



Rotary marks 80 years in Westmount

Rotarians and guests celebrate, see p. 6 for story.

Remembrance Day service at cenotaph, Sunday, Nov. 7

Westmount's Remembrance Day service takes place this Sunday, November 7 at the cenotaph in front of city hall. The monument has recently been refurbished, in time for the occasion. See photo, p. 8. See story in the October 12 issue, p. 3.

Military units, veterans, city council members and community groups will be among those on parade or laying wreaths. The service starts at 2 pm.

Citizen committee to increase awareness

Summit Park rebranded as 'Summit Woods'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The rebranding of Summit Park as "Summit Woods" was expected to be announced at Monday's city council meeting as a springboard to a long-term plan to rehabilitate the nature reserve. A citizen committee of users is also to be created.

The term "woods," Councillor Cynthia Lulham said, more accurately reflects what the urban forest really is and may help increase awareness of the need to maintain it as a natural habitat.

"I don't think many of our citizens realize what a unique place we have within walking distance," Lulham told the *Independent* last week in unveiling the plan.

Forest bathing

"We'd like to encourage more of them to take advantage of this incredible resource and to participate in efforts to preserve it." Walking in the woods, she added, can be a great stress reliever. It is referred to in Japan as "forest bathing."

Efforts began over the summer, she said, to revitalize some of the trails, re-

move invasive vegetation and replant degenerated areas that had been identified as needing immediate attention by Luc Nadeau, a forestry engineer, engaged for the purpose.

Landscape architect Marc Fauteux will also be asked to evaluate Summit Woods in the coming year as a separate step in his study and master plan for parks and green spaces in Westmount.

In an effort to involve citizens in the restoration plan, Lulham said, she has asked John Fretz of Lansdowne Ave. to join the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC) to oversee a Summit Woods Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Fretz, whom she describes as a park user who appreciates its uniqueness, "has been actively urging us to intervene – in particular in respect to the degradation of the undergrowth. And the rehabilitation plan just grew from there.

"We're striking the SWAC subcommittee to include the various groups that use Summit Woods – including dog owners and bird watchers – to encourage its preservation

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A blooming victory!

Westmount is #1 in its Communities in Bloom category. See p. 2 for story

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5 Saisons to be open all winter

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Shoppers at Les 5 Saisons on Greene Ave. can count on the landmark grocery store being around right through the winter before it vacates the premises for construction of a condo development. The store will return to the site on the development's ground floor once it is completed.

Unforeseen delays in starting work this fall mean that demolition of the site's building will probably start only in March or April, developer Jacob Attias told the *Independent* last week.

"The Christmas trees will still be there again this year," he said. "The store will be open until up to the time we start the demolition. We're working as a team."

Attias said it had taken longer than expected to work out all the technical and architectural details of the new project with the city. This had to be achieved before the demolition notice could be published. "But now we are working in harmony."

The demolition hearing is slated for November 16 at 5 pm at city hall. It must take place before any permits can be issued. (See story October 26, p. 1).

"Only then can we start our construc-

tion plans," Attias said. "One is tied to the other, but now it is much more advanced."

"The store will remain open until the last minute before demolition," confirmed Josée Lessard of corporate affairs for Metro, the store's owner.

Westmount wins Communities in Bloom

Westmount has won the national Communities in Bloom competition for cities with a population of 20,001 to 50,000. The award was presented October 30 at a ceremony in Halifax. Along with the top rating of "five blooms," the city also earned a special mention for the sustainable development program.

Judges from New Brunswick and British Columbia highlighted Westmount's "numerous parks," the "rich urban forest" and "an outstanding quality of landscape design and maintenance." They found its success was also "due in great part to the participation of residents through numerous committees."

6,000 'mums bloom at fall show



Adding finishing touches are, from left: Hélène Bazinet, Marie-Anne Lemieux and Christophe Côté.

More than 6,000 chrysanthemum plants are being used in the city's annual Fall Chrysanthemum Show opening this week at the Westmount conservatory.

After its formal opening Wednesday, November 3 at a reception honouring vol-

unteers and new residents, the show opens its doors the next day and continues until blooms fade.

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Local dogs party at first annual Bark in the Park

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

As some dog owners know all too well, dogs, much like their human masters, love to get together and party. In fact, apart from their reputation for tail-wagging and barking, dogs are well known as down-right party animals.

So when Amy Creighton decided to hold the first annual Bark in the Park on October 28 at the Lansdowne dog run, word quickly got around about a pre-Halloween dress-up event, complete with judging and prize-giving.

All told, about 30 dogs and 60 people showed up, according to Creighton by email post-event. "It was a bit, um, wild. Lots of milling about and barking and cheering," she wrote.

The winners were: Best costume: Sheriff Boscoe with cowgirl Hedwige Moss and first runner-up dog Fabio as Pepé le Pew with Tracy Gutwillig.

Although Creighton succeeded in convincing Charles Altman of the Little Bear pet supplies store to be one of the judges, she said in an emailed invitation she had also hoped to enlist an elected official as judge num-

ber two.

While city councillor Cynthia Lulham took part, it was not as a judge, but as a "bee" in a yellow feather boa, with her small dog Bee-Shon who wore a black and yellow dog jacket. Lulham was nearly outdone when another dog owner, Malika Karasek Bereza, turned up with her dog Pico wearing a very similar jacket.

Lansdowne dog run a community

"We're trying to showcase the Lansdowne dog run as a community," Creighton told the *Independent*. At the same time, she said there is also concern about the future of the facility following the completion of the nearby pool and arena complex project.

"We are concerned that when the arena is taken apart that the dog run is actually going to be closed permanently. We want

to show that this is a really vibrant community [of people] who not only love their dog run, but who are really interested in maintaining this distinct community."

CTV crew arrived to film part of the event.



Dressed up as bees, from left, Malika Karasek Bereza and her dog Pico and city councillor Cynthia Lulham with Bee-shon.

Halloween fun at Haunted Circus House



Tatiana Tiede, the witch, gives a sly smile, swashbuckling twin brother Raymond inspects a spare leg as the nasty clown chops up another body at the "Haunted Circus House" at the lawnbowling clubhouse, October 31. The Tiede family has just arrive from Australia to live in Westmount. Photo: Ralph Thompson

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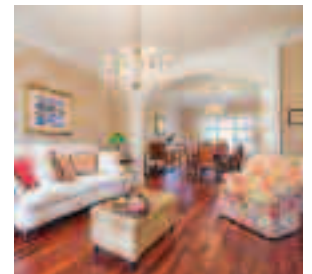


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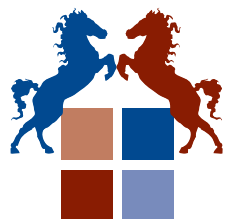
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Nicholsons host final Westmount salon

Wednesday Nights will no longer be the same

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

Do you know where you have been every Wednesday evening for the last 1,495 consecutive weeks?

David and Diana Nicholson do. The Nicholsons have been hosting thousands of guests at their Wednesday Night salon at their home at 33 Rosemount in Westmount. But the evening held October 27 will be the last to be held at its Westmount location, as the couple are moving just east of Atwater.

The mission of the salon, which began in 1982, is to entertain, inform and comment on a wide range of subjects, ranging from the economy to local and international issues. Economists are mostly always in evidence, as are bankers, international investors, diplomats, corporate executives, politicians, professors, entrepreneurs, lawyers, doctors, human rights activists, authors, environmentalists and members of the media.

At the last Westmount salon on October 27, guests included former Quebec politician John Ciaccia, Mayor Peter Trent, journalist and editor Beryl Wajzman, documentary filmmaker and former TV reporter John Curtain.

“Mayor Peter Trent has been one of our

earliest guests and close friends and is still an active participant,” explained host David Nicholson. “Ideally, 15 to 20 guests are a good number to have, but we have had up to 75 people join us, such as when the market crashed in ’87.”

His wife Diana recounted “we lived in this house for 39 years and Wednesday Night has always been here. In the first days there would be around five to seven people sitting around the table. They were actually dinners. Then it began to expand.”

The salon will continue and become a little more refined, said David. “We are going to get more involved in specific subjects, rather than covering the entire world.”

Stanley Baker mourned

Rotarian and frequent city council attendee Stanley Baker died the morning of November 1, the *Independent* learned as it went to press. Baker was well known for his membership in many Westmount clubs and groups, including the lawn bowling club and the Westmount Municipal Association. The funeral was scheduled for November 2.



The hosts of the Wednesday Night Salon, David and Diana Nicholson, pose for their portrait in their home at 33 Rosemount after the last salon to be held in Westmount.



Middle, Mayor Peter Trent reminisces about Wednesday Night salons gone by, surrounded by, from left, Herb Bercovitz, Beryl Wajzman, Ron Meisels, Johanne Whitmore, city councillor Victor Drury, David Mitchell, John Ciaccia, Peter Hall, Angeline Fournier, Helen Van Eyk and Marilynn Vanderstaay.

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Dog abandoned at Lansdowne run

A dog was found abandoned at the Lansdowne dog run on October 23. Public safety officers found it tied to a pole by its leash after answering a call at 12:14 am. It had no tag and was taken to the SPCA.

The dog was described as a male, English sheepdog with long black fur and brown eyes.

Correction

The Montreal Storytellers’ Guild meets at 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library, on the fourth Thursday each month from September to June. We erroneously published the meeting time in the October 12 p. 12 article. The guild’s next meeting takes place Thursday, November 25. For more information, visit www.mtlstorytellers.ca.

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Hooded parking meters anger local merchants

By ISAAC OLSON

Anyone who has ever driven into Westmount's Victoria Village and searched for parking during regular business hours knows that making a quick trip into town for some keep-it-local shopping can turn into a lengthy, fuel-burning hunt for a little curb space – a problem that area merchants take seriously as each parked car means a potential customer.

Merchants were upset when approximately nine metered parking spots were closed by the city on a busy Saturday, October 23, along Sherbrooke St., between Claremont and Grosvenor. The parking was closed, reported a city official, so Hydro Westmount could paint lampposts in the area.

A source that requested anonymity said one frustrated merchant reportedly risked legal troubles by attempting to remove the hoods from the parking meters himself that afternoon.

Though two contacted business owners who are members of the Victoria Village Merchants Association were unwilling to comment, Public Works director Mari-

anne Zalzal confirmed concerned shopkeepers raised the alarms over the city-blocked parking spots.

"Someone called in Saturday and told us there were meters that were bagged," said Zalzal, who noted blocking parking for weekend work generally requires special permitting. "When that happened, I questioned it."

Zalzal said her initial investigation revealed no permits were issued and she had the bags removed immediately. Later, she would discover a permit had, in fact, been issued but it was not properly indicated in the files. Either way, she contended, the city makes a point of closing parking spaces for the least amount of time possible.

City policy, explained Zalzal, offers free blocked parking in busy areas to residents who are moving so they can haul their belongings without the hassle of trying to negotiate otherwise bumper-to-bumper parking. When it comes to businesses, payment is required no matter the reason, she said. Once a request is approved, she continued, meters are covered the night before *continued on p. 10*



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Rotary's early days were in Centre Greene, recounts past president Kierulf

By MARTIN C. BARRY

The Rotary Club of Westmount marked its 80th anniversary on October 27 with a cake and an audio-visual presentation entitled "Helping Hands", which provided a history of the club over the past eight decades.

Prepared by past president and club historian Haagen Kierulf, it recounted Westmount Rotary's beginnings under the guidance of the Rotary Club of Montreal.

The first meeting of the Westmount

club took place on May 21, 1930 at the residence of Charles Crutchlow at 660 Lansdowne Ave. just south of The Boulevard. Crutchlow was a director of the Montreal Rotary club and a prime mover of the idea of forming a club here. It was presented with its charter during a special dinner at the Windsor Hotel on October 24 the same year. There were 30 charter members.

The first president was prominent Westmount builder John Hand. Early meetings were held at the Westmount Y.

For many years, the club office was at the Unity Boys' Club on Greene Ave., where Centre Greene is today. Westmount Rotarians founded the boys' club in 1950 as a means of getting kids more involved in meaningful activities.

The Rotary Club of Westmount's single largest undertaking was the establishment of the Manoir Westmount senior citizens' residence in 1979.

Among some of the notable charter members of the Westmount Rotary Club were Percy Jarman, who was the second general manager of the city of Westmount;

Dent Harrison, who was chair of the board of Harrison Brothers, owners of the famous POM Bakery; James Arthur DeLalanne, who was president of the Westmount Rotary from 1939 to 1940, and who became the 25th mayor of Westmount in 1955.

Since the late 1980s, the club has been open to women. The first to become a regular member was local antiques dealer Henrietta Antony. The first woman to become president was Nadia Chidean.

Before the close of the meeting, Kierulf was thanked by George Sklivas, whose age in "Rotary years," 40, is exactly half that of the club. Rotary's longest serving member is Andy Durso, who has 44 years of service.



From the left, Westmount Rotarians Merle Binmore and Debbie Dore with an 80th anniversary cake.

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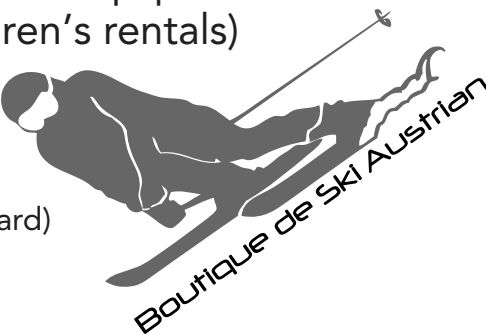
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Plourde: Westmounters reluctant to call 911

Graffiti most common crime

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An increasing number of thefts from cars in Westmount over the last three months reached its highest point in September, according to crime statistics released last week on the approach of Crime Prevention Week (November 7 to 13).

But despite a 47-percent increase in the car break-ins during September over August, the total number for the third quarter was still 12 percent lower than last year, said Station 12 police commander Stéphane Plourde.

While he could not account for such a large jump in last month's figures, he said police were targeting a particular suspect.

As with all types of crime, citizens can help police by dialing 911 immediately when they see someone or something that seems out of place in their area, he emphasized.

"They should call 911, then Public Security if they want. But any delays in informing police can make a difference in an investigation. If they see something strange, it doesn't help us to learn about it the next day."

Marking first anniversary

This reluctance to call 911 is one thing Plourde has noticed since coming to Westmount to head the police station a year ago (November 2, 2009). "I feel people don't want to bother police."

Nevertheless, he said, he has been impressed with the involvement of Westmounters in the community and with the close relationship police have here with city hall, the Public Security Unit and the city's administrative traffic committee.

Crime in general continues to be relatively stable in the Westmount sector, he said. "You know it's safer here than in many other places when graffiti is one of

your highest crimes."

Hearing people's expectations

Plourde said his own attendance at city council meetings means that "I learn what people are expecting of police. I'm always coming back to the station with lots of work.

"I know traffic is a big issue here with the bike paths and the Turcot project coming up," he said. "We're looking forward to the city's traffic study that will be taking place. We now have two police officers working on the street in traffic control." New officers have also been certified in the use of lasers, the successor to the radar gun.

Crime Prevention Week activities in Westmount will be limited this year to a police kiosk at the YMCA refugee centre on Tupper St. where officers hold regular information sessions.

Looking for Nez Rouge volunteers

With Halloween over, Plourde said, the search is on for Nez Rouge volunteers for the annual safe driving holiday campaign in December. Anyone able to volunteer can obtain application forms at Station 12 on Stanton St., he said. Further information is also available on the website at www.operationnezrouge.com.

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Break and enter	11	12	5	3	9	10
Robbery (theft with violence)	4	6	1	2	0	0
Theft from vehicles	25	10	14	20	19	28
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Graffiti	27	12	16	26	35	22
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The cenotaph in front of city hall is undergoing a \$28,000 face-lift. This involves stripping, cleaning and re-varnishing as well as waxing and hand polishing. The memorial is said to be ready for the November 7 Remembrance Day ceremony.

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Bartlett new chair at The Study

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Brenda Bartlett was appointed the new board chair of The Study corporation on October 19 at its annual general meeting. Her term will last three years. A board of governors was also elected. Her transition into the post has been underway since last year.

When asked how she felt, Bartlett said; "This is a very special role to take on at this point. I am an alumna of The Study (class of '76) and I am particularly honoured ... It has a lot of meaning to me not only as an alumna but also as a parent."

The three main challenges Bartlett hopes to tackle during her term are faculty, curriculum and enrolment.

"The Study already enjoys a strong faculty," and a reputation of having the "best teachers," said Bartlett. She hopes to maintain this by providing an environment that fulfils the professional needs of its teachers and continues to attract great ones.

Second on her agenda is the school curriculum. "It's all about a balance between enriched academics, which The Study is already known for, and innovative learning," she said. She aspires to take learning "outside of the four walls of the classroom," giving students both a strong aca-

ademic and practical background.

Bartlett said she will also be contending with the issue of enrolment, in what she describes as "a challenging legal environment." Current legislation limits access to English schools, but Bartlett is nonetheless optimistic about the upcoming Bill 115, seeing it as "more equitable" and a "more fair-spirited approach" to allowing access to independent schools for non-anglophones.

A resident of The Boulevard for over 20 years, Bartlett has a long bond with Westmount. In addition to being a graduate of The Study, her daughter, Olivia, is currently in grade 9 at the school. Bartlett's professional life is also based in Westmount. She is president and chief operating officer at PWL Capital, whose head quarters are in Place Alexis Nihon. Though she has lived and worked outside of Canada, she said, "I always return to Westmount."



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Time limited on hooding meters

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and then removed as soon as the work is done.
“Any time a permit is requested, we ask the contractor to limit the time that he takes up the spaces,” said Zalzal. “If someone comes in and says they want to bag

10 parking meters on Sherbrooke St. for 10 days, we’re not just going to say ‘yes.’ He has to justify it, he has to say why, and it is going to cost him quite a bit.”
Those high costs coupled with constant city monitoring help ensure any needed work is done as quickly as possible, she said.



Large parts of a tree fell onto two cars on Lansdowne between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve on October 25-6. According to area resident Henry Olders, there was no wind or rain at hand to cause the break.

Photo: Henry Olders



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La collecte automnale des feuilles

Pour améliorer la propreté des rues en automne, la Ville de Westmount offre un service de collecte des feuilles par les équipes de la Ville, en bordure des rues.

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Bonnie: Hoping 3rd time’s lucky



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Her friends at the shelter have fallen in love, big time. Initially fearful and cautious, Bonnie’s tail wags after a few kind words and a gentle touch. She so wants to be someone’s dog.
This beauty has a Milk Bone-shaped white blaze on her chest, white socks and very soulful eyes. She weighs about 35 lbs and is expected to reach 45 to 50 when fully grown. She may be a victim of people’s prejudice against pitbulls, which she



Bonnie Photo: Nicole Leger

resembles, but Bonnie is great with other dogs, probably okay with cats and would be great with older kids, 10 and up.
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Summit restoration gearing up

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and generally get citizens more aware of what a fabulous area we have. We hope through SWAC to have volunteers who can lead guided tours.”

Fretz has also put together a separate informal group of Friends of Summit Woods for an ecological walk in the woods this Saturday, November 6 (see separate story below).

The area has won many awards over the years for its preservation as an urban forest. Many advances have been made in

Summit park walk scheduled for Nov. 6

An ecological walk through Westmount's Summit Park will be held Saturday, November 6 at 2 pm by the Friends of Summit Woods, an informal group of interested persons.

Organizer John Fretz told the *Independent* the tour is strictly an ecological and appreciation one for enjoyment of the nature reserve “without political agenda.” The group will meet at Summit Lookout. For information call 514.939.5670.

the surfacing of trails since the last plan was created by landscape architect Sandra Donaldson in 1995, Lulham explained.

Major work after the ice storm of 1998 was only a band-aid solution to deal with the number of broken trees at the time, she said.

The latest effort stems in large measure from meetings Fretz has had with some council members over the last three years concerning neglect of the area. He has also voiced them publicly at council meetings and in a booklet he prepared in 2008 called *Summit Woods Needs Help*.

“About a year ago, I suggested we form a Friends of Summit Woods group to help maintain it in its natural state,” he told the *Independent*. He also went on an exploratory walk with forester Nadeau.

Lulham said the intent is to make the woods accessible and respected by all. “It’s not to start a war between bird and dog people, who make extensive use of the area as is.”

Off-leash hours to remain unchanged

Regarding a recent petition to council asking for more off-leash time for dogs, she said: “We aren’t planning to make any changes in the hours that currently exist.”

Roslyn School lowers the boom on Silly Bandz craze

By MARTIN C. BARRY

If there’s been a decline in sales of Silly Bandz at the Oink Oink toy store since the start of this school year, a restriction on the popular animal-shaped children’s accessories at Roslyn School may be one factor.

Although the school administration hasn’t placed an outright ban on Silly Bandz or their look-alike counterparts, Roslyn principal Jim McMorran confirmed to the *Independent* that “a suggestion” was made to the students “they’d probably be better off leaving them at home.

“We didn’t come out with a ban,” he said. However, each year when school resumes after the summer holiday, the pupils return with samples of the latest toy or gadget that caught their attention during the vacation, and this time it was Silly


Bandz.

“Every year there’s kind of a fad,” he said. “We do a general reminder a few weeks into school that any of the new fads are best left at home for various reasons.” McMorran said he generally doesn’t interfere with individuals who might come to class wearing accessories, but that the sheer number of pupils involved in this case made it different.

The administration thought it was time to lower a lid on the craze when a growing number of students were trading them, lending them out, and dealing with problems, which were starting to encroach on learning. In addition, because Silly Bandz are made of elastic, some were aiming them at each other’s heads.

Roslyn is not the first school to react negatively to Silly Bandz. The New Brunswick *Times & Transcript* reported on October 22 that Silly Bandz were “outlawed” at the Frank L. Bowser School in Riverview, a suburb of Moncton. “They are not harmful things,” said the school’s principal, Carm Peters. “They’re just distracting.”

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Westmount donates almost \$25K from Hydro Quebec to Centre Greene

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The city of Westmount donated nearly \$24,000 received from Hydro Quebec to the Centre Greene community centre on Greene Ave. As part of Hydro Quebec's Energy Wise home diagnostic campaign that ran in Westmount from April 19 to Oct. 18, residents were encouraged to submit reports of their electricity use on

forms provided by Hydro Quebec.

In return, the electricity provider paid up to \$35 to the city for each report received, an amount that finally totalled \$23,615.

“We are grateful to all of the residents who filled out the forms, and we're grateful to Westmount for earmarking the amount for us,” said Peter Marcovitz, chair of the *continued on p. 22*



From the left, Claude Rocray of Hydro Quebec, Westmount city councillor Theodora Samiotis, Centre Greene board chairman Peter Marcovitz and Mayor Peter Trent.



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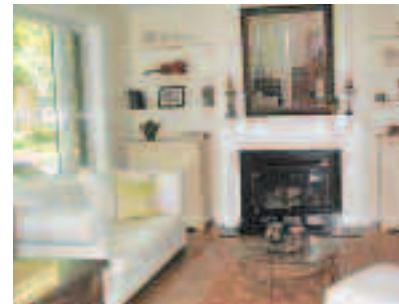
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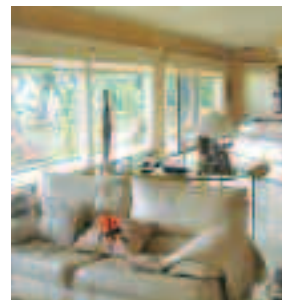
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Clarification: Ads and content in last week’s “Westmount at Home”

The presentation of advertisements and content on p. 9 of our October 26 issue (“At Home in Westmount”) confused some readers. For clarity, no advertiser

knows exactly what content will go next to their ad. In this case, the four photographs of houses sold in the last six months were content provided by the *Independent* and

not part of p. 9’s sole ad. In the captions below, we have identified the three listing agents whose identity we could find.



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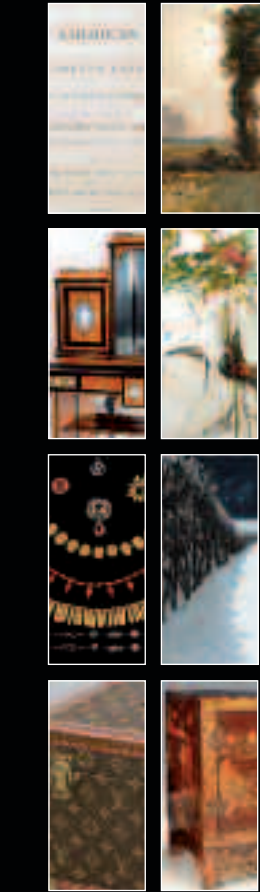
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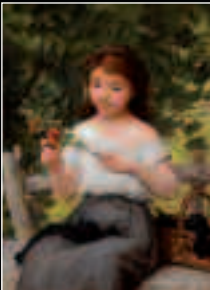
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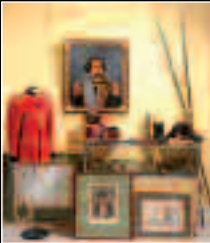
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Westmounters and former Westmounters were strong supporters of the Montreal General Hospital auxiliary's Early Bird Gourmet & Vernissage, held on October 12 to 14 at the hospital. Pictured here are some of the artists who contributed works to the event. Front row, from left, Nycoll Boivin, Abigail Sibley and Jane Desjardins. Back row, from left, Peter Blundell, Iris Ballon, Pierre Desjardins, Francis Foster, Pamela Stewart and Bonnie Shemie.

Youths asked to disperse

A group of teens congregating outside the Westmount Medical Building at 5025 Sherbrooke was asked to disperse October 23 at 2:25 am, Public Security officials said. The action was taken to prevent the potential for graffiti. Officers said the individuals reported to be from Verdun, Town of Mount Royal and Montreal.

Westmount artists display work on Park

A vernissage featuring the works of several Westmounters will take place on Saturday, November 6, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Galeria Nota Bené, 3416 Park Ave. The show runs from November 2 to November 19 with works from photographer Wilder Wall, painter Louise Arsenault and mixed media and watercolour artist Deanna Barwick Wall. George Wall, a Westmounter and guitarist, performs with Moondog Duo.

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The Westmount Horticultural Society will show the film "Twice Upon a Garden" at its November 9 meeting at Westmount Public Library. Co-writer Donna Nebenzahl will discuss the process of making the hour-long documentary that has been sold out at a previous showing in Montreal. The film captures the beauty of one of Quebec's most visited gardens, the Reford Gardens, through changing seasons. Doors open at 6:30 with the start of the meeting slated for 7 pm. Admission is \$5 for non-members.

The \$480,000 Concord Quantum Gravity watch was on view at Lou Goldberg Jeweller, on Greene Ave., the evening of October 25. Only ten of these Swiss time pieces will be made, four each year. Another Concord watch, the Eternal Gravity, sold for \$1.2 million earlier in the week at the shop.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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Westmounters Peter and Morag Howlett

At the end of September, Westmounters **Morag** and **Peter Howlett**, president of Portage, greeted guests for a tribute to **Lino Saputo**, honouring his outstanding contribution and support of Portage, a treatment centre for substance abuse.

Saputo offered an amazing door prize: a Ford Fairlane 1957, which was won by **Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte**.

The sold-out soirée for 600 took place in the presence of Quebec minister of Finance and Revenue **Raymond Bachand**, at-



Lino and Mireille Saputo

tending with his wife **Micheline Brazeau**, and Montreal mayor **Gérald Tremblay**, with his wife **Suzanne Tailleux**.

Honorary president of the event was **André Bérard** (with **Danielle Gendron**). Co-presidents were **Pierre Beaudoin**, **André Chagnon** (with **Lucie**), and **Louis Vachon**.

Glamorous guests included **Mirella** and **Lino Saputo**, **Carmelle** and **Rémi Marcoux**, **Isabelle Marcoux** and **François Olivier**, **Soulange Dugas** and former premier **Lucien Bouchard**, **Monique Grégoire** and

Henri-Paul Rousseau, **Ginette** and **Serge Godin**, and **Stéphane Achard** and **Christiane Bergevin**.

The soaring ceiling at Windsor Station's Salle des pas perdus was transformed by brilliantly lit draping. Red, the corporate colour of Saputo, was used as a theme throughout and was featured in the petals strewn on the Saputo cheese tables, the rose floral arrangements and the gingham-checked napkins in the dining room.

Executive chef **Alain Pignard** and **Armando Arruda** of the Fairmont Le Reine

Elizabeth created chic canapés and a delicious dinner.

The Saputo family was out in force: **Nadia Saputo** with **Vincent Musacchio**, Lino's sons **Lino Jr.**, president and CEO of Saputo, with his wife **Amelia**; and **Joey Saputo**, president of the Montreal Impact and the Saputo Stadium, with his wife **Carmie**.

The evening raised \$650,000 for Portage, an organization dedicated to addressing the problem of substance abuse for men, women and adolescents.



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“Is America dragging us down? A flagging economy, rising protectionism and hostility to outsiders. How Canada’s biggest customer became our biggest liability” by James Cowan in *Canadian Business*, October 11, 2010, p. 28.

“The most corrupt province in Canada: Accusations of influence peddling in Jean Charest’s cabinet are just the latest mess. Why so many political scandals happen in Quebec” by Martin Patriquin in *Maclean’s*, October 4, 2010, p. 16.

“Qui a sacrifié Pierre Laporte? Le FLQ était infiltré et la police savait où l’otage Pierre Laporte était détenu, affirme l’écrivain Louis Hamelin, fort de ses huit ans d’enquête sur la crise d’Octobre” by Noémi Mercier in *L’Actualité*, October 15, 2010, p. 20.

Adult non-fiction

The Private Lives of Birds: A Scientist Reveals the Intricacies of Avian Social Life by Bridget Stutchbury – Not quite as risqué as it sounds, this professor of biology from York University and internationally-recognized bird expert shares insights into bird behaviour and social needs. These insights also offer possibilities for helping bird populations to thrive where they are threatened.

Take as Directed: Your Prescription for Safe Health Care in Canada by Rhonda Church and Neil MacKinnon – Have you ever walked out of your doctor’s office feeling confused or unsatisfied? This guide to the Canadian health care system offers general information and analysis as well as a detailed discussion of how to get more out of doctor’s visits, trips to the pharmacy and what to expect during a hospital stay.

Books on CD

Never Wave Goodbye by Doug Magee – After a kidnapper uses a fake summer camp bus to abduct four children and demand a \$1-million ransom, parents are at odds with each other as to what to do. All the while an accident incapacitates the kidnapper, and the children are forced to fend for themselves in the woods.

Illustrado by Miguel Syjuco – When the body of Crispin Salvador is discovered in the Hudson River, his young student sets out to investigate the author’s fatal departure from his encroaching obscurity and the suspicious disappearance of an unfinished manuscript; a work that had been planned to not just return the once great author to fame, but to expose the corruption behind rich families who have ruled the Philippines for generations.

Adult French – It’s harvest time

Les courges dans votre assiette by Pascale Coutu and Pierre Tremblay – Ever wonder how to cook squash? This book is for you. The couple who wrote this recipe book have a farm in Lanaudière, where they grow more than 300 varieties of squash.

Cuisine locale quatre saisons by Anne Samson – This book provides more than 100 recipes made from local produce. It offers a wholesome palette of cookery with recipes for all seasons, as well as lists of seasonal produce from Quebec and information that helps the reader find them.

Comics for children

Benny et Penny dans non c’est non! / Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! – by Geoffrey Hayes.

Stinky: un livre toon bilingue / Stinky: A Bilingual Toon Book by Eleanor Davis – Children and adults will enjoy this new series of bilingual comics aimed at younger children.

Energy Wise benefits Centre Greene

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Centre Greene board of directors, following a brief ceremony on October 27 at city hall.

Asked whether this was one of the largest single donations Centre Greene has ever received, Marcovitz responded, “it’s up there.”

“We think Centre Greene does such a great job that we’re quite happy in doing this,” said Mayor Peter Trent. “It’s not often you get a volunteer-run organization like Centre Greene, and the panoply of

things they do for the city is fantastic. So we’re happy to fund them in this indirect manner.”

Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who chairs city council’s Environment committee, said, “I think it’s important that it wasn’t so much the city as all the Westmounters who took the time to respond to the questionnaires and who are in fact giving this money to Centre Greene.”

A total of 758 questionnaires were sent, which represents 12.35 percent of clients who received it. 583 responded with the paper version and 175 via the internet.

Silly Bandz craze not waning for some

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Greene Ave., store manager Hilaria Pascal said she’d recently noticed a drop in the number of children coming in to buy Silly

Bandz. “This week, it’s been quiet,” she said. “Not many children have been coming in. I know there have been some schools banning Silly Bandz, but it hasn’t stopped some kids.”

Comin’ Up

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• **Atwater Library’s Annual Benefit Cocktail Party** with guest of honour Alex Paterson, emcee Dennis Trudeau and the Dave Turner Jazz Trio. Silent auction, food and drink, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Cost: \$100. Tickets: 514.935.7344 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• **Contactivity** will be participating in a public information exhibition called “Information Day: Services for an Aging Population” at Fulford House, 1444 Union Ave., 10 am to 4 pm. Professionals and organizations offering services to seniors will be on hand. All welcome. Info: 514.932.2326.

• **Fall Flower Show** opens in the greenhouse at Victoria Hall, 9 am.

• **ArtNow speakers:** a short film and talk on photographer **Yousuf Karsh** by filmmaker Ian McLaren, and portraitist Heather Black on finding voice. 7 pm at Westmount Public Library. Free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

• **Ballroom Blitz** – a Big Band Evening at Victoria Hall. Doors open at 7 pm with an hour of dance instruction, preceded by an evening of swing, jazz and more by a 17 piece orchestra. Cost: \$20, available at Victoria Hall or at the door for \$25. Cash bar. Info: 514.989.5265.

• **Summit park ecological walk**, 2 pm, organized by the Friends of Summit Woods.

The group will meet at Summit Lookout. Info: 514.939.5670.

• **Celtic Concert** to benefit the Atwater Library. Musicians will feature music from Brittany, Ireland and beyond. 7 pm. Freewill offering at the door – \$10 suggested. Info: 514.935.7344 or lverge@atwaterlibrary.ca.

• **Running races** at Oka National Park, 5 km, 10 km & 21 km. 8:30 am. All runners and walkers welcomed. Info at the **Running Room**, 4873 Sherbrooke St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Remembrance Day ceremony at the city cenotaph, 2 to 3 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

• The Westmount Horticultural Society will show the film “Twice Upon a Garden” about the **Reford Garden** at its 7 pm meeting at Westmount Public Library. Doors open at 6:30. Cost: \$5 for non-members.

• The **St. James Literary Society** presents Avrom Podbere on the life of Orde Wingate, a “military genius whose tactics revolutionized desert warfare,” at Temple Emmanu-El, 4100 Sherbrooke W., (side-entrance at 395 Elm Ave.). Cost for non-members: \$10. Reserve: 514.484.0146.

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Residents face eviction as landlord is forced to conform to fire code

By ISAAC OLSON

A tight-knit community living in 4129 de Maisonneuve, a three-storey apartment complex in eastern Westmount, faces disbandment now that the landlord has agreed to get the building on par with provincial fire code regulations after a some four-year battle with the city.

"I'm angry as all hell," said a tenant, who has lived in her apartment for 30 years and, with retirement around the corner, planned to stay for as long as possible given the affordable rent, convenient location and longstanding relationship with her neighbours. "It's like a little family in this building. Everybody knows everybody. We even got together for Christmas meals and other special occasions over the years."

On October 15, residents of four units were initially sent an order to evacuate their apartments by November 15, the tenant said. The notice was sent by Westmount-Square-based Les placements Rakotta Inc. According to a spokesperson with Quebec's rental board, the Régie du logement, breaking the lease in this way,

though may be possible in very specific circumstances, is generally disallowed.

A second notice was sent on October 28 that, rather than giving residents a mere month, gives them until their lease expires, she explained, as the landlord won't be renewing the rental contracts.

In this tenant's case, that means 30 years of calling her apartment home – situated within walking distance of her work – will, if everything goes according to the landlord's current plan, come to an end on April 30. If she is forced out, she said she will probably need to leave the area in search of affordable housing after more than four decades in the neighbourhood.

The building, with "for sale" signs posted out front, has been on the market for about one year, said the tenant. It was built 120 years ago with a total of four flats on the two upper floors. Years later, the apartments were divided into four units on each floor without the required two escape routes per residence, explained director of Urban Planning Joanne Poirier. Now the plan is to return it to its original layout, with proper evacuation routes such as an ex- *continued on p. 25*

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de Maisonneuve tenants

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ternal, wall-mounted staircase in place of the currently illegal escape ladder, she said.

The tenant said a small fire in 2006 alerted firefighters to the safety violations and, Poirier confirmed, the issue was brought to the city's attention.

"We finally came to an acceptable solution that was ratified by city council by resolution and the permit was issued on the 15th of this month," said Poirier, in an October 28 phone interview. "Unfortunately, the owner waited until the last minute to inform his tenants ... I do understand the residents. It's really short notice, but the city does not get involved in the relationship between tenants and owners."

Though she did not return two messages as of press time, Nicole Forbes, councillor of District 6, made similar statements in an email exchange, in which the *Independent* and other media sources were copied, with another resident who requested the councillor's assistance. In the exchange, Forbes recommends residents contact Quebec's rental board while noting the city's legal department is review-

ing the file.

"In the end, we are going to have a safe building," said Poirier, who pointed out that the city could shut down the entire 12-unit apartment complex if the building is not brought up to code. "The last thing we want is a fire and the loss of life."

Attempts to contact a representative of the building owner by phone were cut short by Manon Paradis, the company's secretary. In a French conversation, she said she is unauthorized to speak to the

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media and denied a request for the owner's name. The owner, she said, is out of the office and unreachable until November 8.

Any time a landlord attempts to evict residents, Régie du logement's Jean-Pierre La Blanc said tenants should contact a lawyer or the rental board. Serious safety concerns may be an acceptable reason for eviction, said La Blanc, but monetary compensation may still be available for tenants. These types of cases move quickly through the Régie, he added.

According to the board's website, a

landlord wishing to change the "destination" of a building (a major renovation that changes the use) and thus not renew a tenant's lease, must notify a renter with a greater-than-six-month contract at least six months prior to the lease's expiry date.

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nominated for two Gemini Awards – best biography documentary program and best original music score for a documentary. In advance of the November 2 award ceremony in Toronto, I spoke to the film producer about the making of “Karsh Is History”.



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Mention the name Karsh and images of Canadian and American dignitaries come to mind. And without a doubt the “Roaring Lion” portrayal of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, shot in Ottawa in 1941, is his most famous.

For McLaren, “Karsh was the most acclaimed photographer of his day.” Following the publication of Churchill’s portrait on the cover of *Life* and *Paris Match*, he became a household name, subsequently photographing every Canadian prime minister and every American president.

The magic for McLaren is that “when you see one of his portraits, you instantly recognize that it is a Karsh.” A skilled lighting and darkroom technician, his images – like Lester B. Pearson in profile, papers in hand – are masterful compositions.

Born in Armenia, Karsh’s family fled the genocide to settle in Boston. Moving to Ottawa, he caught the eye of Prime Minister Mackenzie King who engineered his appointment with Churchill. McLaren’s film tells the story.

The film-making process

But how did the film begin? McLaren recalled how Karsh expert Lilly Koltun, then head of the now defunct National

Portrait Gallery of Canada, approached his company Productions Grand Nord to produce the film.

At the time, Koltun was organizing the 2009 Karsh exhibit at the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa and wanted a biography to accompany the show. McLaren immediately put together a Montreal production team, including director Joseph Hillel and the Gemini-nominated music composer Ram Borcar.

The film quickly gained momentum. Working closely with Koltun, her assistant Marilyn Read, and curator/director Jerry Fielder of the Estate of Yousuf Karsh, the film was produced within two years. First broadcast on Bravo in January of this year, “Karsh Is History” has received critical acclaim, including the 2009 award for the Best Canadian Documentary at the International Festival of Films

on Art.

McLaren, a former Lansdowne Ave. resident, has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the film industry.

But the former National Film Board of Canada and Telefilm Canada executive admitted that currently “there is less and less time devoted to documentaries on both the CBC and Radio Canada.”

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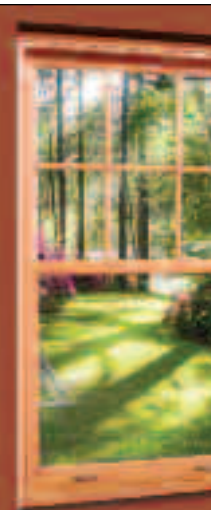


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Photo: Martin C. Barry

Film on Karsh

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And when asked about the film industry in Canada, he replied: “Recent government policies – more cutbacks and less funding and greater competition for funds – makes it tougher and tougher to work in the industry.”

What’s next for McLaren? He is currently shooting a film on the Inuit for Radio Canada.

Although McLaren is happy with the award nominations, to him “what he is most gratifying is that Karsh’s widow Estrellita, Koltun and Fielder were all delighted with the production and consider the film to be the definitive work on Karsh.”

A public screening, organized by the ArtNow community group, will be held at Westmount Public Library on Thursday, November 4 at 7 pm.



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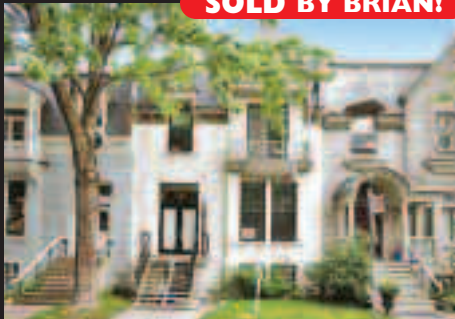
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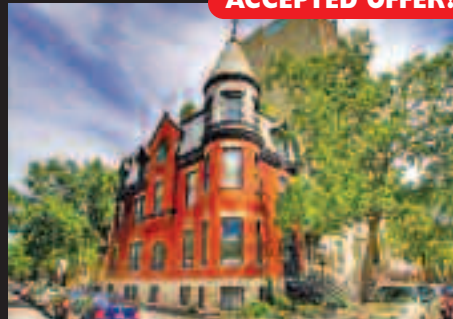
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