

New demographics lead to wait lists where permitted Sports and Rec. is booming

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

New trends in Westmount’s Sports and Recreation activities have begun to emerge following registration for fall and winter programs and figures released for the previous two years.

Growing demands are evident, particularly in programs geared to the very young, seniors, women and inter-city travel competition, Sports and Recreation officials report.

Believed driven by changes in demography, a general demand for fitness activity and increasing competitiveness, the new trends became apparent in 2008, they explained.

Women’s indoor soccer, for example, has increased from 20 to 60, ballet for 5 and 6 year-olds has a waiting list of 20, and classes in Pilates, zumba dance and low-intensity fitness for seniors are overflowing. The new Parent/Child Dance for 2 to

5 year-olds has a surprise waiting list of 20.

Despite the city’s new general policy of guaranteeing space for all residents registering on time with some exceptions, there are many programs that still have wait lists of late registrants and those hoping for a space in programs that had to be limited in number by availability of rooms, especially in Victoria Hall, as listed in the activities booklet sent to all homes.

Among the exceptions to the guarantee were senior and executive hockey, power skating for children and several programs geared for young kids.

Wait list doubles

The waiting list for Westmounters wanting to play in senior and executive hockey leagues has doubled this year to 60.

“There are new names on the list I’ve never seen before,” said department administrator Dave Lapointe.

This year, a fourth Ban-

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‘Who are we running for?’ ‘Terry Fox!’



Roslyn’s caretaker, Eddy Nolan, leads the school’s kindergarteners on their own Terry Fox run, September 23. He has run in all 30 fundraisers since Fox’s death in 1981, and this was his 9th run at the school. Earlier in the day, grade 5 student Latrell Reid checked off the \$10,000 mark on this year’s fundraising results poster. By press time Monday, Roslyn reported \$20,000 and counting. About \$150,000 was raised over the past 8 years.

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Rivalries characterize lawn bowling event

City hall teams compete for cup

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Between the dry wit and good-natured jostling, there was a lot of serious play and fierce rivalry among some 40 members of Westmount’s city staff, council, retirees, friends and police from local station 12.

It was the city’s annual lawn bowling tournament hosted by the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club over two Wednesday evenings, ending September 23 with the presentation of the Mayor’s Cup.

This year’s winner was a team led by the city’s former director general Bruce St. Louis, an avid lawn bowler, which defeated the police team from local Station 12.

Other prizes went to Team Finance and to Team Caluori, led by retired Westmount police officer Rick Caluori, a Sports and Recreation coach.

“The only thing you have to remember is win or get zilched,” instructed club member Richard Menear in opening the final event, *continued on p. 11*

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Open bar at SAQ for re-opening of Vic Village outlet



The SAQ's outlet on Sherbrooke St. re-opened officially on September 23 in a new location just east of Victoria Ave., after several months during which customers had to shop in their temporary store on Sherbrooke between Claremont and Prince Albert. While bartender Samuel Dalcourt (left) mixed cocktails, Diageo Canada liquor specialist Dino Asselin (centre) explained some of the finer points of serving cocktails to SAQ clients Kandace and Myrlyn Springer.

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Community service enhances quality of life, Pound tells Rotary

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Addressing the Rotary Club of Westmount on September 22, former Olympic swimmer and longtime Westmount resident Richard Pound said service to the community adds to the quality of life.

“It is sometimes useful to take a step back and consider the larger implications of community service and what it means to the persons who receive the direct benefit of that service,” Pound, the former vice president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), told members of the service club at Victoria Hall during their weekly noon-hour meeting.

“Most people in need of help have found themselves in a situation that was not of their own making. The poor are not poor because they’re being punished for some moral failure on their part. The marginal do not wish to be marginal. The disadvantaged would prefer not to be in that condition.

“In most cases they’d like to find a way out of the jungle in which they find themselves. What they lack are the tools, the roadmap and the confidence that they can succeed ... My experience is that those who have been helped to succeed never forget two things: where they came from and who helped them to get to where they are now.”

Asked afterwards to comment on problems that have come up in organizing the Commonwealth Games taking place from October 3 to 14 in India, Pound said, “It’s

important that you recognize the developing countries in some of these efforts and give them a chance to put on these shows. You know when you’re doing it you’re taking a risk ...

“The Commonwealth Games Federation said we can’t just keep going to the same five or six white countries to do this. I think in the history of the Commonwealth Games they’ve been in Jamaica once, but otherwise it’s Australia, New Zealand the UK and Canada.



Richard Pound addresses Rotary, September 22.

Dog found far from home

A lhasa apso was found running loose on Côte St. Antoine Rd. September 16 by a local resident, who called Public Security. Officers took the small dog to the Stanton St. station at about 5 pm in the hopes someone would report it missing.

When the dog remained unclaimed after about two hours, it was taken to the SPCA. At 1 am (September 17), the owner, who lives in Victoria Village, contacted Public Security and was directed to the animal shelter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUTHORS SOCIETY FINDING LIBRARY ROOM DOOR CLOSED

At a meeting September 16 of the Canadian Authors Society, I was surprised to learn that this distinguished group of writers is no longer allowed to hold meetings in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library. As a member of the Board of the Montreal Press Club, I have made a number of telephone calls to try to obtain information about using this room for some public events we plan. I was told a couple of weeks ago that I would receive the application form to use the room, but so far have not. Earlier I inquired about organizing meetings of a writers' group at the library, but got similar lack of response.

As a Westmount resident, I would like to know what the criteria are for use of the Westmount Room at the library we all pay for.

MARGARET PITON, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Julie-Anne Cardella, director of Library Services, responds: *With the increasing demand for our library meeting rooms, we try to accommodate as many groups as possible, always in line with our meeting room policy, which you will find in an excerpt below.*

We welcomed the Canadian Authors Association since 2005, approximately twice a month until October 2009. When Ken

Kalman reapplied for the room, his request was denied in order to offer the possibility for other groups to meet. I spoke with Mr. Kalman some time this winter to explain why his request was denied and encouraged him to reapply for the summer months when the demands are lower, which he did.

We then welcomed his group four times this summer. During these four meetings, Mr. Kalman was reminded that he could not bring food, nor allow more than 15 participants in the board room as the space is limited.

Our meeting room policy:
"In the Westmount Public Library, the use of the Westmount Room will be limited to events of a cultural or educational nature sponsored or hosted by Westmount-based non-profit community groups or citizens. Priority is given to events organized by the Library. The Library Director or his/her delegate will approve applications for use of this room and any appeals of these decisions must be made in writing and will be reviewed by the Public Library Committee at a regular meeting."

WHY THE REFUSAL TO FIX THE DOG RUN FENCING?

Re: "Dog fences to remain as is," (September 14, p. 4). Seriously? This seems more of a personal issue for Councillor Lulham. It isn't only "that one dog" that

jumps out. Others do too. This is such a dumb thing to refuse to fix.

At the Lansdowne dog run, the fences are too low, and the gates don't open or close properly, making the risk of a dog – or dogs – getting out and being hit and injured more likely. And for what? Who benefits from that? Nothing and no one.

AMY CREIGHTON, OLD ORCHARD AVE.

WHY NOT INSTALL NETTING AT LANSDOWNE DOG RUN?

Further to the article in the September 14 edition of the *Independent*, where Councillor Cynthia Lulham is quoted from the September 7 council meeting as saying "...Some dogs are very big and jump very high..." I submit that there are a number of sections of the fence at the Lansdowne dog run that are only 27 and 29 inches high, and that an errant squirrel could entice any number of medium and small-sized dogs over the fence.

I suggest a low-cost solution would be to install "protective netting" above the chain link fence as is currently in place at the Westmount Athletic Grounds dog run. This barrier has been in place for years, so it is durable. It is barely noticeable and therefore not an eyesore.

DAVID COPELAND, DORCHESTER AVE.

DON'T BLAME THE DOGS FOR SUMMIT DETERIORATION

Some people have suggested that because McGill donated Summit Park to Westmount as a nature preserve, dogs should not be allowed to run off-leash there.

Considering that dogs are permitted by McGill to run off-leash in the McGill arboretum, which also is a nature preserve, I see no reason why McGill would be offended by the presence off-leash dogs in Summit Park.

Any deterioration in environmental conditions at Summit Park can probably be attributed primarily to a woeful lack of maintenance over many years and not to the presence of generally well-behaved off-leash dogs accompanied by responsible dog walkers

In particular, it is noted that in the shade of mature trees, saplings have difficulty getting established in Summit Park and the city has not planted and nurtured new trees to replace the old ones that have rotted out and fallen.

JOHN D. DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

Ed's note: Only certain sections of the Morgan Aboretum permit off-leash dogs, which are registered and whose owners are paying members of this site, which is primarily for research, and public education related to the management of woodland resources, as well as being a recreational facility nature reserve. – KM

WHY SO DEFENSIVE?

I have read most of the letters to the editor regarding the "outing" of certain individuals who signed the registry regarding the [loan for] the arena/pool project. On the face of it, I believe it was unnecessary and served no useful purpose to name certain individuals, almost condemning their right to express their views. That to me is the first and only issue to be discussed.

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The answer?

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More letters to the editor

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I was somewhat surprised to see how vehemently you responded to Marie Campbell's letter ("Indie not immune from ethical requirements", September 14, p. 6.). You appear to be remarkably defensive about an issue that you had to expect would have recriminations. You printed the story first, "an editorial decision," named the individuals who signed the registry (but only a few of them), and your "team" agreed to this. That was the choice you made. As an editor, you must know that you will receive responses both positive and negative to your stories. No, you don't have to reply to them and, no, you don't have to explain (didn't the article already explain?).

How many times have you seen editorial responses to letters to the editors on such a consistent basis? Not often.

Maybe you should just listen to what people are saying and determine whether anything should be taken from this.

HELENE MCCORMACK, DE MAISONNEUVE
BLVD.

Walking tour of Westmount's cultural centre

The Westmount Historical Association, in conjunction with the city of Westmount, is giving a walking tour of the cultural centre of Westmount, Sunday, October 3. The tour guides will visit Westmount Public Library, Victoria Hall and The Gallery at Victoria Hall, and the Flower Conservatory.

The English tours are at 2 and 3 pm, and the French tours are at 2:30 and 3:30 pm. The times were listed incorrectly in the September 21 issue of the *Independent*, p. 3.

Refreshments are to follow in the Children's Storytelling Garden. An exhibition of photographs and architects' plans are on display in the library until October 10. For information, call the circulation desk at 514.989.5299. The phone number listed in last week's issue was incorrectly provided.

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An officer dispatched to the scene at 1:30 pm recognized the man, who suffers from Alzheimer's, and contacted his care-giver daughter, a Westmount resident. He was driven back to the Montreal General Hospital, where he was supposed to have been at the time and was met there by his daughter.

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Westmounters celebrate Don Wedge

More than 100 people from the many varied aspects of Don Wedge’s life gathered September 21 in Victoria Hall to remember the community and environmental activist, *Independent* columnist and music aficionado.

It would have been his 80th birthday. Wedge died July 20, 2010. (See coverage of his life and achievements in the August 10 issue, and a special online-only edition,

August 3.)

Among them were members of his family from England, Toronto and Wisconsin, members of community groups and city staff with whom he was associated, as well as members of several city councils. These included Mayor Peter Trent, and former mayors Karin Marks and May Cutler.

Also attending were members of the

local press, some of whom he had worked with over two decades.

A fund is being established in his memory for a student internship in environmental journalism at a community newspaper.

Donations may be made to the “Don Wedge Memorial Internship” at the Laurentian Bank, corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria.



Looking at Don Wedge memorabilia are: his two brothers from England, Peter (left) and Mike (right), his widow Sylvia, and daughter Joanna and grandson Sebastian of Toronto. Also attending was Sophie, his granddaughter, and son-in-law Mike Crawley. Roberta, his elder daughter in England, was unable to attend.

Photos: Laureen Sweeney



Among many speakers, Jane Martin, left, and Henry Olders, told of Don Wedge’s contributions to the Westmount Municipal Association and other volunteer organizations. The following people also spoke: brothers Peter and Mike, Georges Hébert, Maureen Lafrenière, daughter Joanna Wedge and *Independent* publisher David Price. On the screen behind is a photo of Don and his grandson.




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Dionne's world travel with Red Cross provides photos for new book

By VEROICA REDGRAVE

Westmounter Michèle Dionne's new book, *Missions*, illustrates the adage that a "picture is worth a thousand words." *Missions* is a photo album, based on Dionne's travels around the world as a volunteer with the Quebec division of the Red Cross. A volunteer with the aid organization for over 10 years, Dionne took thousands of photographs of the after-effects of natural disasters, she told the *Independent* September 22, during an interview at the Sofitel hotel.

Her travel with Red Cross missions to disaster-stricken countries started in 2001 when she went to Nicaragua and discovered that there were no medical clinics for women. On her return to Montreal, she arranged for a medical team to be sent to Nicaragua from St. Justine Hospital. Today there are three clinics that are open for women in that country.

It was at this point on her travels that she says she "started my journal, to put a face on the human moments." Self-taught and armed with a high-resolution digital camera, she took photos on all her subsequent nine Red Cross missions, which took her to such countries as India, Liberia, the Ukraine, China, Haiti, Central America and Madagascar.

Each country represents a chapter in her book. "I plan to go back to Haiti soon. There, we lived in a tent in the Red Cross camp, and the feeling of human solidarity was amazing," she says.

Many of her images are of children, and, interestingly, many snapshots capture smiles. Even in the face of adversity, "children have a sparkle in their eye – despite the dust," she says. Rather than speaking of sad search missions after earthquakes and floods, Dionne recounted success stories. "I am an optimist."

Only one image, taken in Haiti after the earthquake, could be described as sad. A young boy in a hospital bed gazes forlornly at his heavily bandaged leg, supported by clamps. "I shot this picture because the Red Cross saved his leg, so to me, it was – and is – an image of hope."

She says she "has a good eye, but I am learning every day. I try to capture the moment, and usually only have time for one – at the most three – shots of the same scene." Dionne also takes snapshots of the family when travelling with her husband, Premier Jean Charest and their family.

Edited by les Éditions La Presse, the book sells for \$49.95, with \$10 from each sale donated to the Quebec division of the Red Cross.

Asked to keep moving

Public Security and police managed to resolve what was described as a minor traffic issue September 18 caused by a man, screaming and pushing a grocery cart at Sherbrooke and Victoria. He had been walking east in the street when public safety officers were called at 8:36 am. After police checked him out, he promised to go on his way.



Westmounter Michèle Dionne talks about her new book of photography at the Sofitel, September 22.

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Saris on scooters changing India



Journalist Sheila McLeod Arnopoulos spoke about her latest book *Saris on Scooters: How Microcredit is Changing Village India* at the Atwater Library's Lunchtime Series on September 16. She described innovative and business-savvy women's collectives, who are using microcredit to break the cycle of poverty, complementing her talk with photos from her research.

Photo: Joanne Penhale

Cars searched at Prince Albert/York

Several cars in the area of Prince Albert and York were reported to have been rummaged through overnight September 17-18, Public Security officials report. Residents alerted an officer at 9 am to

what had happened. While the cars had been entered and searched, nothing of much value was reported missing. Public Security suggested the cars may have been unlocked.



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Sports and Rec. trends

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tam hockey team was added by demand, and all will now have to share three hours of ice time. More than 1,000 residents have signed up for hockey and skating this year, a number that has remained relatively stable over recent years, limited by ice-time availability.

But the new trend is toward inter-city competition.

“More and more kids are moving into competition play,” said department director Mike Deegan. These are the travelling teams as opposed to those in the city’s recreational in-house leagues.

More than 300 hockey players tried out for this season’s inter-city teams, double last year’s total, according to sports coordinator Andrew Maislin.

The Dolphins competition swim team is also growing every year, to a record 150 in 2010. Competition is starting to catch on in soccer where an all-star team won a tournament over the summer and a lacrosse travel team was created.

The competitive spirit generates teamwork and leadership skills that are transferable to the workplace, Deegan explained. “I’m just a big believer in learning how to live in a team climate.”

Over the summer, participation in weekly summer camps built on last year’s increase and participation in outdoor soccer grew at all levels due to the dedicated soccer fields as did the demand for youth lacrosse and rugby.

The trend for more demand for toddler programs and indoor women’s soccer raises demographic issues.

Aside from the general popularity of soccer, “The year 1998 was a big birth year for girls, and we’ve seen a huge influx in all our girls’ and women’s activities,” said sports coordinator Anitra Bostock.

Teenage girls are staying in sports longer and are being encouraged to do so

by their schools and mothers, who are themselves becoming more active in sports and fitness, she explained.

Women’s indoor soccer, for example, has risen from 20 players to 40 to 60 in three years.

Demand for girls’ indoor soccer for ages 10 to 14 created such long waiting lists in 2009 that it generated greater accountability among those who signed up. “If they didn’t show up for games, others were waiting to take their place,” Bostock said. The program, she added, is managed by the girls and generates leadership skills. It takes place at the gym in Westmount High School.

But finding space for the growing popularity of indoor programs can prove challenging and result in waiting lists. The gym program was curtailed last year because of difficulties obtaining adequate gym space and the need to continually update and store costly equipment.



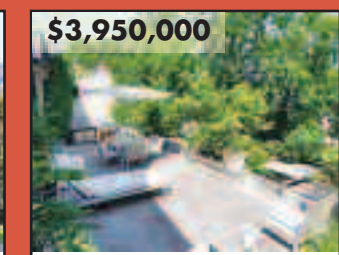
At Victoria Hall, where program and community services coordinator Claude Danis manages recreation activities, there are two adult Pilates classes as well as a waiting list of 10, as in most fitness programs. As soon as one person drops out, another can be included.

This year’s new zoomba program has “boomed” with 40 participating in two classes, she said.

The growing demand for pre-schooler programs in the music, art and exploration classes is somewhat of a surprise to Danis. “We don’t seem to be much of an aging community with the high demand we’re seeing for programs geared to 2-year-olds. Is it because there are more children in Westmount?”

The spaces allocated for 15 accompanied pre-schoolers in this year’s new Child/Parent Dance for 2 to 5-year-olds filled up so quickly it too has a waiting list.

Overall, she said, the programs prove a much higher interest in fitness activity.

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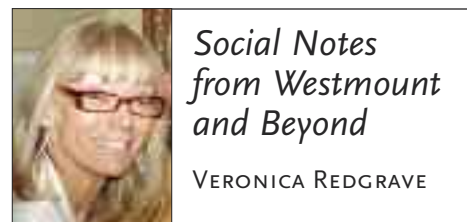
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McClure Gallery vernissage features curator Maurice Forget



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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Early in September, Westmount's McClure Gallery/Visual Arts Centre, on Victoria Ave. hosted a vernissage curated by

Maurice Forget, former chair, Montreal Arts Council, and honorary consul of the Republic of Estonia in Montreal.

Forget, a lawyer at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin and renowned art aficionado, was invited to curate two shows on **Russell T. Gordon** – the artist's solo exhibits at the McClure Gallery and also at Pointe Claire's Stewart Hall Gallery. The two organizations showed a survey of the artist's work from the '70s to today's large ab-

stractions.

During the opening cocktail at McClure, Westmounters marvelled at Gordon's large canvases – price tags ranged from \$7,000 to \$30,000 – with their graceful geometric shapes. Gordon is much influenced by jazz – a DNA one could perceive in the syncopated rhythms of his cheerful circles and squares.

Noted at the elegant event was another Westmount gallerist, **Mark Leibner**, from Galerie d'Este. Greeted by McClure Gallery's director **Victoria LeBlanc** and **Andrée Anne Vien**, guests chatted and circu-

lated amidst the two packed rooms.

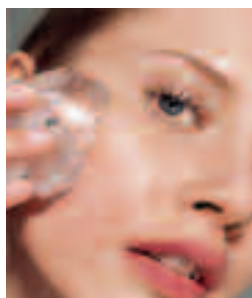
Westmounters attending included artists **Sylvie Safdie** and **John Heward**, and **Tom Hopkins**, as well as **Robert Graham**, **Louise Vernier Blouin**, and McClure board members **Cynthia** and **John Dinsmore**, **Elisabeth Shapiro**, **Nikola** and **Anthony Hobbs**, and **Bonnie Shemie**. Also noted were **Hélène Audren**, textile artist **Kathryn Lipke**, and her daughter **Shannon McCardle**.

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Lawn bowling tourney winds up

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in which each of the team foursomes played two games.

"But it's more subtle than it appears," noted Maureen Lafrenière, of Communications, who played for the Finance team. She was typical of many who were placed on teams unrelated to their work.

The evening was a somewhat lengthy event for some of the players, who were either trying to roll a curve line for the first time or who played only once a year at the same event. Club members helped them with tips and scoring – and even greeted them with chili, salad and chocolate dessert, all coordinated by Doris Branscombe.

One of the regulars competing was former mayor Karin Marks, who was playing for her fourth year with a team of councillors Kathleen Duncan, Victor Drury and former councillor Tom Thompson.

When the council team lost the first of its two games to the foursome led by St. Louis, Thompson happily explained away the loss. “We don’t want to go to the Commonwealth Games – with 2,000 athletes and one toilet!”

“That’s why we threw the game deliberately,” added Drury, continuing to allude to problems being anticipated with athlete accommodations at the games in Delhi from October 3 to 14.

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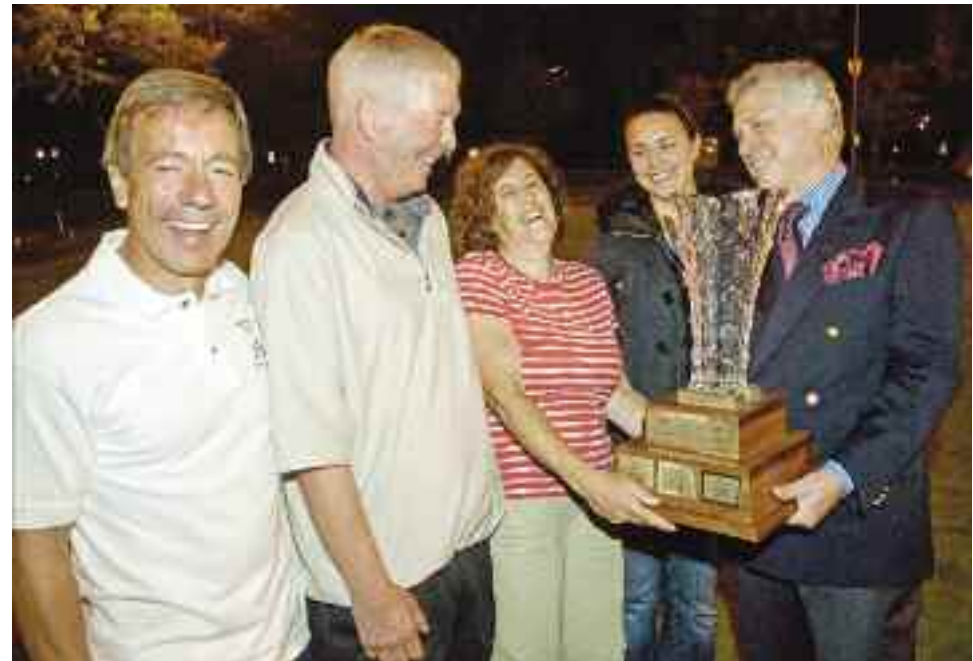
its second game against director general Duncan Campbell's team. The DG's team had lost its first one against police, all due to the full moon, he explained, and despite his "threats" to fire those over a bad shot, he admitted, "My own job's on the line, too."

When it was announced that the police foursome would play for the cup against the St. Louis team, police team member Adalbert Pimentel called out: "That's like stealing candy from a kid! Can we have someone else?"

But the evening was probably best summed up for most from Station 12's administrative assistant Ana-Cristina Rusu. "It's so much fun. It's unbelievable."

Sound barrier defaced

The city's sound barrier along the railway tracks at the foot of Abbott Ave. was found covered with graffiti September 18, according to Public Security. The clear windows on the prototype model appeared to have been tagged overnight, along with writing on the lower masonry wall. Cleaning of the barrier is reported to be costly, if even possible.



Mayor Peter Trent presents the Mayor's Cup to members of the winning lawn bowling team "The Golden Oldies" in the finals of the competition September 22 at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club. From left: Bruce St. Louis, retired director general; Kevin Dawson, retired fire safety inspector; Phyllis Galbraith, finance department; Andrea Chaykowsky, daughter of Roma Chaykowsky who is executive assistant to the director general; and Mayor Peter Trent. The annual competition is described on the trophy as "A Friendly Competition for the Employees of the

City of Westmount.” The Golden Oldies defeated local police station 12 in the finals.

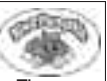
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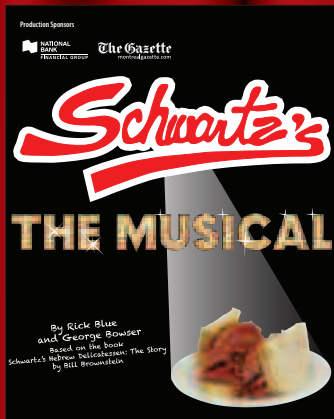
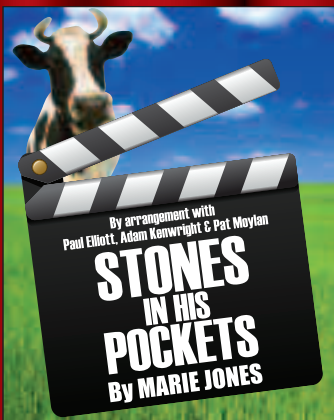
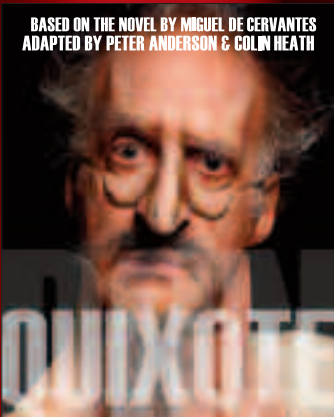
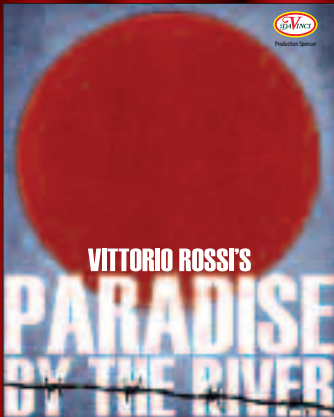
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Expect the Unexpected: Dhaliwal and Payette



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This month Sarindar Dhaliwal's whimsical images and dynamic installations are featured at Galerie D'Este, and painter Jacques Payette recreates family portraits at Galerie de Bellefeuille. While Dhaliwal draws on her roots in India and immigrant experience in England, Payette introduces rooms of rich red and Quebec's wilderness.

Sarindar Dhaliwal at Galerie D'Este

Dhaliwal's images provide a glimpse into her personal life, first in India and then in England. One entitled "When I grow up I want to be a namer of paint colors" plays on her childhood medium of colour pencils. Here a series of colour swatches matched with intriguing titles – "Chinese Pagoda" for a rich red – are written in an elegant calligraphy.

A photomontage "Mothers and Daughters", features a duotoned snapshot of two young girls in the central panel. Surrounded by fabric print in purple and yellow, the artist suggests the richness of her native culture as well as the immigrant experience. To the left, a woman glances protectively across the panel at a young girl who stares out at the viewer.

Although Dhaliwal frequently reinterprets her history, she is also inspired by objects of personal significance. "Putting off the washing up" references an artist's daily work in a new manner.

Whether photography, installation or video, this Toronto resident provides a new and original voice. Dhaliwal's exhibit runs from September 25 to October 24 at Galerie D'Este, 1329 Greene Ave.

Jacques Payette at Galerie de Bellefeuille

In this exhibit, Payette offers a winter scene as backdrop for a portrait of his daughter. "Cet univers où tout se cache



"Cet univers où tout se cache sous le manteau des jours" Jacques Payette

sous le manteau des jours" is a beautiful composition of a young woman standing between two birch trees. Although her pose is confident, the gentle snow against forest conifers suggests a certain vulnerability.

This exhibit also reveals Payette's experimental side. "Une tempête sur le dégel d'avril" features another warmly clad daughter against an interesting mottled background. In "Cette lumière qui émerge de nulle part", though, the artist depicts his daughter dressed in a vivid plaid coat against a red brocade background.

Payette's use of repetition as metaphor is another new departure for the artist. In a self-portrait "Le silence qui peint l'éternité," the artist is set against a pattern backdrop of dripping paintbrushes. This use of repetitive imagery is also apparent in "Ces yeux étaient remplis de papillons qui entraient par la fenêtre." Here four birds in flight over a small child suggests imagination and freedom.

Encaustic paintings on canvas – the drip of blended colours suggest warp and woof – this is sophisticated work. Payette's exhibit runs from September 25 to October 6 at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave.



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