perimeter. In a case like this, we may have even gotten there while the suspect was still near the house.”

Pimentel also had advice for women who take their purses into restaurants.

“Never put your purse over the back of your chair. The best place to keep it is on the table where you can see it. If not, put it in front of or between your feet on the floor,” he said.

In this case, it seems apparent there was something in the purse that revealed the mother’s home address.

“Never have your address on your keys,” said Pimentel. “The ideal thing would be to keep your keys and anything with your address on it in your pockets, and not in your purse.”

Ambulance in four-vehicle collision

An Urgences Santé ambulance and three cars became involved in a chain-reaction pile-up on Sherbrooke St. on September 20, sending a driver to the hospital.

The incident took place at 9:15 am near the corner of Victoria Ave. A 2007 BMW going eastward attempted to switch lanes, but ended up hitting the ambulance.

“The ambulance was on a call, and had its lights and siren on,” said Pimentel. “The BMW, driven by a 41-year-old Westmount man, hit the side of the ambulance, on the side-view mirror on the passenger door. The driver said he saw the lights but didn’t hear the siren. We believe at that point, the ambulance suffered a flat tire and it swerved out of control.”

And that’s when the double-chain reaction began. The driver of the BMW lurched forward and rear-ended a Hyundai, while the ambulance hit a Mazda, forcing it onto the sidewalk. The 53-year-old Beaconsfield man driving the Mazda and the Westmount man were not hurt during the accident, nor was the Urgences Santé crew.

“But the driver of the Hyundai, a 38-year-old man from Pointe des Casodes, was experiencing pain in his neck, and he was taken to the hospital,” said Pimentel. “There will be no criminal charges laid as a result of this incident, but a [traffic] investigator will determine if any infractions resulted and if so, tickets will be issued.”

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Adult non-fiction

The Fiddler on the Subway by Gene Weingarten – This collection of essays from two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Weingarten, currently a columnist for the *Washington Post*, runs the gamut from the title story about violinist Joshua Bell playing for change in the Washington subway to the quest to discover the one true, “armpit of America.” Mostly hilarious, with some more serious topics.

The Novel: An Alternative History by Steven Moore – Contrary to popular opinion, Moore argues that the novel did not originate in Europe within the past few centuries but has existed for as long as human civilization. Join him on tour around the world and through the history of the pre-modern novel, with fascinating examples such as Mayan graphic novels and 5,000-page Arabian adventures.

Magazines

“Blood diamonds are forever: A collapsed case against a Toronto gemologist raises new doubts about the past decade’s

attempts to stop the illicit global trade in diamonds” by Matthew McClearn in *Canadian Business*, September 13, 2010, p. 59.

“Merchants of death! The troubling story of a corporate bid to take control of the world’s food supply” by Sue Brandford in *New Internationalist*, September 2010, p. 18.

“Deux millions de Roms ostracisés: La mauvaise conscience de l’Europe. Considérée comme une minorité vulnérable, cette population pauvre est rejetée dans la plupart des pays, à l’Est comme à l’Ouest du continent” by Jean-Baptiste Naudet in *Le nouvel observateur*, September 9-15, 2010, p. 12.

Books on CD

Private Life by Jane Smiley – A riveting novel that traverses the intimate landscape of one woman’s life and the compromises required by marriage, while also providing an intimate portrait of life in the midwest and western United States from the 1880s to World War II.

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese – A young doctor flees his home in

Ethiopia after fighting over a woman with his twin, but danger in his new home forces him to look for help from both his twin and the father who abandoned them.

Adult French – Mother Russia

La Russie entre deux mondes by Hélène Carrère d’Encausse – Author of several books on Russia, d’Encausse looks at that country’s place in the world. While it faces severe internal problems, such as terrorism, corruption and shrinking demographics, it is trying to impose its power on the international scene.

Sashenka by Simon Montefiore – Montefiore, who wrote acclaimed biographies, offers us this piece of fiction set in revolutionary Russia. Sashenka was born to a wealthy family but, as a teen, embraced Bolshevism. Married to a Communist official, and as a host of parties attended by even Stalin himself, she embarks in an affair that ends in tragedy.

Picture books for children

Which Way to Witch School? by Scott Santoro – Miss Thornapple’s school is not like most other schools – it’s a school for witches! This is a back-to-school book with

a twist.

Un lion à Paris by Beatrice Alemagna – A young lion, who is bored living alone in the savanna decides to go to Paris to search for a job, love and a better future.

Reference

L’auto 2011 by Jacques Duval, Jean-François Guay, Éric Lefrançois.

Funeral held for Aberman

Funeral services were held Monday for longtime retired contractor Sam Aberman. A longtime Westmount resident, Aberman has been providing city council with his professional expertise on a pro bono basis for the arena/pool project as he had done for the library refurbishment some 15 years ago. Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* at press time Monday he would be paying tribute to Aberman later that evening at the council meeting.

Panpan and Tango – kitten love



Here are two 6-month-old kittens from the SPCA Montérégie cattery. They are both playful, sweet and very social. They are just the right age to bring home, now that everyone is back from summer holidays!

A few more details about the unique qualities of each kitten. Panpan is the perfect lap kitten. He’s a gentle and sweet soul, who loves to play and jump. He is in foster care at the moment, which socializes him even more.

Tango is still at the cattery and needs to be placed in a home while he is still young so he can have his own people to play with. He has a lot of energy. It is so funny when he is concentrating on his kitten games

then falls asleep right in the middle of his playing!

To find out more about Panpan and Tango, please contact Cindy at 450.386.5960 or email info@spcamonteregie.com. The cattery section of this no-kill shelter is very well organized and a wonderful place from which to adopt a cat. Please consider dropping in to see the kittens – at 178 chemin du Vide in St. Angèle de Monnoir (exit 37 on Highway 10). Adoption/visiting hours for cats are Thursdays to Saturdays, from 2 pm to 4 pm, or by appointment.

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Young Westmounter awarded by Royal Observatory for photo of solar halo

Young Westmounter, Laurent Joli-Coeur, was awarded the runner-up prize for Young Astronomy Photographer 2010 by the British Royal Observatory in London on September 10. At only 13, he is the youngest photographer to have won this award. The prize-winning image is of a solar halo, which was captured as Laurent and his family drove to New York last October.

A solar halo occurs when tiny ice crystals in the clouds reflect the sun's light, creating a rainbow-like halo around the sun. The photograph is currently part of an exhibition at the Royal Observatory in London, where it shall remain on display until February 2011. It has also been published in *The Sky at Night* astronomy magazine.

Joli-Coeur's photograph, however, was not captured in the most conventional way; "I saw it through the car window and I had my mum's camera on hand, so I took a picture through the window and at one point I actually opened the window...the car was still moving on the highway!" he explained.

Joli-Coeur and his mother, Diane Vachon, flew to London to receive the award



Laurent Joli-Coeur and his telescope at his own observatory at home in Westmount.

in person, after receiving a letter from the observatory informing them that his picture had been shortlisted as one of the top five images. Upon their arrival they learned that the image had been awarded second place. Despite jet lag and having only two hours of sleep due to the excitement of the event, the young astronomer was able to remain bright and alert for the award ceremony.

His interest in astronomy started at the age of 7 when he received a telescope for Christmas. "I should have known something was up when he assembled it and he said, 'there's a piece missing,'" said Vachon, as she explained her surprise at his natural talent from such an early age. Three years ago he received an 8-inch reflector telescope that enables him to progress to more advanced observational astronomy.

To see his photo, go to www.nmm.ac.uk and click on "Astronomy Photographer winners announced" under "Latest News".



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Westmount houses part of heritage tour

As part of the two-week Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign, an afternoon open houses of heritage houses on the market took place September 26. Six Westmount properties were part of the 50

properties whose doors were thrown open for public viewing across the island. In its 20th year, the campaign promotes Montreal's "built heritage, owners who maintain their properties with great care and

architecture enthusiasts who work hard for its safeguard."

Photographer Ralph Thompson visited the Westmount houses and brings you a glimpse into these heritage properties.



Marie-Alice Couret (with Christina Miller/Profusion Immobilier) cannot restrain her excitement at the details in the hardwood newel post at 486 Argyle Ave.



Heidy Pinsonneault (HP et Associés Inc.) stands at the foot of the hardwood staircase at 610 Argyle Ave.



Owner Andrew Kerklaan shows the fine details in the dining room fireplace, which include Delftware tiles and brass fittings at 434 Metcalfe Ave.



Irving Kaplan stands in the elevator in his heritage home at 413 Roslyn Ave. The solid oak elevator has the original brass controls and scissor doors.



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<div></div> <div>HÔTEL DE VILLE Heures d'ouverture et services municipaux Veuillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés le lundi 11 octobre en raison de la fête de l'Action de grâces. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée les dimanches 10 octobre et lundi 11 octobre. De plus, la collecte des résidus alimentaires et de jardinage qui s'effectuera selon l'horaire normal. Info : 514 989-5226. 🍁</div>		<div></div> <div>CITY HALL Office Hours and Municipal Services Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Sports and Recreation, and Public Security) will be closed on Monday, October 11 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on both Sunday, October 10 and Monday October 11. In addition, the kitchen and garden waste collection will take place according to the regular schedule. Info : 514 989-5226. 🍁</div>
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<div></div> <div>BIBLIOTHÈQUE Comité de la bibliothèque publique Appel à tous les résidents : le conseil municipal cherche à combler deux postes vacants au sein du comité de la bibliothèque publique.</div>		<div></div> <div>LIBRARY Public Library Committee City Council is looking for two new Westmount citizen members for the Public Library Committee.</div>
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<div></div> <div>Henry V Venez rencontrer Gabrielle Soskin, directrice artistique de Persephone Productions et les acteurs de la pièce Henry V le mercredi 20 octobre à 14 h. Vous aurez une vue d'ensemble de la pièce et les comédiens joueront des scènes de cette œuvre majestueuse de Shakespeare à propos de la nature de la guerre. Info : 514 989-5386.</div>		<div></div> <div>Henry V Meet Gabrielle Soskin, the Artistic Director of Persephone Productions and the cast of the stage play Henry V on Wednesday, October 20 at 2 p.m. An overview of Henry V will be given and the cast will perform scenes from this majestic Shakespearean play about the nature of war. Info: 514 989-5386.</div>
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<div></div> <div>Rencontre d'auteur L'auteur montréalais Paul Bracegirdle parlera de son deuxième livre de la série Joy of Spooking, intitulé Unearthly Asylum le jeudi 7 octobre à 10h30. 8 ans et plus Info : 514 989-5229.</div>		<div></div> <div>Author event- Paul Bracegirdle Meet Montreal children's author Paul Bracegirdle when he presents his newest book in the Joy of Spooking series: Unearthly Asylum on Thursday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. 8 years and up. Info: 514 989-5229.</div>
<div></div> <div>Rencontre d'auteur Venez rencontrer Miguel Syjuco, l'auteur d'Ilustrado (gagnant du prix Man Asian) le 13 octobre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5386.</div>		<div></div> <div>Author event – Miguel Syjuco Come meet Miguel Syjuco, author of Ilustrado, winner of the 2010 Man Asian Literary Prize on Wednesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. Info 514 989-5386.</div>
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Hundreds of participants taking part in the "Concordia Shuffle 21"¹ shuffled through Westmount September 24. Walkers are seen here in front of Campbell Gallery between Prince Albert and Claremont. The fundraiser raises money for scholarships and bursaries for the university. A campus-to-campus walk-a-thon was launched in 1990 to increase internal community support for its fundraising efforts and to build morale. Faculty members, staff, administrators, university governors and student shufflers have since solicited pledges from friends, family and colleagues for completing the 6.5-kilometre walk from Sir George Williams Campus to Loyola Campus.

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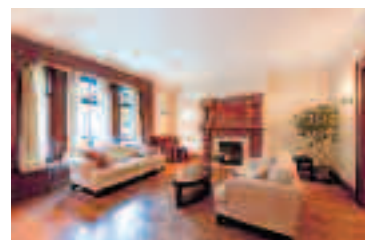


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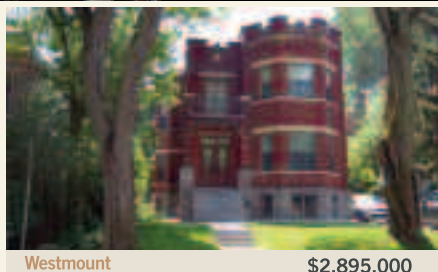
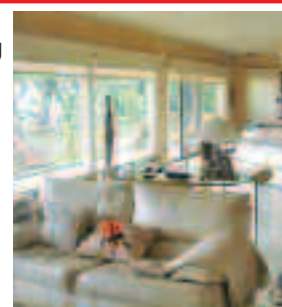
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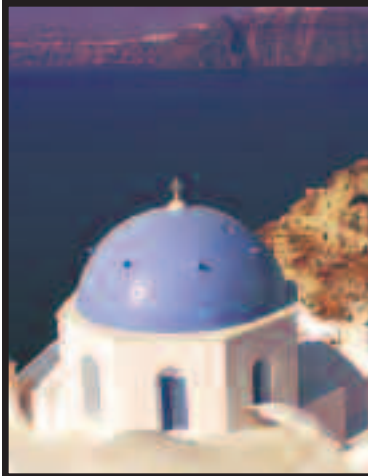
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From left, in her home on September 20, Twinkle Rudberg (founder of Leave Out Violence – LOVE) stands with Oliver Jones and Sara Pedersen, one of several Westmounters on the board. Westmounter Satoko Ingram will be honoured with a dedicated service award during the annual LOVE fundraiser called, this year, “An Intimate Evening with the Oliver Jones Trio,” to be held on October 13 at Salle Gesu (1200 Bleury St.) Tickets are \$150. Another event, free and open to the public, takes place on October 16 as part of Festival du nouveau cinéma and features LOVE youth who will perform spoken word and music. LOVE, a non-profit organization, works to reduce violence and its effect on young people.

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Westmount Profile: Dr. Prosanto Chaudhury

A 'real-life' MUHC poster boy

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

As one of only two dozen specialists in Montreal in liver, pancreatic and biliary surgery, including transplantation, he might seem like an unlikely poster boy.

But that's the high profile role in which Dr. Prosanto Chaudhury finds himself these days in ads for the new MUHC hospital.

Stethoscope round his neck and a construction hard hat on his head, he's shown flashing a wide movie-star smile as he plays a real-life part in promoting the development of the new hospital – a cause that's very close to his heart.

"It's nice that they're using those of us who are real MUHC people and not actors," he says. "It brings legitimacy to the cause."

He'll not only be one of those working at the new Glen Campus in his field but the move will also bring his own career full circle.

Chaudhury recalls his first day in medicine at McGill. "We were promised that by the time we graduated, in 1998, we would be working in the newest and biggest hospital in Canada," he says with a laugh.

But that new MUHC "superhospital" has only just broken ground over the summer in a downsized, yet much-needed version, he explains.

Raised and schooled in Westmount, and choosing also to raise his own family here as well, Chaudhury is still unsure why he was the only physician selected as one of several "faces" of the new hospital. Nor does he know whether or not he's also an official spokesperson for the value of the project.

But the choice of Chaudhury didn't quite come out of the blue. He also happens to be the Royal Victoria Hospital's 2010 October calendar boy for the Friends of Surgery Calendar to raise funds for postoperative patient care.

At age 37, he exudes charm, confidence and relaxed humour as he leans back in his chair and swipes through his iPad for statistics while discussing his passion for surgery and his chosen field.

The Royal Vic's clinic where he works, he explains, provides pre-malignant and full spectrum treatment for HPB (hepato-

pancreato-biliary) disease and transplantation surgery.

Privileged profession

"I find it fascinating. HPB is not so common and the impact on a life can be immense. What appealed to me about surgery is that you see the results of your actions immediately. I like finding a concrete solution to a problem. You can operate today and tomorrow the patient is all better. I consider it a very privileged profession."

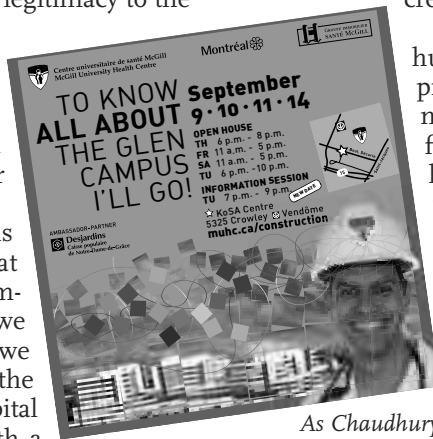
Transplantation is evolving very quickly as an oncology component, he adds.

In Quebec in 2009, there were 105 transplantations for liver, 209 for kidney, 49 for heart, 32 for lung and 16 for pancreatic disease.

In addition to Chaudhury's lengthy string of professional commitments, he's a recent first-time father and a long-serving board member of Selwyn House School. He's also a research investigator, university professor and associate director of the McGill Nutritional and Performance Laboratory.

"This is a research lab studying the effects of a variety of chronic diseases on patients' physical condition."

He is also a medical director on call for Quebec-Transplant, the society that coordinates organ donation and awareness in the province. "In the spring, the MUHC planted the first tree of life at the Vic to recognize gifts from organ donors," he says.



As Chaudhury appears in the MUHC ads.



Dr. Prosanto Chaudhury on the October page of the Friends of Surgery calendar



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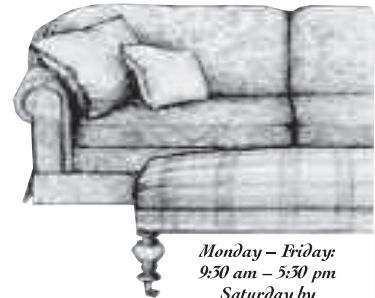
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Dougherty's work in education recognized by Study alumna award

BY LAUREN LOUGHLIN

Study alumna Joan Dougherty (class of '43) was awarded the Judy Elder Alumna Award for her contribution to the world of education in an afternoon ceremony September 24. The event was part of the Founder's Day celebrations, as The Study celebrates its 95th birthday this year.

After graduating from the girls' school in upper Westmount, Dougherty went on to study at McGill and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, which culminated in an MSc from McGill in 1950.

Her career in education began when she joined the Town of Mount Royal school board, where she first became involved in the study of children with learning difficulties. She also worked with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and the board of governors at McGill.

Dougherty has been a member of the provincial legislature and was parliamentary assistant to the minister of Education, Claude Ryan, in the 1980s.

Dougherty returned to community work and devoted the past 18 years to the Westmount-based Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) and AVATIL, a community-based service for intellectually handicapped youths in Lachine. She spoke with passion about the work done through

the MOSD and the progress made in the education of children with hearing impairments.

Dougherty was visibly moved by the award. "To be honoured by one's own is very, very special," she said.

A special assembly was held to honour the school's founder followed by a birthday cake. Study graduates from as far back as the class of '36 attended the occasion.

The Judy Elder Award was created in 2002 to recognize the achievements of alumna of The Study who have excelled in their chosen field. Judy Elder (1954-2002), a Study alumna from 1971, was a distinguished businesswoman.



From left: Joan Dougherty, alumna of The Study's class of '43 and recipient of the 2010 Judy Elder award, pictured here with prefects Laura Hallward and Julia Facchino, with head of school Mary Liistro Hebert in background.

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Nihon hosts concert cocktail for festival de musique



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On an early autumn eve in mid-September, guests arrived at the Westmount home of **Cornelia Nihon**, who was hosting

a benefit for the Festival de musique de chambre de Montréal. Festival founder and director **Denis Brott** was on hand with Nihon to greet guests who admired the soothing fountain in her lovely English country garden.

Brott, one of Canada's finest performing musicians, also teaches cello and chamber music at the Conservatoire de musique de Montréal.

Hors d'oeuvres served were more than

delicious – they were homemade! An amusing bouchée was the cookies. The icing was the owl symbol of the festival.

After cocktail hour, guests were ushered into the main salon for the concert, which featured the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Gioachino Rossini and Franz Liszt.

Musicians who performed that evening were pianists **Oliver Jones** and **André Laplante**, with **Eric Lagacé** (bass), and cellists **Yoanna Prodanova**, who has performed in chamber music groups for the Leipzig Quartet and the Hayden Trio Eisenstadt,

and Brott himself.

The sold-out evening attracted many Westmounters including **Lilliana** and **David Simpson**, **David Culver**, **Annette Lefebvre** and **Sheldon Magder**, **Fran** and **Reuben Croll**, and **Susan Judith Hoffman**.

Also noted in the crowd were **David Sela**, **Florence Richler**, **Gisèle Desrochers**, **Raffi Armenian**, **Eric Prud'homme**, **Julie Brott**, **Louise Murray**, and **Patricia** and **André Simard**, just back from the International Gumball 3000, an annual 3,000 mile rally – a road trip adventure where the winner won...a gumball machine!



Marc Saucier, Teresa Germano-Saucier and Cornelia Nihon.



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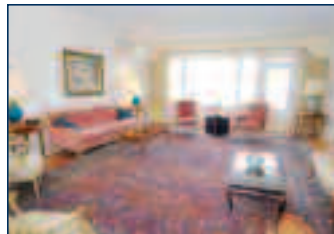
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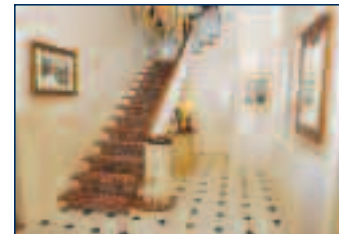
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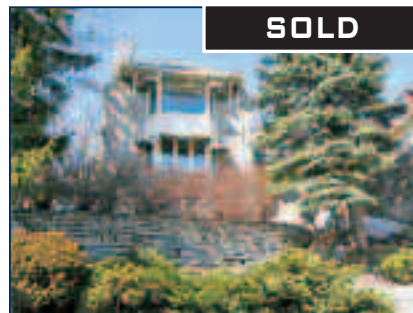
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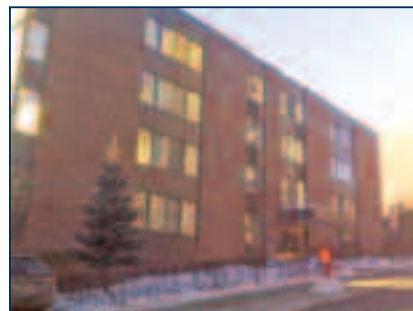


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Florist arranges fashion... with flowers

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Flowers from Westmount Florist burst forth during Montreal Fashion Week.

"People gasped," said florist owner and designer Christine Pickrell, who worked with Montreal fashion designer Helmer Joseph to create this dress with fresh red, lime and purple flowers. It was modelled on September 27, at a private fashion show at Bonsecours Market in Old Montreal.

Pickrell spent six hours in her Victoria Ave. shop the day before the show, attaching the flowers – with the help of Joseph's assistant – to a red bustier and sheet-moss miniskirt that Joseph had prepared. The dress spent the night in the refrigerator of Pickrell's shop and was carefully transported the next day to Old Montreal in the pouring rain.

Her inspiration?

Pickrell went to a Macy's flower show in New York City five years ago, where their windows had mannequins with floral dresses but with fake flowers. "They were wonderful but I imagined making a real one some day," she said.

Her idea first germinated this April when Pickrell was partnered with Joseph

for an Alzheimer Group Inc. (AGI) fashion show charity event. Her uncle was suffering with the disease and living at St. Margaret's residence in Westmount, when Pickrell was asked me to be a model for the show.

"I had never heard of Helmer but when I Googled him, I realized that he was a big-time designer working in Paris after leaving Montreal and working with some of the big design houses." She listed Chloe, Mugler, Dior and Lagerfeld.

Pickrell told Joseph her idea for a dress.

"His eyes lit up, and we began to create," she said. That dress had more than 600 orchids, including lime green cymbidiums, purple and lime green dendrobiums, and then moss and hundreds of leaves. Pickerell modelled the dress at the AGI event. "I could barely continued on p. 27



For Montreal Fashion Week, model Victoire wears a floral dress created collaboratively by Christine Pickrell and Montreal fashion designer Helmer Joseph. Says Pickrell, "She was the last model in the show and when she stepped out onto the runway, people gasped."

Photo: Nick Pittman

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Poet-happy

September 20 – on a day when the sky bore down threatening to flood Canada's poetry capital (Westmount), Penn Kemp (London, Ontario's Poet Laureate) and Moe Clark (2010 Leonard Cohen Poet In Residence at Westmount High) did the dazzle at Westmount Public Library. Before that, Penn gave workshops at Westmount High and to a large, enthusiastic crowd at the library. On short notice, special thanks to Donna Lach and the Westmount Library, Principal Michael Cristofaro and teacher Ryan Ruddick from Westmount High, the Playwrights' Guild of Canada, the Foundation for Public Poetry, and the *Westmount Independent* for publicizing the event.

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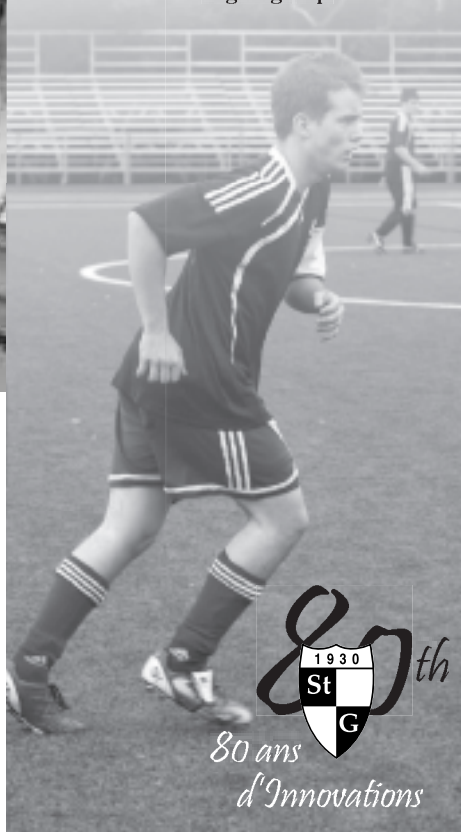
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Building bridges crucial, says Segal Centre's Wasserman

By MARTIN C. BARRY

As artistic director of the Segal Centre for the Performing Arts, Bryna Wasserman has made the centre one of the leading English-language theatres in Canada while strengthening the ties between the country's English- and French-language theatre communities.

Building bridges through art is what it's all about, Wasserman told a gathering of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim members during a lunchtime lecture held at the synagogue on September 19.

But building bridges is not always easy, she cautioned, alluding to some of the more difficult projects that have been mounted at the Segal Centre, as well as at the institution that preceded it, the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts.

Wasserman suggested that a recent attempt she made to produce a controversial play reminded her that backlashes are still possible. For that reason, she consulted a well-known local rabbi before going ahead.

She also harkened back to the *Man in the Glass Booth* controversy in 1972 at the Bronfman Centre, which culminated in the resignation of Marion André, the cen-

tre's first director of performing arts, after the board of directors deemed the play anti-Semitic.

"I don't want to simplify the topic," she said. "As long as it suits everybody it's okay. (But) what happens when it doesn't suit everyone? Those are the questions that as an artistic director I have to answer. Is it possible to enrage one group of people and then another group of people while you're assuming to bridge the gaps?"

Wasserman said she would not produce Canadian playwright Jason Sherman's controversial script, *Reading Hebron*, about the 1994 Hebron massacre, because, among other things, "it's not such a great play ... Building bridges isn't always as simplistic or as easy. There are a lot of undercurrents and pressures that have to be answered."

While expressing doubts that theatre, music and art "can necessarily solve all the problems," Wasserman said part of the mission at the Segal Centre is to "look outside ourselves...That's the objective. Those are the goals. The goals are to create an art centre that reaches out beyond its walls, that reaches out to cinema, to theatre, to



Bryna Wasserman speaks to an audience at Shaar Hashomayim, September 19.

music ... All of that relates to the arts."

So what are Wasserman's expectations for the future? "My expectations are that theatre, art and music lead the way as we have done here at the Segal Centre

through youth programs, through choices of plays, through co-productions, through presenting international artists, so that we understand that this is a global effort."

MGH auxiliary hosts Early Bird

Westmounters Iris Ballon, Pamela Stewart, Jane Desjardins, Sara Colby, Barbara Schloss, Evelyn Gold and Bonnie Shemie will be among the organizers of the annual "Early Bird" sale of the Montreal General Hospital Auxiliary. The event begins with a cocktail on the 6th

floor (Livingston Hall Lounge) of the hospital (1650 Cedar Ave.) on Tuesday, October 12 from 5:30 to 9 pm. The \$25 admission includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and parking. The regular, free-admission sale continues on October 13 and 14 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the same location.



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40-lb. dress made of flowers

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walk!" she said of wearing five-inch heels and the 40-pound dress, which had a



Christine Pickrell modelling a flower dress she designed in conjunction with Helmer Joseph for the Alzheimers Closet Affair event last April.

Woman helped after fall from wheelchair

A woman recovering from surgery was taken back to hospital by ambulance September 23 when she fell from her wheelchair at an apartment on Victoria Ave., according to Public Security. Officers were called for assistance by the building's superintendent at 3:51 pm when she was unable to get back into the chair. It was decided she should be checked out at hospital as a precaution.

chicken wire frame.

Pickerell's shop, Westmount Florist, is at 360 Victoria between Sherbrooke St. and Somerville. She said she'd love to collaborate with other Westmount artists. "Perhaps a jeweller, a chocolatier, baker, shoe designer. It's endless when two creative minds get together."

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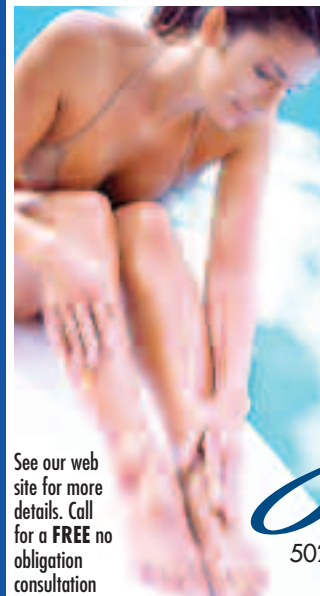


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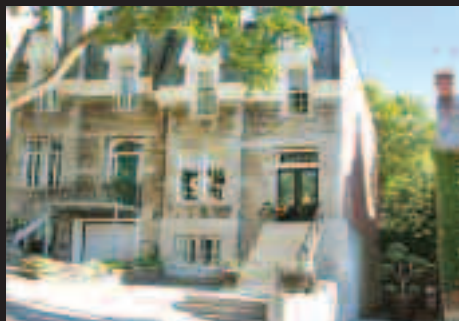
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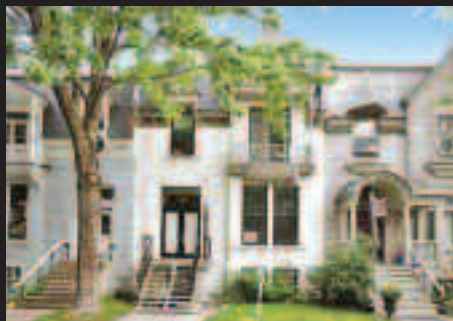
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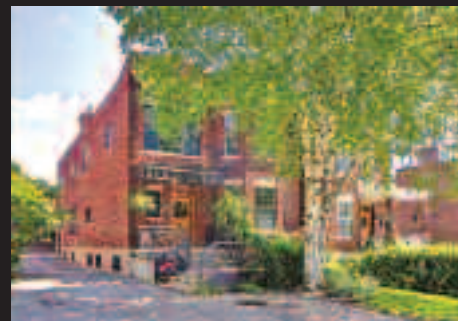
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