

## Three local boys quizzed on second park fire

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three Westmount youths were questioned extensively October 2 after a fire alarm was set off in the comfort station at Westmount Park, Public Security officials said. The fire was found to have been set with toilet paper in a sink in the men's washroom.

Officers had already been dispatched to the park at 2:13 pm when the city's security camera showed three youths acting suspiciously in the comfort station. As the group was approached, the fire alarm sounded and the boys were intercepted

after trying to avoid officers.

It was finally determined that there was insufficient evidence against them to proceed further but the three were identified. They were aged around 15 and 16.

This was the second time in a week that small fires were lit inside the comfort station. On September 26, three 13-year-old girls admitted to setting one after they too were captured on the building's security camera. That fire occurred soon after another on Hallowell that was believed related (see October 3, p. 1).

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## Challah bread anyone?



Tony Russo, owner of Sherbrooke St.'s Cavallaro, seen here September 30 with freshly-baked Challah bread. Hundreds of loaves of the special bread baked for Sabbath and special Jewish holidays have been prepared by the Italian bakery and fine foods store in recent weeks.

Photo: Eric Bindman

## 166 cars found improperly parked on hills

# PSU launches 'wheels-to-curb' campaign

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the wake of a runaway parked car on Church Hill September 29, Public Security began a "wheels-to-curb" campaign the next day to educate drivers on the need to turn wheels against the curb when parking on Westmount's hills.

Within one week, a total of 166 warning "courtesy" tickets had already been left on cars checked and found to be lacking this precaution, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

Initiated by Sgt. Stephen Payne, the campaign is an accident prevention meas-

ure that is expected to move into an enforcement phase later. Licence plates are now being recorded, however, and repeat offenders will be issued the \$52 ticket in accordance with the city's traffic by-law.

Drivers are reminded to turn front wheels so they are braced against the curb. The hand brake should also be engaged and vehicles with automatic transmissions left in park.

In the accident on Church Hill, a parked car rolled backward into two other parked vehicles, pushing one of them into a stroller carrying two children under age 4. Neither was injured (see Oct. 3, p. 3.).

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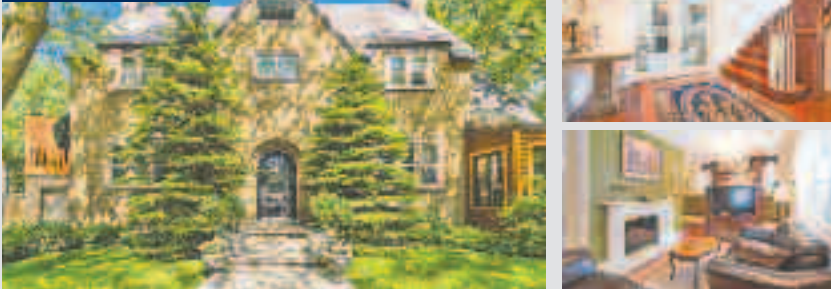
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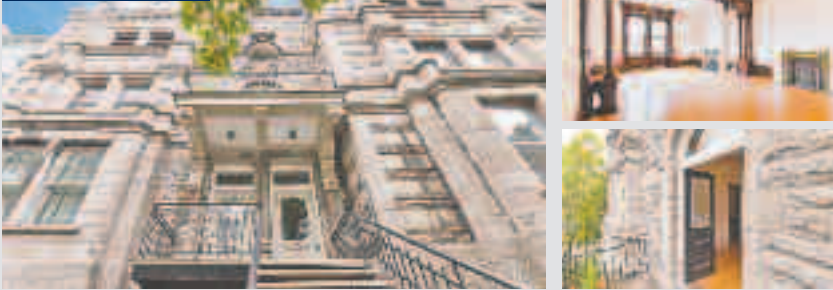
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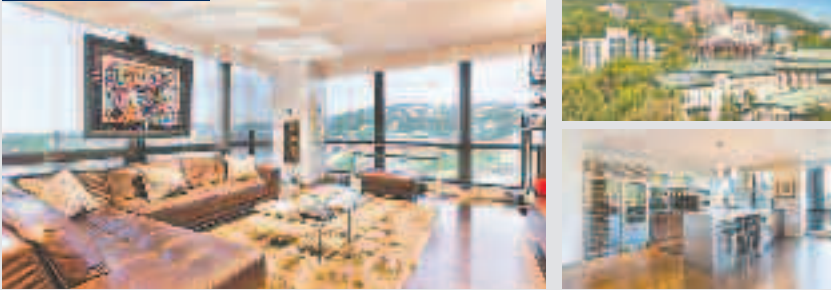
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# NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL, OCT. 3

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

*Recalling Don Wedge's 'undulating sidewalks'*

## City asked once again to put pedestrians before cars

After many years, the city has once again been asked to build sidewalks that are more friendly to pedestrians than cars. Dan Lambert, of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), called on city council October 3 to put pedestrians before cars by building continuously level sidewalks rather than ones that “dip” for every driveway and parking apron. Their design, he explained, was “in-

convenient to pedestrians, compromising hundreds of passersby” especially those unsteady on their feet or navigating strollers, walkers and wheelchairs. Asphalt ramps would be sufficient for cars to mount and descend over the curb. The request immediately brought to the mind of Mayor Peter Trent and other veteran council attendees of similar complaints made some two decades ago by the late civic activist Don Wedge who called

them “undulating sidewalks.” At last week’s meeting, it was suggested that a flat sidewalk might ease maintenance but might hamper drainage and snow clearance of streets. Trent said there might be a half-way solution.

The city would take a look at it, he added, “if not for any other reason than in memory of Don Wedge.”

**More council news, p. 4, 5**

*Council awards tender to prepare for new arena*

## Academy water, sewer work to start mid-month

City council accepted the tender of Excavation Loiselle & Frères October 3 for the reconstruction of the sewer and water mains under Academy Rd. at a total amount of \$532,939, taxes and contingencies included. The work, to prepare for construction of the new arena/pool facility, is slated to start probably mid-month, according assistant Public Works director Andrew Duffield last week. Portions of the existing lines lie in the path of required excavation for the new facility. These century-old water and sewer lines will remain in the ground, allowing service to continue uninterrupted while work is under way. The new lines will be laid east-west connecting with those on Park Place, where the new water line will extend south almost to St. Catherine (see

October 4, p. 5). City records show that 10 tender bids were opened September 23, ranging in price from \$362,111 to \$799,879. The low bid was eliminated because it did not conform to requirements. The next lowest bid – from Loiselle at \$463,425 – was therefore accepted. Contingencies of \$69,514 were also authorized by council along with applicable taxes.

**No circulars, please**

A \$75 ticket was issued to the distributor of a package of flyers that was found early September 23 at a house on de Maisonneuve. Public Security officials said. The house had displayed the “no circulars” sticker provided on request by the city.

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Council question period goes long

Tighter discipline imposed after concerns raised at council meeting

When the question period at city council’s October 3 meeting dragged into 90 minutes of almost free-for-all queries and debates before an overflow audience, Mayor Peter Trent finally announced that questions would be limited to one per person with a follow-up.

But the effort to hold questioners to council’s long-standing but seldom enforced rules came only after complaints from other questioners that the “same old” questions by the same people were becoming “boring” and “redundant.”

Most were raised by people renewing calls for changes to the arena/pool project, many of whom engaged in debate with the mayor or councillors (see story, same page).

“What are the rules?” finally asked Jean-Pierre Picard, president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), after some 20 people had spoken at the first of two question sessions. “Would better discipline promote better democracy?” he added suggesting anarchy was the alternative.

“Over the years, we’ve developed a style in dealing with questions,” Trent replied. But with such a large number of questioners, “we can’t go on.” On the other hand, he said, “I like to err on the side of letting people speak. But we have to figure out a more disciplined approach.”

He also noted Westmount was probably the only municipality with two question periods.

The question period procedure, which is deposited outside the council chamber along with other agenda documents before every meeting, calls for subsequent questions to be permitted at the discretion of the mayor.

Trent later said he would like to hear from other people on the subject. “It’s a difficult one to handle without gagging people.” He said he feared that too long a question period might discourage people from attending.



Karl Moore, professor of marketing, McGill, prepares to speak next on the arena/pool project, encouraging council to “get on with it.”

First design-build submissions due October 14

Trent: Arena/pool change requests becoming ‘cottage industry’

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Opponents and supporters of the arena/pool project continued to press council October 3 to either start over with a new concept and site or “get on with it,” depending which side of the issue they espoused.

Even as a new deadline of October 14 neared for the opening of pre-qualifying tender submissions to find a contractor/architect consortium for building the facility, those in so-called opposition argued from diametrically different positions.

Some called for downsizing the current plan, others for including an indoor pool and still others for using an entirely new site, and even abandoning the project. There were also questions on the new design-build approach. In fact, so many “contradictory” changes were proposed that Mayor Peter Trent suggested the changes were becoming “a cottage industry.”

Meanwhile, supporters – many of whom did not speak – urged the city to move ahead quickly with the project, applauding when the mayor stated: “It’s a done deal, and proceed we will.”

“Let’s get on with it,” urged Oliver Sugden, who heads the city’s Dolphins swim team, and described himself as one of the 83 percent of Westmount households who voted for the project.

At least one new voice on the subject was added to those of the regular dissenters but a number of apparent supporters contributed to the rare standing room only crowd estimated at close to 80.

New garbage by-law

City council gave notice of motion October 3 of a new garbage by-law to be presented at an upcoming meeting. It will include new environmental aspects including cycling regulations.



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# Police issue single speeding ticket on Edgehill

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Only one ticket was issued for speeding on Edgehill Rd. between The Boulevard and Lexington during a total of six hours of police enforcement over three evenings. And that was given to a driver going 58 km/h in the 30 km/h, said station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde.

Another six drivers were ticketed for failing to adhere to the stop sign at Lexington while another received a ticket for an unrelated reason. The actions took place September 21, 26 and 28.

Although the enforcement came at the request of Mayor Peter Trent at the September 6 council meeting, no mention was made of the results during the October 3 session.

At both meetings, Michael Schwartz, whose property is wedged between The Boulevard and Edgehill, repeated previous requests for a mid-block stop sign and for council members to reply to his many emails on the subject. Eleven property owners bordering Edgehill have signed a

petition requesting speed control.

Trent reiterated previous responses that the city would take no further action on traffic matters until a master traffic study is complete. This is not expected until at least year end (see October 4, p. 1).

He agreed with Schwartz at the last meeting that in the past, stop signs and speed bumps had been placed at the request of residents. This had led to a proliferation of them.

Plourde, who also attended the council meeting, later told the *Independent* that traffic officers had carried out their action on Edgehill from 6 to 8 pm on each of the three evenings. This was the time Schwartz had stated was the worst for speeding, he explained. "They found that traffic volume dwindled after 7:30 pm," Plourde said.

While officers were given discretionary power to ticket for speeding depending on weather and other conditions, Plourde had previously stated "it's almost impossible to drive up the hill at 30." (September 27, p. 10).



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THE EDITOR

WESTMOUNT PARK  
BIKE PATH FOR CYCLISTS

The simplest solution to the overcrowded bike path in Westmount Park has been overlooked: get everybody who doesn't belong off the bike path!

On both ends of the path, the city should install new signs at eye level, describing fines for speeding, pedestrians, runners, baby carriages, wheelchairs and skateboarders.

The city can smooth out a section of the bike path where Shakespeare in the Park is performed. The path is so lumpy cyclists almost fall out of the saddle.

The city created a new hazard at the gazebo and tennis court: children and pedestrians with dogs crossing the path to connect with the walkway to the school and tennis courts.

Do not force older cyclists up and down steep hills. They will look for alternatives, such as cycling north or south along Melville.

Clearing the bike path should be implemented [before other developments] to see the results, with cyclists and others co-operating to make it a success.

CAROLA GURBAND, DOWNTOWN

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For 25 years, Peter Giambattisto has been inscribing the names of city employees onto the Quarter Century Club board as they reached that milestone. But this year, it's his own name he is adding as one of four new ones.

And the penmanship is just about the only task he now does by hand – a symbol of the changes he helped forge in 25 years. Giambattisto, as the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technician in Public Works, moved the department into the age of digitized construction and infrastructure mapping.

But despite all the changes, one thing that has remained constant, said fellow honouree David Sedgwick, Public Security director, is the feeling of family he has encountered in working for the city, where he also grew up.

André Pope (Information Technologies) and Lloyd Smith (Public Works) are the two other honourees for this year.

The family feeling was underlined by Mayor Peter Trent at the start of the 68th Quarter Century Club banquet held October 6 at Victoria Hall for all current service award winners and those who had already joined the 25-year club, including retirees.

"Every year, we have Family Day in the

22 city employees receive service awards

Four join Quarter Century Club



At the Quarter Century Club banquet October 6, Mayor Peter Trent (second from left) and city director general Duncan Campbell (right) presented awards to three of the 25-year honourees, from left: Peter Giambattisto, Lloyd Smith and David Sedgwick.

park," he told the 150 assembled. "Now we're having 'family evening' *entre nous*."

Director general Duncan Campbell announced that starting this year with Roma Chaykowsky (retired executive assistant), the Quarter Century Club would recognize the long service contributions of employees whose years of service had been interrupted by years taken off for family reasons, especially in the days before maternity leave.

Three decades, plus

Laurie Estevez (Library) was recognized for 35 years with the city, while 30-year awards, along with Chaykowsky's, went to Giovanni Camia (Purchasing), Mario Gril-

loni (Public Works), Ann McWhinnie (HR) and Craig Wright (IT).

20 years

Marking 20 years were: Christopher Cunningham and James McAllister (Fire), Maria Di Scala (Finance), Giuseppe Greco (Urban Planning) and Maxim Sonca (Hydro Westmount).

15 years

Stephen Collum, Stephen Elder and Antonio Iorio (Public Works), Nancy Gagnon (City Clerk's Office), Donna Lach (Library), Gregory McBain (Public Security) and Richard McCarragher (Hydro Westmount).

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## Exec assistants attend Quarter Century Banquet



At the Quarter Century Club banquet October 6, three past and present executive assistants to city director generals attending were: Frances Talbot (left), who stopped work in 1988, Roma Chaykowsky (right), who retired over the summer and was a special honouree, and Christine Joly, who took over the position.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

## Persephone to dramatize *Far from the Madding Crowd* at Vic Hall



Lea Berry, centre, plays Bathsheba Everdene in a special preview of *Far from the Madding Crowd*, which was staged by Persephone Productions in the Westmount Room at the Westmount Public Library on October 5. Co-directed by Christopher Moore and Westmounter Gabrielle Soskin, with stage management by another Westmounter, Malcolm McRae, Persephone's full-length dramatization of the Thomas Hardy novel will be staged at Victoria Hall on October 28 and October 29 at 7 pm and October 30 at 1:30 pm.

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## Sunshine Gallery opens above Campbell's



Sunshine Gallery owner, Sunshine Bree Cziment (foreground) is embraced by her mother-in-law Joyce Schwartz (right), husband Bram Schwartz, and her mother, Hana Cziment, the day the gallery opened, October 4.

A new gallery has opened at 4916 Sherbrooke St. above Campbell Picture Framing.

Sunshine Bree Cziment, a 36-year-old owner and artist, explained that everything in the gallery is handmade by local artists, with some pieces from US and European artisans. "Most of the work is local, but I have pieces from around the world that all work to give the gallery a unique and amazing style. I personally purchased each piece for this exquisite uniqueness in

style," she said. "I decided to set up in Westmount because of location, location, location. This is the most charming spot in our city and people here have art taste."

The gallery has an eclectic mix of items, ranging from leather handbags made of recycled leather, as well as modern conceptual lamps made from cheese graters and antique ironing irons.

The walls are hung with acrylics and sculpture.

## Barracudas back in the pool



From left, parent advisory committee president Robert Gordon and head coach Mike Calcutt.

Photo courtesy of Barracudas

The official launch of a new season for the Westmount YMCA Barracudas swim team was September 17. The first practice was followed by a "Meet the Coaches" breakfast organized by the team's parent advisory committee.

The team is starting the season with new head coach Mike Calcutt. The coaching team also includes Dave Pickering, Laura Meagher, Bronwen Mantel and Kamel Hammadache.

This season will see a more rigorous training schedule, new faces – both experienced and novice swimmers, and low-profile starter blocks. Though limited, there is still space available for new members.

For information about registration, visit the Barracudas website at [www.westmount-ymcaswimclub.qc.ca/youth/](http://www.westmount-ymcaswimclub.qc.ca/youth/).



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- **Guitarist Michael Laucke** plays classical works in flamenco style accompanied by the dance troupe Fiesta Flamenco, from 7 pm to 1 am at Victoria Hall. Cash bar featuring sangria and tapas. Tickets: \$15; seniors \$10 available at the Community Events office at Victoria Hall or at the door.
- Author **Mary Soderstrom** leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library.
- **Seniors' luncheon** at Centre Greene. Three-course, home-cooked meal, served at 12:15 pm. Cost: \$5. RSVP: 514.931.6202.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Westmount Y Centre and Health on Greene is having a **children's posture awareness day** from 4 to 6 pm at the Y. Parents are to bring their children with back-

packs. Free. Info: 514.932.1415 or [info@healthongreene.com](mailto:info@healthongreene.com).

- **The Montreal Storytellers' Guild** presents Carolyn Lancaster and Ariel Balevi, from 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Open to all. Free. Info: [www.mtlstorytellers.wordpress.com](http://www.mtlstorytellers.wordpress.com) or 514.593.9947.
- Artist **Mark Andrews'** exhibition "De-Notations" runs from October 13 to November 5 at The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5521.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

**TGIF** at Centre Greene, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Includes Friday evening meal and activities for kids aged 6 to 11. Cost: \$12 drop-in or \$60 for six weeks. Info: 514.931.6202 or [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **Household hazardous waste collection** from 9 am to 5 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Includes collection of paint, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, used clothing and used electronics. Info: Marina Peter at 514.989.5390.
- **St. Matthias' Church fall rummage sale** at 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd., 10 am to 1 pm in the lower hall. Info: 514.933.4295.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- **Peter MacDougall**, acting assistant deputy minister of Citizenship and Immigration on "Immigration in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities for Canada, 12:30 pm at The Unitarian Church (5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Cost: \$10 for non-members. Info: 450.458.4105.
- **Westmount Municipal Association** meeting, 7 pm, Westmount Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Discover Iceland with **David Franklin**, honorary consul of Iceland, 2 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library., Register: 514.989.5299.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- **Fred Tees**, director of athletics at Selwyn House for 16 years, speaks about athletics at Selwyn House in 1960, from 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Part of the Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series. Cost: free for members; \$5 for non-members at door. Info: 514.989.5510.
- **Philip Johnston** gives a talk on "William Henry Drummond – One Hundred Years

On," with recitations from his poems, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free. Info: [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

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# MUHC's big plan for Glen Campus super hospital includes community, says planner

BY ISAAC OLSON

As the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) \$1.3-billion Glen Campus rapidly rises from the old rail yard, the hospital's communication team is busy promoting the facility's range of modern-day features, like the some \$100-million-worth of "cutting edge" equipment, private suites and two separate emergency rooms that won't allow patients to be stacked in hallways like cord wood.

At the same time, concern is brewing among some community members who question the localized benefits of building a mega facility that, beyond the emergency rooms, caters only to specific care, such as cancer treatment and specialized pediatrics.

On October 4, after an MUHC press conference communicating information, most of which can be found on the hospital's website ([www.campusglen.ca](http://www.campusglen.ca)), the *Independent* asked Imma Franco, the MUHC's assistant planning director, how the facility will benefit community members in search of more generalized care for

basic illnesses or broken bones.

"The MUHC has a mandate of not only being a specialized care facility, which is what our focus is, but we also serve the local community," said Franco, noting the hospital works in collaboration with a health network, including the CSSS, long-term care facilities and other medical installations. "Don't forget, the Glen is one of three future campuses, so not all services are going to be in one location. It's quite possible that you will come to the Glen and your condition will require you to go to the General."



Charles Chebl, senior vice president and general manager of SNC Lavalin gives a site tour to local media.

Patients will most often be transferred by ambulance to the facility that best suits their needs, Franco explained, though a provider may come to treat a patient at the Glen if needed.

Beyond that, she continued, the MUHC is responsible for a patient population of 1.7 million.

"The concept of receiving care as close to home as possible is really important," said Franco. "Obviously, for people who live in this community, the MUHC is their community hospital. The MUHC will, between its three campuses, provide services to the patient depending on their need."

The *Independent* asked if the hospital has ruled out the possibility of developing the Westmount side of the Glen Campus – a section that falls under the city's rigid zoning by-laws that restrict types of occupancy, heights, usage and design. Cur-

rently, the plan is, beside the emergency access route, to have nothing but green space.

"This is the MUHC's property, right?" said Franco. "It's going to depend on the future master plan, and we will have to work with Westmount to do that. It could be low-rise buildings – we don't know. Right now, there is nothing planned."

Guidelines, which were drafted in 2001 and are readily found on the city's website, call for a dense residential neighbourhood



Westmount can still be seen from the NDG side of the under-construction super hospital site, but that will soon change as the building is quickly climbing skyward.

that extends from Westmount's southwestern core. It's a part of the city that includes narrow streets, tightly knit townhouses and, of course, Victoria village.

"Ensure the development is physically and visually connected to adjacent areas," the guideline states. "Ensure that the urban and architecture design is compatible with the traditional character of the city of Westmount with respect to the overall layout and the design of streetscapes, buildings and open spaces."

Some facts noted during the presentation:

- 80 user groups, 80 architects and hundreds of engineers have contributed to the hospital's planning.
- The facility will have 220,000 square metres of space, 55 elevators and a main, spine-like corridor that will act as the hospital's main artery.
- Over 2,000 people will be coming onto the site daily at the peak of construction.

- The hospital will have over 2,850 parking spaces.
- Over 100,000 visits are expected annually once the hospital is running.
- More than 5,700 stilt-like, cement-filled piles were driven into the earth to support the super structure on unstable soil.
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## Shivering man driven home

A 70-year-old man raised suspicions of a resident of Upper Roslyn Ave. early in the morning of September 1 when he was seen wandering around near Sunnyside carrying an address book. Public safety officers recognized him as a resident of an apartment building on St. Catherine and drove him home. He was reported to be cold and shivering. It was not recorded how long he might have been outside.

## Kittens taken to SPCA

Two kittens abandoned by their mother, a stray, were taken to the SPCA on October 3, Public Security officials said. A resident of Grove Park, who has been feeding them, was to move to another province and could no longer care for them.



## Search on for dog that attacked boy at dog run

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers and police were looking for the owner of a black and orange dog that attacked an 11-year-old Westmount boy at the Murray Park dog run September 30. The dog was reported to have bitten, or hurt him in some other fashion, on the face.

The knee-high dog jumped up on the boy causing his face to swell and one eye to run, as well as leaving red puncture-type marks consistent with a bite, though no skin was broken, Public Security officials said.

The dog was also described as wearing a black and blue collar, and a police report indicated it was muzzled. Police reported the incident to the Montreal canine unit and the federal government's food inspection service.

Both the victim and dog, with its keeper, had left the park when Public Security received a call about the incident. Public safety officers located the mother and boy at Côte St. Antoine and Mount Stephen. Urgences Santé was called and treated the boy on the scene. Police said the mother was to take him the Montreal Children's Hospital herself.

A witness told Public Security she thought she knew what street the dog lived on and officers provided police with information from their dog data bank. Police visited the homes to no avail.

## Auxiliary to hold annual auction, vernissage and sale for Montreal General, Oct. 18, 19



The Auxiliary of The Montreal General Hospital will be holding a preview evening for its annual Early Bird Art, Gourmet and Vernissage event on Tuesday, October 18 from 5 to 9 pm in the Livingston Hall Lounge at the hospital. Tickets for the event, where wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, are \$25, with parking included. An auction, vernissage and sale of original works of art will be held at 7 pm. The sale of gourmet foods, baked goods, jams, jellies and preserves, knitting and collectibles continues on Wednesday, October 19 from 9:30 am to 4 pm, with free admission. From left: auxiliary members Marian Lennon, and Westmounters Pamela Stewart, Mary Guay, Beth Marchant, Abigail Sibley and Nancy Hyde.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## No noisy rooftop radios

Contractors working at two separate houses on Westmount Ave. September 27 were asked to turn down the volume on stereos, Public Security officials said. Investigating the first complaint from a resident of Roslyn at 2:28 pm, officers found a stereo in use by roofers. They then came across a second radio used by workers a few houses away and also asked that it be toned down.

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## No ambulance available, PSOs take man to hospital

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The decision to transport the victim was made when Urgences Santé reported there would be a long delay before it could send an ambulance. The man, who had no fixed address, had hurt his ankle which appeared to be swelling.

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From left: Shauna Feldman, Karl Werleman and Maggie Owen at a recent rehearsal.

Photo: Nadia Verrucci

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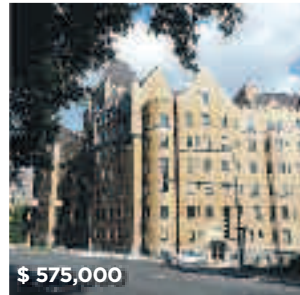
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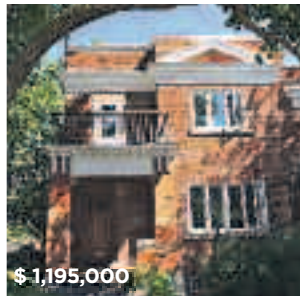
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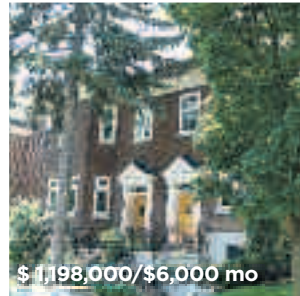
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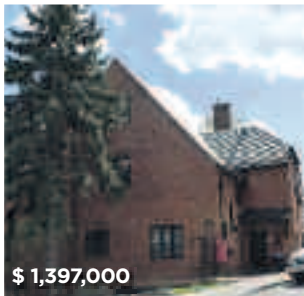
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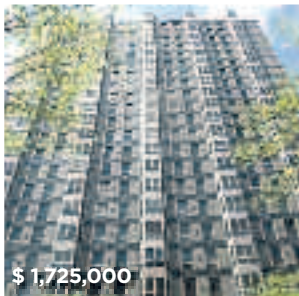
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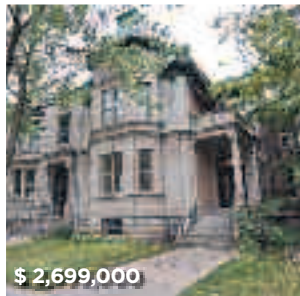
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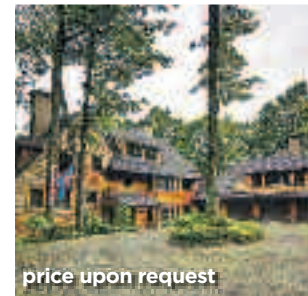
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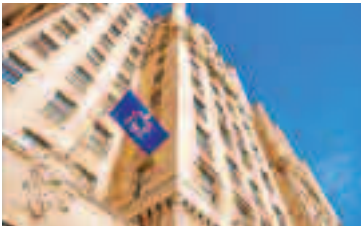
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Westmount designer **Yves Jean Lacasse's** recent show on September 27 was not only beautiful to see, it was sensual to touch. His collection was modeled by visually-challenged volunteers from the Fondation de l'Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille (FINLB).

Lacasse, who has blind clients coming to his store in Westmount, created special garments for the 150th anniversary of the foundation.

The story behind the show is as interesting as the evening itself. The event took



Jocelyne Vatour, Maryse Fredette and Westmounter Yolanta Bertram.

a year to plan, and Lacasse rehearsed the models, teaching them how to walk along a fashion runway and to pose.

During the show, the assistants, called facilitators, accompanied the models, then left them alone at the end of the runway to pose for the photographers.

FINLB models chose the fabric they wanted to wear. Tactile textiles were purposely used so that the models could feel

the texture of lace, velvet, tapestry and furs.

The models also discussed the kind of outfit they wanted. Lacasse created gorgeous gowns. There were no pants, only stunning soirée styles, fit for the anniversary celebration.

The collection was inspired by the elegance of other eras: crinolines, cut-away coats and furs from Starlight Furs. Hair and make-up was created by Espace Relooking Bruno Desjardins.

A quartet from Petite Maison des Arts entertained the guests as they enjoyed bouchées from Avocado catering.

Guests included actor **Denis Bouchard**, media celeb **Marie-Claude Lavallée**, internationally-claimed violinist **Angèle Dubeau**, as well as Westmounters **Rosalind Davis**, **Tristan**



Joséane Brunelle and Westmount designer Yves Jean Lacasse.

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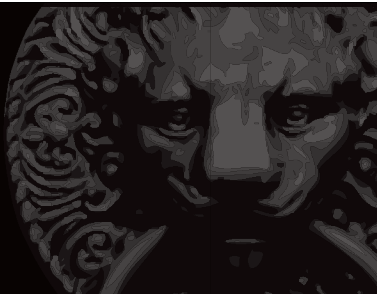
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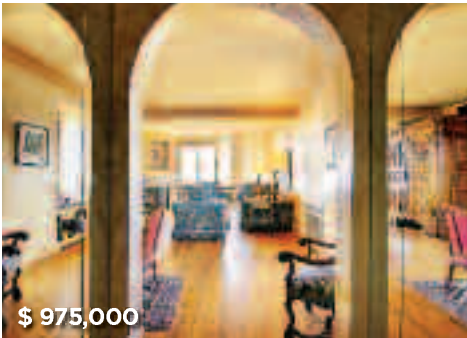
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Casey at the bat

European ball a big hit for Auerbach

By JARED BOOK

You can call it the ultimate summer experience.

Westmount-born Casey Auerbach, who plays baseball with the McGill Redmen, went to Switzerland to play professionally with the Embrach Mustangs this past summer – and loved it.

“It was great,” he said. “It was a wonderful opportunity to pursue what you love, while taking in a new country and a new culture.”

Auerbach, 24, was born and raised in Westmount and is in his fourth year studying history at McGill. He was too old to continue playing Junior ball in Quebec, and he was looking for another way to keep playing over the summer. He had a friend who had played in Germany, and he put him in touch with the Embrach team. He signed the contract in April and left for the small town, located about 15 km from Zurich, in July. He was with the team for 90 days until the end of the playoffs.

The Mustangs finished third of eight teams in the Swiss Nationalliga, and they lost in the semi-finals to the eventual Swiss champions from Bern.

Auerbach is now back playing for the Redmen.

“It took a little bit of an adjustment,” he said. “The pitching down there was very good, and coming back, I was a little over-anxious at the plate.”

Auerbach is a third baseman and had to miss the first 10 days of school this semester, but said the experience was too good to pass up.

Auerbach can either extend his degree a year to play a fifth season with McGill or he can graduate. When he does finish, he hopes he can return to Europe to keep playing the game he loves.

“A lot of people don't know there are



Casey Auerbach played third base for the Swiss National League's Embrach Mustangs. Pictured above, he is up at bat July 10 against the Therwil Flyers.

Photos: Mark Imhof

leagues in Europe,” he said. “It's really hard to get to the minor leagues, but there are other outlets over there. There are really good athletes and hopefully I can go back.”

**Open door discovered**

A resident of Irvine Ave. was reported to have been alerted by a public safety officer to his front door being ajar October 1. The resident said he must not have heard the wind blow it open.

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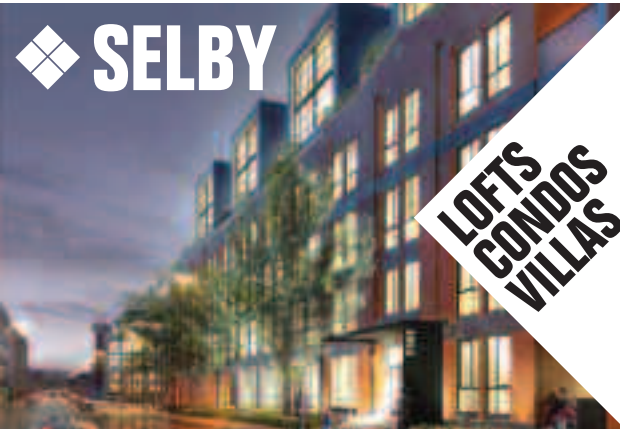
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# Ivory is awarded 2011 Goldbloom Award

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) selected three winners for the third annual Goldbloom Award, among them Joan Ivory of Rosemount Ave.

Ivory is being recognized for her contributions to the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the McGill Faculty of Music, among others.

Dr. Arthur Porter of the MUHC nominated Ivory for the award. "A very strong application was put together by Dr. Porter. He made it very clear what great contributions Joan made in health care, education and culture," said Linda Leith, chair of the jury panel for the Goldbloom award.



Joan Ivory at her home on Rosemount, October 2.

"I am honoured," said Ivory about receiving the award. She discovered she had won the award shortly after Labour Day. "I was leaving for Stratford when I found out," she recounted. "Though I don't really believe in awards, it's a positive thing, in setting examples for other people [...] the satisfaction you get is through the people you meet, that is all the recognition you need," she continued. "It's about making ordinary tasks into something wonderful."

Ivory began her career as a volunteer through the Junior League, a training organization for community services. "It trained you to be aware of where needs are in society and how to create a means to solve them," she said. She eventually went on to become president of the organization in Montreal. This experience pro-

pelled Ivory to become part of the executive of the Royal Victoria Auxiliary, a board member at the Museum of Fine Arts and a member of the dean's advisory board at the McGill Faculty of Music.

The Goldbloom award was created in 2009 by the QCGN and named after Sheila and Victor Goldbloom, both former West-

mounters and members of the Order of Canada, to recognize their outstanding contributions to Quebec society.

The award ceremony will take place on October 22 at the St. James Club. Tickets are for sale on the QCGN website at [www.qcgn.ca/2011-goldbloom-awards](http://www.qcgn.ca/2011-goldbloom-awards).

## St. George's gears up for robotics



St. George's School held its first robotics event of the school year on September 27. The machines used in the informal contest were built for last May's Sumo Bot contest. Students repaired and tweaked last year's versions of their robots, which placed second after Loyola. Brand new machines will be developed for next May's contest.

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## Old gallery still available



With the departure of La Galerie sur Greene from 1368 Greene Ave., the commercial space has been vacant for the last six months. There are no known takers for the space yet, according to realty consultant Joshua Hasen of Aurora Realty.

Photo: Lauren O'Loughlen

## Stop anyway, right?



This was the scene just before noon October 1 at the corner of Dorchester Blvd. and Bruce Ave. A stop sign post, possibly toppled by heavy rain the night before or possibly breaking because of rust, had snapped off neatly from its base and lay on the sidewalk. Failing infrastructure or storm damage, a few passing motorists still made the stop.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

# Why hasn't my home sold; What sellers should guard against during the selling process.



Edythe Berman

As agents we are far too familiar with the frustrated battle cry of a seller; "Why hasn't my home sold?" The reality of the situation is that the reason may have little to do with your home and more to do with you. The time a home sits on the market can be a combination of different factors ranging from price to negotiation style. Here are 8 factors that you should consider when questioning the lack of movement.

**Watching your Language** – If your home has been on the market for weeks with few visits and no offers, your problem could simply be the language you and your agent are using. Terms like "as is", "without legal warranty" and "firm" are seen as negative. "As is" is still fine to use for appliances but should be avoided referring to the home itself. It is off putting for buyers. "Firm" is adversarial and will imply to buyers that you are not serious about the selling process. "Without legal warranty" should only be used for estate sales. It would lead buyers to feel like you are hiding something. This language also tends to get you a lower opening offer as buyers feel that they must knock down the price for unknown repairs.

**Setting the Wrong Price** – Price is a critical subject. Every seller wants to net as much money as they can. In a competitive market

hanging an uneducated price on your home is by far the worst thing you can do. Pricing your home is part art and part science. Part of the market value is based on comparable sales but other factors such as market movement and demand have to be considered as well. When you chose your agent he or she should have provided you with current comparables. Often agents will agree to take your listing at a price you set by agreeing to "test the waters" and then later ask for a reduction. This causes sellers to lose a competitive edge because an over priced house scares away potential buyers who have a set budget. Other buyers might feel, when looking at comparables, that they can get more for their money elsewhere.

**The Open House** – The importance of an Open House cannot be over looked. Buyers are busy people and often do not have the time to schedule private viewings during the week. If they are serious about home buying Sunday from 2-4 pm is carved out in their schedules. On the other hand an Open House should be treated as a special occasion. It is most effective when you first list your home, or when there has been a price amendment. If an open house occurs too often it loses its allure.

**Questioning the first offer** – This is your chance to see what the bottom line is. The person whose opinion matters is the buyer who makes the offer. Too many sellers say no to the first offer even if it is a respectable one. Holding out for more money is a risky strategy that rarely works. Your first offer is often your best as educated buyers will move quickly on a property

they like as soon as it becomes available.

**Boxing Glove Negotiations** – When you sell your castle it becomes a commodity, and should be treated like one. Selling your home is an emotional process. One of the reasons you hired an agent is to be an intermediary and keep those emotions at arm's length. It can be stressful process. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to not respond to all offers. Yes, this includes the low ball offers as well. Every offer should be followed with a counter offer. Remember the way people choose to negotiate has nothing to do with the property itself. Everyone has their different negotiation styles. In order to get the best result you have to allow for and adapt to them. Approach the situation positively. Chances are the buyer will go up in price. Remember you both want the same thing; a sale. Trust your agent during negotiations; it's their business to get you the best deal.

**Stretching Out the Negotiations** – It is imperative to strike while the iron is hot. Responding to offers immediately is professional and ensures you keep the buyer interested. When the buyer makes an offer they are hot to buy. Buyers can change their mind, and the market is constantly moving. You don't want your buyer to get cold feet or move on to something else.

**Seller Motivated: Bought Another** – Sellers who aren't pressured to sell often obtain higher sale prices because they do not come off as desperate. By choosing to sell first you have the luxury of time. Don't get nervous about the "what comes next", often closings are several months

away and give you time to plan your next step. If you receive a tempting offer before you have found something else you can always opt for renting. In order to be flexible during negotiations you should avoid any financial strain. This includes purchasing your new home before you sell your current one. However, if the possibility of carrying two homes seems comfortable take that step towards your dream home.

**Not Using a Professional** – Not everyone chooses a real-estate professional right from the beginning. Some home owners consider selling on their own. Often sellers are not prepared for the challenge but think they can save money by not using a professional. As we mentioned the first few days on the market are key. Exposure and pricing will directly correlate with its selling success. Our next article "Should I sell my own home?" will look at "for sale by owner".

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# A sprinkle of fairy dust



If you believe in fairies you know they can't fly in the rain but can enable others when they sprinkle a little pixie dust on them. Surely some of this stuff must have fallen from the sky on our dear Fiffille.

Otherwise, how would you explain her sudden turnaround on the day she was meant to be put down? Life was never a bundle of roses for this Labrador boxer mix. She was raised by the cruel hands of someone who thought beating her on the head with a piece of wood was something to brag about.

Finally someone intervened and took Fiffille away from a brutal life. From that day on, a bit of fairy dust was in the air. But Fiffille was scared, socially withdrawn and downright depressed. She refused to eat and became skinnier than a supermodel after a cleanse.

Her rescuers assessed her situation and decided Fiffille was not a candidate for rehabilitation and re-homing – that the hardship she endured was too much to overcome.

On the day of her euthanasia, Fiffille, as if by divine intervention, decided it was high time to rejoin the living and told her caregivers so by making a connection for the first time and coming out of her funk. It was something as simple and heart-wrenching as agreeing to play fetch, right there on the lawn outside the vet, while they waited to be called in. A ball was thrown to help pass the dreaded minutes, and Fiffille fetched it up, dropped it, and waited for the next toss. Pixie dust.

This was the start of an upswing for this sweet girl, who still suffers for sepa-



Fiffille

ration anxiety, but is well on the mend. She seeks a home with people she can trust and depend on. She will need a patient environment in which to thrive.

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## Driver escapes in pick-up with many dogs

## Witnesses see 6 cars hit by Ontario truck

Six cars parked eastbound on Sherbrooke at Metcalfe were hit by a truck bearing Ontario plates September 30, Public Security officials report. The hit-and-run vehicle was described as a white cube truck.

Witnesses, who called officers to the scene at 1:54 pm, reported the driver pulled over after the truck was disabled by a broken front wheel. As he opened the door to disembark with two small dogs, "a bunch of beer cans" fell out onto the street.

Leaving the truck by the curb, the suspect started to walk away with the dogs and then climbed into a pick-up truck with a green box driven by another person and all quickly left. The pick-up contained a number of dogs. Police were called to the scene and information handed over to them.

On October 6, police said no information on the incident was yet available.

– LS

## Update on Bloom

Now diagnosed by a vet at the DMV Veterinary Centre, Bloom, profiled in a recent Underdog Club column ("Bloom: What's in a name?" Oct. 4, p. 27) suffers from the *radius curvus* syndrome. She will need a \$3,800 surgery to correct the malformation in her right leg. The vet said she should have a normal life once she recovers from the surgery. If you would like to donate towards Bloom's surgery, please call the DMV at 514.633.8888 and provide file number 100861.



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# Mindel new director of interns at the Argyle

BY MARLENE EISNER

Ali Mindel is the new director of the internship program at the Westmount-based Argyle Institute.

Although the program has been in place for five years, the position of a paid director is new. “I oversee the program; I hire the supervisors; I do a lot of the coordinating and creating the program to make sure each of the student’s requirements is met. It’s exciting to be a supervisor and train students and work with young minds,” said Mindel, who as a licensed clinical psychologist sees clients at the institute, now located on St. Catherine

St. (see story, same page).

Mindel also has a private practice, working with individuals, couples and families who struggle with depression, anxiety, self esteem, body image and eating disorders, and other issues.

The students who intern at the Argyle are at the masters and doctoral levels in counselling psychology and clinical psychology from McGill University, University of Sherbrooke and UQAM Three Rivers. They apply for the internship as a way to gain experience in the field. The Argyle collaborates with the universities to ensure that the students fulfill their requirements.



Ali Mindel

“We look to enrich their experiences and have a variety of clinical experiences with people,” said Mindel.

## The Argyle moves to St. Catherine

BY MARLENE EISNER

It may have moved around a few times in its 29-year history, but the Argyle Institute, recently relocated from Redfern Ave. to 4150 St. Catherine St., corner Greene Ave., remains true to its original mission.

“Basically, it all began with a therapist who thought about a concept for a charitable, non-profit organization that would offer therapy to complement and fill the gaps in the public system,” explained the institute’s executive director Edna Mendelson of the organization’s beginnings in a house on Argyle Ave.

The reason for the most recent move is because the building was being converted into condos, so the institute accepted an offer by the same management company to relocate into another one of its facilities.

“It’s a solid building in a good, prestigious location and the best thing is, it is close to public transportation. This location is even better than the other one,” said Mendelson.

Easy access by bus and Metro and adequate street parking means more people can get help. The primarily English service, which also has therapists and counsellors who speak a wide range of languages, allows clients to pay fees on a sliding scale according to their income.

While referrals from a doctor or CLSC are accepted, they are not a pre-requisite.

“You just call up the Argyle, and we have an intake worker who will interview you on the phone or in person, and she will do an assessment and see if you are a potential client. Once you pay the administration fees, you get a call within two weeks with the assigned therapist,” said Mendelson.

The administration fee is \$40 but in some cases can be waived.

“Even our full price for therapy is below the average; the minimum is \$30 and maximum is \$75 per hour. If you compare that to the going rate of private clinics, this is way below what an average therapist in a full-profit clinic will charge.”

“What makes the Argyle unique in the city – because there are other internships available – is that it offers excellent training through seminars in how to offer psychodynamic psychotherapy,” said Mindel. “We also give them the opportunity to receive their own therapy as part of the training. They get to have individual supervision and group supervision, as well as the opportunity to work with a large number of clients of different cultural backgrounds and different presenting problems.”

There are currently four students in the one-year program that receive a one-on-one consultation with a psychologist, who helps guide their work and deepen their understanding of how to best help the client.



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L'objet de ce règlement vise à adopter un Code d'éthique et de déontologie applicable aux membres du conseil qui répond aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'éthique et la déontologie en matière municipale* (L.R.Q., chapitre E-15.1.0.1).

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 octobre 2011.

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1416

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1416 entitled “**BY-LAW RESPECTING THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on October 3, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to adopt a Code of Ethics and Conduct applicable to Council members in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act (R.S.Q., chapter E-15.1.0.1).

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City’s website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this October 11, 2011.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk





Participants of the new Sports & Recreation's beginner hockey program for women now have a few weeks of practice under their belt.

Photo: Bruce Stacey

## Hockey beginnings

# Intro to hockey, week 1: Skates, sticks, pads – check

BY INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

Week 1: Introduction to hockey. Not wanting to miss a minute of action, the ladies began arriving promptly at 9:30 am for our noon ice time. Hockey bags were heaved, hauled, rolled and dragged into the locker room.

The Sports and Recreation department, with foresight and mercy, had been kind enough to furnish us with the “Parents Guide to Basic Hockey Equipment” list. Remarkably, everyone had managed to scrounge together all 19 “basic” items.

Assembling these items onto an actual body proved more challenging. Luckily, with astonishing premonition, the “Parents Guide” also included a simple 16-step dressing directive, which read not entirely unlike the assembly instructions for Ikea’s Långskür shelving unit.

Ninety minutes, 1,400 velcro straps, 72 snaps, thirteen and a half rolls of hockey tape (and only minimal amount of cursing) later, we all emerged looking stiff and hulking, but undeniably like hockey players. (And, in true Ikea fashion, there were only a handful of critical components left over.)

Skate guards were removed (yes, all of them), and sticks were picked out from the cluttered array, at least by those of us who had the wherewithal to note which stick we had brought to the rink. I was momentarily impressed with the sophistication of a couple of ladies, both of whom possessed two sticks, until I realized that each had brought sticks for right and left shots. The first gal was not quite sure which side “felt better, while the other be-

lieved that one switched back and forth between the two sticks in mid-play. Indeed!

When the buzzer sounded we all tumbled – literally – onto the ice. Regaining our footing, we were soon joined by our strapping, whizzing, far-too-cheerful and desperately overqualified instructors. We were encouraged to join them in a high-speed, perilous, Cirque du Soleil-type warm up around the ice. (Show offs!)

We were then guided through a gentle series of stretching exercises, taking full advantage of our now prone positions scattered about the rink. Before we could say “Get me off this ice, I’d rather lick a wall,” we were back up and skating, stopping, turning, side-stepping and pivoting in fine Pavlovian fashion to the blare of successive whistles. If I’m not mistaken, some of us were even drooling.

The hour flew by. The six surviving women were overheard marvelling how it had felt like little more than 59 minutes. This meant that it was time for The Scrimmage. A vaguely familiar black disc was tossed onto the ice and introduced to us as the puck. We were encouraged to use our sticks – right, left, whichever – to nudge this puck toward the (preferably the opposition’s) goal.

The sole brawny instructor whose irrepressible good humour had not been suffocated during the preceding hour began to advise us about something called “off-side,” but he was quickly silenced by piercing looks from his two even larger associates.

And so the game began.

Suffice it to say that a ..... grand – if rather comical – *continued on p. 26*



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## AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1417

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L'objet de ce règlement vise à interdire les bagarres ou tout autre acte de violence sur la propriété publique.

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The object of this by-law is to prohibit the participation in a fight or any other act of physical violence on public property.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

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## Hockey

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time was had by all. Continuously heaving ourselves back on to our feet proved a surprisingly complete workout, and even our mentors enjoyed a little abs gut work. The session was declared a rousing success, and each and every woman vowed to return.

Sorry, coaches!

## Police net \$900, feed 132 from baked bean lunches

A total of \$900 was raised by local station 12 police from a sale of baked bean lunches September 30, according to community relations officer Guylaine Julien. Of the 257 dinners sold, 132 were donated and delivered to the Open Door and Chez Doris.

Proceeds of the sale, organized by the police brotherhood, will be used locally to help a community group as yet undetermined, she said. Last year, the station used proceeds from the annual event to purchase sporting equipment for Centre Greene (see September 13, p. 9).

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# Martinez to join Light the Night Walk for cancer research



Jaymie Martinez

Six years ago, it would have been difficult to convince Jaymie Martinez she'd ever be fit enough to take part in the Light the Night Walk, a cancer fundraiser being held in Montreal next weekend.

In 2005 when she was 23, Martinez was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) and was given nine months to live.

Though she was subjected to five rounds of chemotherapy, the treatment was not successful in destroying all the cancer cells in her body. Her brother was tested as a possible bone marrow donor for a transplant, but he did not match.

"I was already down to 86 lbs.," said Martinez, who was working at a Greene Ave. investment counselling office, Harrow Partners, before all this started. "My

boss, Armand Kessous, was understanding about my numerous doctor appointments and gave generously to the cause."

Finally in January 2006, her fate, which seemed all but sealed, changed for the better when she received a stem cell transplant, which was the result of cancer research. She's been in remission since then.

"It's been a rough five years," Martinez said, "I'm better now. I'm still doing some treatments, but I survived."

On Saturday, October 15, Martinez will be participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada's annual Light the Night Walk at Parc Jean Drapeau. Her team, Too Hot to Trot, is out to break a record by raising \$100,000 for blood cancer research.

To learn more about the event, visit [www.lightthenight.ca](http://www.lightthenight.ca). To donate, click on

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# Black or orange cat – which do you choose?



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LYSANNE FOWLER

The two cats that I am featuring this week are both at the SPCA Montréal cat-tery. Let me tell you a bit about them.

**Kovey**

Kovey is a very handsome black domestic shorthair with bright yellow eyes that are in striking contrast to his sleek fur. He loves attention and tries to cuddle at every occasion he gets, which is wonderful for a family cat that gets picked up by everyone.

He is 3-years-old and very healthy. He has had all his shots and is neutered. Kovey is an indoor-only cat, as he was declawed on his front paws.



Kovey

**Maui**

Maui is a white and marmalade cutie, who is a bit funny



Maui

looking. A beautiful white domestic shorthair with orange stripes in varied patterns, he is 5 years old and quite healthy: he has also had all his shots and is neutered. Maui is an indoor cat only.

This affectionate fellow is a bit of a chatterbox. He loves company – human and feline – which makes him a friendly companion to all.

To find out more about Kovey and Maui, please contact Cindy at the SPCA Montréal at 514.704.3445.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

## Cat adoption day twice a month at Naturalanimal Pawtisserie



Too bad kitten can't help with some of the paperwork, despite lounging comfortably atop rescue organization Moustache/Whiskers' sign-up book for volunteers. Six month old Ti-Gars was one of many kittens out and about during adoption day October 1 at Naturalanimal Pawtisserie (4932B Sherbrooke St.). The pet food and holistic care store will host adoption days for cats twice a month, according to Moustache. The kittens are all de-wormed, vaccinated and sterilized through the rescue organization. Moustache is currently accepting donations for a fundraising garage sale, which pays for the veterinarian care provided to their furry charges.

– Lauren O'Loughlen

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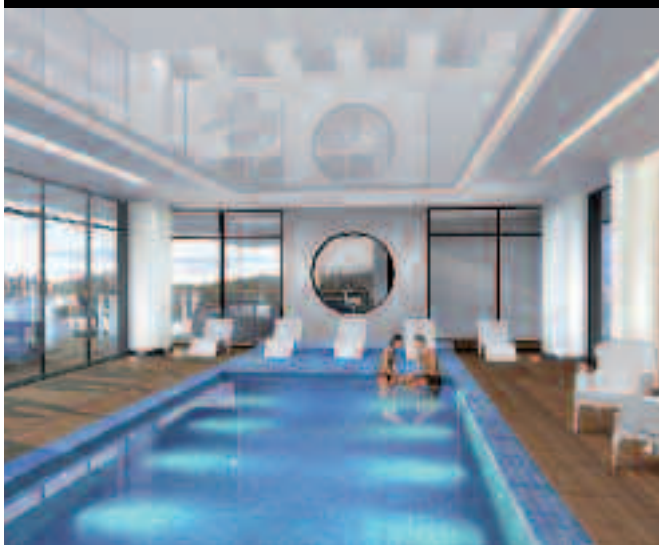


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## Retail Watch BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

### Made in Italy really made in Italy

Italian born Giuseppe Venditti and his wife Anna Maria Parisi are the owners of Made in Italy, a new Italian fashion boutique at 4918 Sherbrooke St. The store opened its doors on September 16 and of-



Giuseppe Venditti and Anna Maria Parisi in their new Westmount store.

fers a collection of clothing, which is “100 percent Italian-made,” said Parisi. The collection is said to be exclusive in Montreal. Made in Italy also has an outlet in Laval. Some of the store’s styles can be seen online at [www.boutiquemadeinitaly.com](http://www.boutiquemadeinitaly.com).

### Le Pays d'Oz under new management

Sophie Godé, the new owner of Le Pays d'Oz has a long history with the children's consignment shop at 342B Victoria Ave. Her sister-in-law originally established the children's clothing and toy store, it went into new ownership and now almost 20 year later, Godé decided to take over. The job started July 1. When asked about what drew her to become part of the Westmount business community, Godé replied “It's a nice concept, it is enviromentally [friendly] and there is something magic about Westmount.” She has decided to expand the store's line into maternity wear and dog clothes and is currently accepting new consignments for this line. Clients receive a 40 percent return on items sold.



Sophie Godé of the Le Pays d'Oz said “People don't just come here to give me their bags, they come to sit and speak. It's a community concept.”

### Le Living has yet to be born

Its minimalist décor for Le Living Décor, which is signposted as the new store to open at 1230 Greene Ave. The



website advertised on the store's sign, however, does not yet exist. Typing in [www.living.ca](http://www.living.ca) directs the customer to a GoDaddy.com domain placeholder.

### From 'pain' to 'brioche,' it's still golden

The bun is not out of the oven yet for Brioche Dorée at 1236 Greene Ave. Their “opening soon” sign indicates June 2011. The establishment was previously Au Pain Doré.



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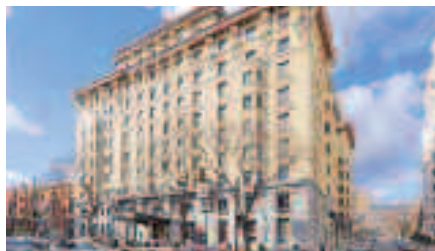


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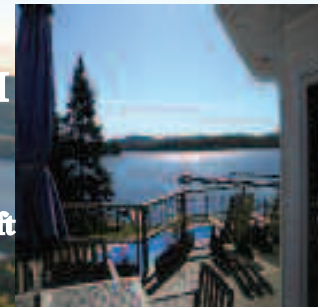
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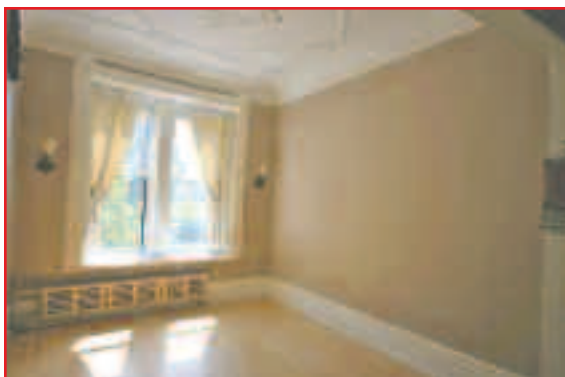
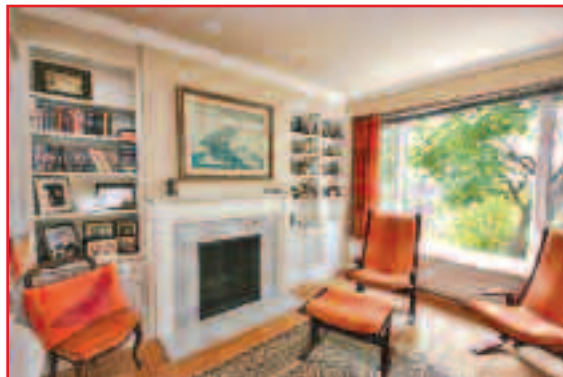
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