

# Westmount Ravens promoted to B division



The 2012 Westmount Ravens at the championship game in St. Julie on September 22. They lost, but they are moving up in the divisions. See p. 13.

Photo courtesy of Ilya Simonov

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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*Is Bixi a victim of its own success?*

## City being asked to expand Bixi service

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

expand the size of some Bixi docking stations in Westmount or consider redistributing the number of bikes to meet current demands, according to some frequent users.

The issue, which is expected to be raised by the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) at the October 1 city council meeting, arises from complaints by its members who find the more popular docking stations empty quickly in the morning and fill up in the evening, leaving no space for returning a bike.

"You only need to be turned away a few times before you say 'forget it, I'll take my car,'" said Dan Lambert, president of the 140-member WWCA.

Three of the city's five docking stations – all with spaces for 15 ..... Bixis – are particular vic- *continued on p. 10*

*Investigative Report*

## Rains, flooding – a historic problem, *Indie* finds

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Frequent heavy rain and flooded basements run far back in Westmount's history, recent research by the *Independent* has revealed.

While a group of residents was expected to press city council October 1 for action to prevent a repeat of the summer's widespread flooding, similar problems and complaints were voiced some 80 years ago, according to official city reports.

"We had several rain storms during the summer with the result that basements were again flooded," stated the city's general manager in an annual report to the city council in 1932.

Preliminary findings show it was a refrain repeated in other city reports throughout the 1930s – long before global

warming, construction of large, multi-unit buildings, paving over of ..... green spaces and other *continued on p. 6*

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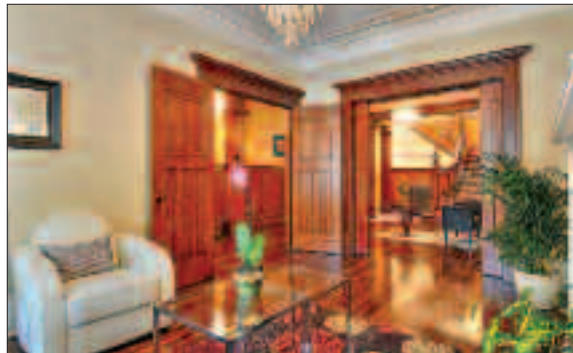
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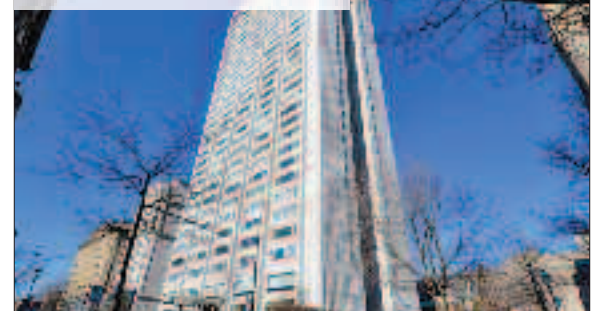


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*Bixi: Ottawa bike didn't crash the system*

# ‘International’ Bixis not so foreign to local fleet

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Those colourful Bixis from other cities seen at local docking stations may be adding international flavour to the silver-grey Montreal fleet, but a red and white one from Ottawa certainly took one Westmount user by surprise.

Henry Olders was taken aback one Sunday morning – August 26 – when he tried without success to remove a typical local Bixi from the docking station at Victoria Hall.

Spotting the brightly painted model from Ottawa in the same rack, he came to the conclusion someone had brought it from the nation's capital and, in docking it in a different system, had locked the whole stand down.

Reporting the malfunctioning station, he was told that Bixi was aware there was a problem and would be correcting it.

But by Tuesday, when the Ottawa bike was still docked, his assumptions about the “foreign” bike were reinforced though he did not try to use the station that day.

“It was just a coincidence,” Bixi spokesperson Michel Philibert explained last week.

## ‘Cool to ride’

In fact, the colourful Bixis sporting “foreign” logos are part of the local fleet, integrated to provide “international flavour,” and to demonstrate they are all made in Quebec, he said. “It’s kind of cool to ride one.” They aren’t new, either. It’s the second year they’ve been placed within the fleet.

“I picked one up at Atwater last year from London – or was it Melbourne? – and it was kind of neat,” said Dan Lambert, president of the Westmount Walking and Cycling

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A red and white Bixi from Ottawa mingles with Montreal's silver grey ones at the Victoria Hall docking station August 28.

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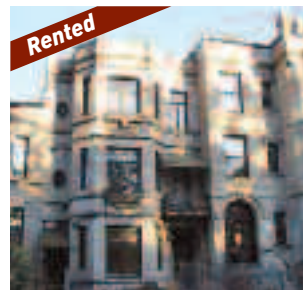
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Electrification of trains still ‘a priority’ – or is it?

AMT reply seen as opening rapport with city, Westmount Train Action Group

LAUREEN SWEENEY

News last week that the Agence métropolitaine de Montréal (AMT) is still targeting electrification of commuter tracks through Westmount is being hailed as “very encouraging” by the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG).

The AMT’s position was outlined in a two-page letter from interim director Paul Côté September 18 in response to one from Mayor Peter Trent September 10. Former provincial legislator Nicolas Girard was appointed new AMT president September 26.

But on October 1, CN president and CEO Claude Mongeau was widely quoted as saying the project to electrify commuter trains could cost more than double the AMT’s estimates of some \$1.5 billion and was not viable.

The mayor’s letter, written at the request of Columbia Ave. resident Michael Mossop of WTAG, included a plan from the train group to use the Vendôme station

as an off-hour terminus for commuter trains. This would reduce the number of trains proceeding to Lucien L’Allier through Westmount.

While the AMT reply appeared to discount this proposal, “We wanted dialogue and clarification on electrification,” Mossop told the *Independent* last week. “It has given WTAG a voice on the issue.”

The goal of the city letter had been to “flush out” the AMT on its plans, Trent told the council meeting September 10 (see September 18, p. 6). This appears to have been achieved, Mossop said. “What I’m happy about is the way the city did it.”

Council meeting issue

Mossop planned to present counterarguments to the letter at the city council meeting after press time on October 1.

Electrification has been a key objective of the city and WTAG as a way to reduce noise, vibration and pollution of the trains, which are expected to increase in number.

Information made public less than a

month ago, however, about a decision by CP and CN against electrifying freight trains, generated concern that this would extend to the commuter line. No freight trains, however, travel on these tracks between Lucien L’Allier station and Ville St. Pierre.

Instead, the AMT letter cited electrification as one of the solutions to annoyances experienced by Westmounters and all residents living near the commuter rail line, “a project that remains a priority for the AMT.”

Trent told the *Independent* he felt it was not appropriate for him to comment until the new AMT leadership team is in place.

But Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Environmental commissioner, said she was pleased with the “efficiency” and speed the AMT had shown in communicating with the mayor. “We still feel electrification is a viable solution,” she said.

Arguing against the Vendôme terminus proposal, the AMT ..... stated it was not con-

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Track work vehicles travel north on Victoria Ave.

Public Security officials report receiving a number of complaints September 17 and 18 from residents annoyed by overnight work to build a third railway track in the southwest corner of Westmount.

Work related to its construction had been announced by the city to take place in the late spring or early summer along with measures designed to mitigate disruption.

The work has involved the use of jackhammers as well as dump trucks traveling out of the CP property at St. Catherine and York and heading north on Victoria to Sherbrooke, a public safety officer said.

With access to the Ville Marie and Decarie expressways closed overnight due to the Turcot interchange work, the trucks had no other way to reach the highways than going west on Sherbrooke, officials said.

The track work had to be done at night to protect workers from commuter trains.

See letter from Westmount Train Action Group, p. 8.



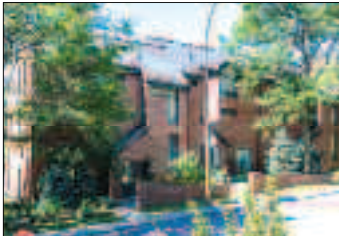
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# History of flooding

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reasons put forward for recent recurring flooding. Even the capacity of St. Henri to handle Westmount's water was also noted, along with the costs of a solution.

The problem "cannot be remedied until we construct a main sewer discharging through the Glen into the Little River St. Pierre Sewer, which is now under construction by the City of Montreal," the same 1932 report continued.

"And we cannot proceed with the con-

the city," stated a report from 1939.

On July 8 that year almost half an inch (12 mm) of rain fell within five minutes for a total of 1.6 inches (40 mm) in 45 minutes. August 7 brought almost the same amount in 40 minutes.

The solution was to install "trunk" (collector) sewers at an average depth of 27 feet. In fact, the first shaft was sunk 29 feet deep on Western Ave. in December 1939. Once again: "to remedy flooding of basements which had occurred in heavy rains."

The "trunk sewer" project continued



*Collector Sewer at Intersection of Western and Metcalfe Avenues.*

The "main sewer" installed south through the Glen into St. Henri in 1934, as shown in a city annual report of that year.

struction until we get from the City of Montreal permission to connect into their Sewer, nor until we provide the funds."

Two years later, the work began on a collector sewer "which is part of a scheme to remedy flooding of basements in the lower levels during heavy rain storms," it was explained in another annual report.

### Five-foot diameter sewer

This five-foot diameter sewer was described as running from St. James (now St. Jacques) and de Courcelle north to the Glen and up Lansdowne to Western Ave. (now de Maisonneuve), where it continued to Metcalfe. A four-foot branch also went up Lansdowne to Sherbrooke and up to the foot of the hill as a three-foot sewer.

But the heavy rains and flooding continued: "Two unusually severe rain storms during the summer flooded all sections of

through 1940 with installations on Kensington, Olivier, Mountain, Argyle, Côte St. Antoine, and the intersection of Côte Rd. and Metcalfe.

These varied from 2x3-foot egg-shaped sewers to 5-foot horseshoe-shaped ones, larger ones reported to be built at an average depth of 27 feet in tunnel sections, a method chosen to minimize inconvenience to the public and save in cost. And, it was noted, the work was planned "so that only small sections of the street were open at any time."

While the city's large buildings were not yet built, the population was reported by the city that year to be 24,692, some 16 percent higher than today's.

### Many basements unfinished

It's important to note, stated former Public Works director Fred Caluori in an

# Springfield resident calls for flooding solution

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A survey of 20 out of 25 houses on Springfield Ave. shows that 15 experienced some sort of water infiltration during the May 29 flood, according to Diana Bruno, a longtime resident of the short street.

Many of the affected homes had installed back-water valves after heavy rain in 2005 as had she, but her basement has still had water infiltration three times since August 2011, she told the *Independent* last week.

"Most of the houses had water problems directly due to the incapacity of the city sewers to handle a large volume of storm water in a short period of time," she explained. "Having back-up valves is not good enough; the water comes up through the roof drain. I want to know what the city is doing about it."

Planning to bring her concerns to the

interview, that many basements at that time were not finished as they are today and so perhaps homes were not so adversely affected by flooding.

It was in the 1960s, that a new sewer system went into effect and the large collector along St. Catherine was built. It was the first Public Works project that Ed McCavour (a retired Public Works director and assistant city director general) worked on as a junior engineer.

"We'd been getting a lot of flooding from run-off," he recalled in a recent interview. "The sewers couldn't handle it." McCavour remembers being able "to walk on my hands and knees" through the sewers, placing a stick just below the diameter to keep him "above the effluence."

### Installation of retention basins

Today, states Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works and Utilities commissioner, the solution to flooding appears to lie in the installation of retention basins, which, he said last week, he hopes can begin in 2013 after being provided for in the city's capital works budget.

The one thing that doesn't change is Westmount's location on the side of a mountain whose topography accelerates run-off during downpours and whose sewer system was built up principally to drain effluence without a storm sewer network.

"But that's something we can't change," Martin noted, in addition to, as history suggests, recurring heavy rain.

city council meeting October 1 with other residents of the street, Bruno said that the water problem "is a source of stress. You don't dare go away in the summer in case there's another storm and you aren't there to clean up."

Bruno also said she had filed a claim with the city after the July 4 rainstorm but received a letter saying it had been denied and she had six months to contest the decision.

Following the July storm, Mayor Peter Trent announced that the city was extending a study of the problem from south of St. Catherine to include other areas after reports of widespread flooding. In the "short term," residents have been asked to take steps to mitigate individual problems (see August 14, p. 1).

## Police and PSU to hold bike light program Oct. 4

A police program to encourage cyclists to outfit their bikes with front and rear lights will take place Thursday, October 4 at Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve in collaboration with Public Security.

Called "Operation Éclairage," the program takes place in the evening, scheduled to start at 4 pm.

Cyclists without lights will be given either a red LED rear light or a white LED headlight – or both depending on availability. The lights have been provided by both police and Public Security.

Officers will explain the importance of bicycle lights not only as required by the Quebec Highway Safety Code but also as a safety precaution so cyclists are more easily seen. The need for cyclists to be more visible at night was raised recently at a city council meeting, noted local Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde.

## Long meeting – car idling

A parked car left running for more than an hour September 12 in front of 4142 Dorchester was ticketed \$57 for exceeding the three-minute limit in the city's traffic by-law, according to Public Security reports. The owner, who was traced through police, was contacted and explained she had been attending a meeting that lasted longer than expected.



# Local police sergeant awarded Medal of Bravery

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount Station 12 police sergeant François Paquette was awarded Canada's Medal of Bravery September 19 by Governor General David Johnston at a presentation ceremony in Quebec City for his role in helping save the life of a drowning woman in 2009.

Paquette, who was serving at Station 16 in Verdun at the time, also helped pull his partner Sgt. Simon Rivard to shore, said Station 12's lieutenant Jacques Meunier, who coincidentally was also then working at the Verdun station.

Both Paquette and Rivard received the Canadian medal after having been decorated by the Quebec government with its medal for meritorious service presented last year by the lieutenant governor.

When the details of the rescue unfolded, said Meunier, it was so impressive,

"we knew they deserved special recognition."

The two officers had answered a call about a woman in a wheelchair who had intentionally rolled into the St. Lawrence the afternoon of June 23. Finding her about 20 feet from shore, Paquette returned to the patrol car to get a life preserver. But on returning he discovered his partner in the water trying to bring the sinking woman ashore.

When Rivard lost his footing, Paquette went into the water himself holding on to a large branch extended by a citizen on shore. Then, with one hand Paquette managed to grab hold of Rivard, and together they brought the woman to shore.

Paquette was lauded for successfully administering CPR to the woman.

Meunier, who sponsored the medal applications, said among the criteria and complicated



Sgt. François Paquette

Photo courtesy of Montreal police

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# City to present report aiming to prevent bid-rigging

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Recent testimony at the Charbonneau Commission into collusion and corruption in the construction industry has led to the preparation of a city report on measures that Westmount can put in place to protect itself against alleged bid-rigging for infrastructure projects.

Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* September 28, in response to a question concerning roadwork already under way, that he had asked city director general Duncan Campbell to prepare a report on

the issue.

He expected the report to be presented at the council meeting after press time on October 1.

Setting out safeguards for future work is particularly important for 2013, Trent said. This is when the city is expected to focus on renewing city infrastructure – road work in particular – that had been neglected during the merger years with Montreal.

This was one of the city council's announced priorities for its current mandate.

## Remedy found for noisy street plate

While on patrol September 14, public safety officer Jason Souza noticed a large amount of noise being generated when cars passed over a metal plate that contractors had placed over road work outside 322 Victoria, Public Security officials said.

While pondering how to solve the prob-

lem around 7:20 pm, he was approached by several people who reportedly expressed similar concerns about the annoyance. As a result, Souza contacted Public Works crews who arrived at 7:38 pm to place asphalt on either side of the plate to better balance it.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING GOING ON RIGHT HERE

I was interested to read about the movement against human trafficking as it's taking shape in Westmount ("Westmount HQ for Quebec branch of anti human trafficking movement," September 18, p. 23). In addition to sexual exploitation, I wonder if they're looking into exploitation of foreign domestic workers in Canada. This is something that goes on right here and now.

LOREN CARLE, NDG

## OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR: STOP NIGHTTIME RAIL WORK

I am writing this letter in order to address the situation regarding the installation of a third rail currently taking place along the CP Rail right-of-way.

We appear to have been duped by CP, which is creating an intolerable noise situation with respect to this work. The work has been carried out from 10 pm to 4 am every night for the last two weeks. Where the work is being done, no resident can sleep.

The situation is outrageous. This type of work would *never* be tolerated if it were being conducted elsewhere within the city limits of Westmount. The sound of vehicle reversing beeps, heavy trucks unloading gravel, back diggers, low level

vibrations from what seems to be compacting machinery, workers yelling at each other and thousand-watt lighting are some of the issues.

This matter must be addressed at once. On behalf of all members of the Westmount Train Action Group and others who live along the "Westmount Corridor," we ask you to contact CP so that the nighttime work ceases immediately and is moved to normal daytime construction hours. If this means that the AMT train schedule be modified to allow for reduced speeds in the construction area, then so be it.

If CP is unresponsive or uncooperative, the city must take whatever other action is necessary so that the health and welfare of Westmounters is protected.

DAVID SCHACHTER, DIRECTOR,  
WESTMOUNT TRAIN ACTION GROUP

## WHY AREN'T BLUE BOXES PICKED UP FROM BOTH SIDES OF STREET AT ONCE?

Westmount established, a few years ago, a blue box strategy for pick-up and (hopefully) recycling of household items, such as paper, metal cans, etc. – all for the good of the community.

However, I have observed for years now a pattern that I find not only disturbing, but seemingly contrary to the whole idea of environmental consciousness.

Blue boxes are obviously placed on both sides of the street. Nonetheless, the green truck comes by and picks up one side only, then comes by again several hours later, and picks up the other side of the street. This is absolutely ridiculous.

Obviously, it is very easy to do both sides at the same time. Garbage trucks have been doing it for umpteen years.

I don't think my street is particularly special in any way, so I presume this pattern most probably happens all over Westmount. If that is the case, it is an unacceptable and ridiculous doubling up of employees time and resources. It more importantly means a doubling up of air and noise pollution created by these behemoths.

Can someone from Public Works please explain to me the logic behind this existing approach to recycling?

YVES L'ESPÉRANCE, ABBOTT AVE.

*Editor's note: If Public Works is willing to share its answer with us, we will publish it for the benefit of readers.*

## WESTMOUNT CARES

Sometimes I miss the simple days of the 1960s when Westmount had its own police officers who sent me home for the outrageous crime of wearing short shorts.

Last week I found remnants of that Westmount still alive. Early on September 18, I came across a lost kitty on St. Catherine between Kensington and Metcalfe. She had been napping at Crest Cleaners despite the fact that George Kolokythias, the owner, is very allergic to cats. With George's encouragement, I brought kitty home much to the chagrin of my two furry princesses.

I contacted all the usual places one should to report a lost kitty. George allowed me to put up a poster at Crest and Josée Asselin, the owner of Pierre Mon Coiffeur, kindly put one up at her salon.

I waited and waited for a response while kitty began to systematically remove the plethora of toys that my cats never play with from the basket.

On September 22, I received a phone call from a very distraught young man who had lost a cat matching the description of the one that I had found. A friend of his had seen the poster in George's window. I gave him my address, told kitty that Adam was coming to get her and she immediately sat at the door to wait for him!

Adam arrived and had a joyful reunion with his precious Confucius, who had slipped out a window only two blocks from where I had found her.

I just want to thank everybody who helped me reunite Adam and Confucius who moved here together from PEI. This is why I continue to live in Westmount, where people still care!

NICOLE GAREAU, KENSINGTON AVE.

## KUDOS TO OFFICER

While waiting for a bus outside city hall early one morning, I cheered – out loud, which is not something that I normally do while alone on a thoroughfare.

On the other side of the street was a police car. The officer in the car saw what I did: a cyclist on the sidewalk. With a toot of the siren and a flashing of lights, the cyclist was stopped by the officer. Fifteen minutes later, the cyclist was allowed to go.

Whether or not a ticket was issued wasn't important to me. What was important was that I, as a pedestrian, who is frequently dodging cyclists running lights and stop signs, biking on the sidewalk, and generally behaving as if they own the road, saw an infraction being looked into. It felt like a small victory for senior pedestrians such as I.

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**Wants Redfern condo tickets hiked to \$2,500**

# Public Security asks court to allow maximum fine

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount Public Security has asked Montreal Municipal Court to allow the city to impose two maximum fines of \$2,000 plus a \$500 fee in regards to ongoing violations of By-law 1387 regarding noise at the 215 Redfern condo construction site.

The request was made September 20 following the latest in a string of complaints from residents and tickets issued at the minimum fine of \$200 and \$67 in administrative fees, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

While city by-laws set maximum fines, the city typically issues tickets at the minimum amount, he explained. When pursuing the larger amount, it goes through the court, which notifies the alleged offender.

The city's recommendations to the court in this case, McBain said, are based on the number of tickets already issued, the ongoing nature of the project, its extent and estimated cost, reported at some

\$14 million. This renders the lower ticket of \$267 to be of little deterrent, he explained.

The request stemmed from an incident September 14 when an officer responded at 8:01 pm to "numerous calls" and reported finding a large crane being assembled at the site.

While city regulations prohibit the use of heavy equipment after 6 pm on weekdays – in this case, a Friday – the city had issued permission for the work to continue to 7 pm and for the required trucks to occupy the street.

## Late due to traffic

The officer was told by workers that they were late due to many traffic problems and logistics related to leaving Trudeau airport in Dorval.

Personnel were informed of the intent to issue two tickets at the maximum amount: one to the contractor and one to the crane company.

## Down to the bones



The former Reader's Digest office building at Redfern and St. Catherine is well on its way to becoming Le 215 Redfern residential condominium. It is pictured here on September 20.

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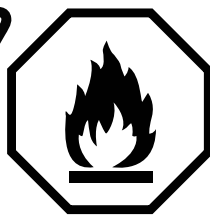


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process was the need to demonstrate the accuracy of facts, to show that the officers had acted bravely but not recklessly, that they used all the tools at their disposal and

that there was an urgent need to act.

Paquette, 48, transferred to the Westmount station in April 2012.

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**Water by-law****Softened water by-law now slated for adoption**

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a move expected to please many Westmount residents, city council was slated to adopt a modified water conservation by-law that eliminates time restrictions on the watering of lawns, among other changes, but stiffens overall fines.

The revised version of the draft by-law, included with the agenda for the October 1 meeting, which takes place after press time, was expected to be adopted after undergoing consideration following the original tabling in April and a public consultation meeting June 11.

By easing the regulatory requirements of what will be Westmount's first water conservation by-law, Councillor Theodora Samiotis, told the *Independent* last week that the city plans to focus on educating residents about the need to conserve potable water. Samiotis has been sponsoring the by-law as Environment commissioner.

The original version restricted the use of traditional "portable" sprinklers to every other day between 8 pm and 11 pm. The proposed by-law has no such restrictions. It also set out times for the use of automatic sprinklers, which will now be required to be controlled by 2017 by varying

means that include humidity regulators.

While this installation can entail a relatively small investment upfront, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works and Utilities, it is cost-effective in the long run because it allows for lawns to be watered only when needed rather than when it is already raining, for example, a common sight.

"This wastes potable water, which costs money to purify."

The revised version also eliminates restrictions on the filling of pools and spas.

**Driveway washing still intact**

One controversial provision, however, remains in the new version. This is a general limitation on the hosing down of driveways, patios and outside walls to between April and May 15, ending almost a month before most gardens and lawns are being renewed. It does, however, allow for this when justified by "construction" or "landscaping," however, seems to be provided.

Under the revised version, penalties also have been raised to a range of \$500 to \$2,000 for individuals (from a proposed \$100 to \$1,000), and from \$1,000 to \$4,000 for a company (previously proposed from \$200 to \$2,000).

**Bixi, cont'd. from p. 1**

tims of their own success, he said. These are at de Maisonneuve and Greene, de Maisonneuve and Victoria and Victoria Hall, in descending order of use, according to Bixi statistics (see August 14, p. 9).

The other two sites are Hillside and St. Catherine, and Argyle and Sherbrooke.

Given that all bikes may already be taken from the Victoria Hall stand as early as 7 am on some days, said Lansdowne Ave. resident Henry Olders, the lack of availability discourages use of the bike-sharing program.

Lambert shares the same feelings and experience at the same station, which is the one nearest him, too.

Bixi spokesperson Michel Philibert told the *Independent* there are two options for increasing the size of docking stations, both requiring just a call from the city. One is to remove one "form" (section) of four bikes from a less-used station and add it to another. Or, to request an "add-on" to a station, which would require extra cost, though he did not know how much.

Bixis were introduced to Westmount in 2011 when the city purchased five docking stations of 15 bikes each in a contract that included the supply and servicing of the bikes at the locations chosen on an experimental basis.

Olders took out a Bixi membership some six months ago – one of some 580 reported in Westmount. He uses the system to get to work at St. Anne's Hospital by cycling from Victoria Hall to the Vendôme station where he catches a train to the West Island, and then returns again in reverse order.

Keeping up with the availability of bikes and docking places in real time via an app on his smart phone, he said he can arrive back at Vendôme assured there will be a Bixi available there along with docking space at Victoria Hall. But the status of the docking stations can change within moments.

He feels both stations are undersized, though Philibert said that the turnover at Vendôme is such that if no bikes are available one minute, another will be dropped off shortly.



## New PQ minister visits Westmount city hall

# Meeting with Lisée 'open and frank,' Trent says

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Newly appointed PQ minister for the Montreal and metropolitan region Jean-François Lisée spent an hour at Westmount city hall first thing Monday in initial talks with Mayor Peter Trent, which he described as "open and frank" and "a good start."

"I told Lisée we will always disagree on a number of things – language, the role of governance, left versus right – but let's focus on the things we can agree on," Trent said.

These included ways to strengthen the entire region, improve Montreal's fiscal problems, increase employment and rein in urban sprawl.

The meeting went on longer than scheduled and Trent said he was still uncertain why Lisée – accompanied by his chef de cabinet, André Bouthillier – chose to visit Westmount first among the de-merged municipalities, whose association Trent heads. He surmised it was because he had been in the municipal world since 1991 and Lisée "wanted some advice on the metropolitan region."

Trent told the *Independent* that he would report on the encounter at the council meeting that evening.

The discussion focused on a wide range of subjects, Trent said. Among them: how the island of Montreal was still suffering

the effects of forced mergers, the current pension crisis, the departure of francophones from Montreal because of high property taxes and that the CMM (Montreal Metropolitan Community) was "doing nothing" to stop urban sprawl.

Trent said he believed Lisée when he said he had been against the mergers, citing how Lisée had left as an advisor to then premier Lucien Bouchard in 1999. Lisée stated the provincial government "was not going to play with structures."

Trent said that to a question by Lisée on how to create employment, he replied that it was "very worrisome" that no one in the new cabinet had any business experience.

Trent told him the problem the new government was going to have with Montreal was not a language one but its politically left position and its announced plan to legislate small businesses to work in French, to increase capital gains taxes and giving in to the demands of students who marched in the streets.

"This is not what most francophones want to hear. I was quite frank."

Among Lisée's several mandates are overseeing other cabinet ministers involved in the larger Montreal region and being charged with building bridges with the anglo community.

No date has been set for another meeting.

## Park cyclist drops bike, flees from officer

A youth spotted riding a bike on a path in Westmount Park September 18 made good his escape after realizing he was being checked out after using a false name, Public Security officials said. Patrolers had waited for him outside the comfort station just after 8:19 am, where he had gone after he had been observed on the path with his bike. The youth then dropped his bike and fled suddenly to Roslyn and Sherbrooke, where officers lost sight of him. The abandoned bike was taken to local police Station 12.

## Bus driver lost his way on the Summit

Following an anonymous complaint, public safety officers approached a Voyageur bus on Sunnyside September 13 just after 8:14 am, Public Security officials said. The driver stated he was trying to access St. Joseph's Oratory. He was given directions and escorted to Victoria northbound. Tour buses and others are not permitted to use streets on the upper levels of Westmount unless they are regular public transit vehicles according to the by-law "prohibiting the use of autobuses on certain roads."

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## Theresa Foundation benefit raises money for AIDS in Africa



From left, Westmounter Brian Lambert, his daughter Emma, his sister Ann and his son Ben, hold memorial candles lit for a benefit concert held by the Theresa Foundation at Westmount Park Church on the evening of September 29 to raise funds for African children who are orphaned and have AIDS. The evening featured music, theatre and poetry.

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# MP Garneau speaks about danger of ‘minor differences’

By MICHAEL MOORE

Fresh on the heels of a divisive election that brought the Parti Québécois to power in the province, federal Liberal member of parliament for Westmount-Ville Marie Marc Garneau spoke at St. Matthias’ Church on September 23 as part of an ongoing speaker series about the “Narcissism of Minor Differences.”

“Politics can sometimes be distorted and the differences that appear to exist between political parties aren’t as great as they seem,” said Garneau. “Those differences are deliberately exaggerated, in part, to ensure that voters can see a clear difference between parties.”

Garneau, a former astronaut who has served as MP for the riding since 2008 and is currently the Liberal house leader, spoke first of his perception of what he deemed as a “hyperbolic” and “confrontational” system.

“It was quite a change for me to go into the world of politics, which can be very partisan by its very nature, because before that, as an astronaut, everybody liked me,”

he joked.

Garneau then spent an hour-long question-and-answer period covering a variety of politically charged questions on both the provincial and federal levels.

Less than three weeks after the Quebec election, many of the issues that dominated the provincial campaigns were still on the minds of the some 30 assembled audience members.

Garneau believes the Liberals’ struggle highlights a challenge that faces all parties that have held multiple mandates. “It’s hard to hold on to power. People want to change,” he said.

A staunch federalist who also supports Bill 101 and is in favour of recognizing Quebec as a nation, Garneau was quick to quiet any fears that the ousting of the Liberals indicated a drive towards another referendum.

“The fact that the [provincial election] results ended up as they did is not at all an endorsement for the revival of separatism,” he said. “Quebecers want peace and quiet in the land, and they want good gover- continued on p. 24



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## 'Memory space' exhibit is on at Atwater Library until Oct. 7



Atwater Library window is filled with a giant displays, as are other windows.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre is presenting a multimedia exhibition of Montreal memorabilia entitled "MemorySpace: private memories, public histories."

The vernissage took place September 20, and the exhibition will run until Sunday, October 7. The project was instigated by Concordia University, which worked in collaboration with the library and local seniors involved in its Digital Literacy Project.

One of the contributors, Edward McCann said, "The exhibits were put together by six women and me. I was hooked on photography from a young age, becoming a museum curator in Montreal in the early 70s. When I returned to Montreal after working in Vancouver, I had to get in-

involved in this project."

Part of the exhibition includes a display case with McCann's Kodak twin lens reflex camera and another contributor's old Canon single lens reflex camera.

The exhibition is composed of books, photographs, cameras and two large rear projected displays that can be viewed from Atwater Ave. They are mounted behind the two large front windows of the library.

Passers-by can view a 20-minute sequence of the photographs between 6 pm and 8 pm. Some of the other contributors besides McCann are Sheela Lyengar, Marilyn Berzan-Montblanch and Dorothy McLeod. The project director was Kim Sawchuk with the Concordia Mobile Media Lab.

The exhibition is opened every day from 10 am except Sunday. For info: <http://memoryspace.mobilities.ca>.

## Man ends up in hospital after car surfing on Lexington

According to media reports, a 19-year-old man fell off an SUV while "car surfing" in Westmount around 10 pm on September 28.

The Friday night incident took place at the corner of Lexington and Shorncliffe. Reports indicate the man was hanging on to the small SUV with two other youths when a Westmount Public Security officer spotted the vehicle. The officer made a U-

turn and, in response, the SUV sped away and around a corner, causing the man to fall. The SUV, with the two other youths was not, found, according to reports.

Police say the man's injuries were non-life-threatening and he was refusing to cooperate with police. An attempt to reach Station 12's Constable Adalbert Pimentel was not successful as of press time.

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## Ravens lose in season final, but rise to compete in B Division next year

BY FRANK AVILA

On September 22, the Westmount Ravens rugby team played in the championship match of the C division in the Fédération du Rugby du Québec (FRQ) for the second year in a row. Despite winning the C division cup last year, and having a great year of rugby this year, they lost to the NDG Exiles in a final score of 27-24 at the game, which took place in St. Julie.

The team squared off against the NDG team in what proved to be an exciting and nail-biting match to the very end. The Exiles got onto the scoreboard first, scoring a try after a penalty conversion, and regardless of how much the Ravens pressed on their end zone, the Exiles would end the first half of the match leading 10-0.

### Ravens rallied

At the start of the second half, the NDG team scored once more and converted their kick, for a leading score of 17-0. The Westmount team rallied and displayed an unbelievable comeback in the next 15 minutes, scoring try after try and conversions, to even the score 17-17.

The Exiles scored once more to make it 20-17, but the Ravens came right back and led most of the second half 24-20. The Exiles persevered and threw everything they had at their opponents and scored what would be the final play of the match, winning the cup 27-24.

It was a well-deserved win by the Exiles, who must be congratulated on a great season as the newest Quebec team to join the league.

The Ravens have been promoted to the B division in the FRQ as of next season,

thanks to their championship victory of the previous season, and their club expansion.

The Ravens, who are known to be the oldest rugby club in North America, expanded their club this year to include a brand new second senior men's team, a women's team and a juniors' team. Both senior teams qualified for the semi-finals and finals.

### Recruiting

The club is constantly recruiting, so new players are welcome.

The Ravens would like to thank the city of Westmount, and all of the supporters who cheered on the club this season.

See photo, p. 1.

Frank Avila is vice president and communications officer for the Westmount Ravens. He plays on the front row as a tight prop.

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# Art Westmount showcases works of 71 local artists

PHOTOS BY RALPH THOMPSON

Seventy one Westmount artists presented their work in person at Art Westmount 2012 on September 29 and 30. The event was organized by the city of Westmount’s Community Events division. Exhibitions were installed at Victoria Hall,

the greenhouse, the Westmount Public Library and at Place Kensington. About 10 percent more artists presented this year over the previous one, according to Virginia Elliott, assistant Community Events coordinator. The art tour takes place every other year. This was the fourth edition.

More on Art Westmount, p. 33



*In the greenhouse, Jennifer Goddard takes on the pose of her work-in-progress painting “Kothico,” oil on canvas.*



*Monica Vera came to live in Westmount from Mexico 10 years ago. Vera is a graphic designer, fine artist and art manager who uses environmentally friendly materials. She was showing her work in the Westmount Public Library.*



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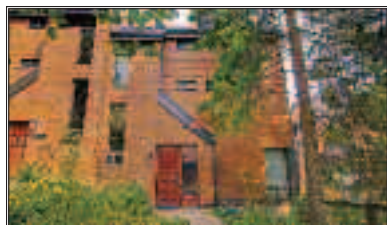
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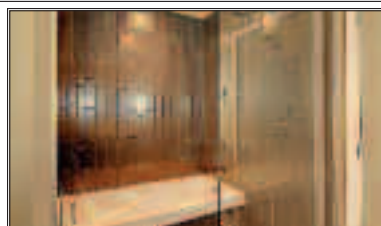
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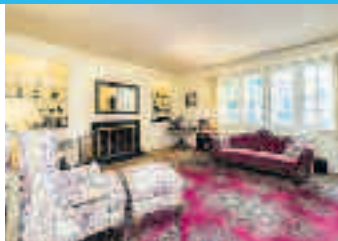
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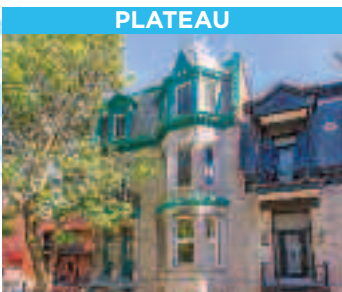
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# One \$2M-plus sale in August



## Real estate

ANDY DODGE

*The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in August 2012, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 21.*

The highest price paid for a house in August was \$5 million in the sale of 40 Belvedere Rd., corner Sunnyside Ave. In fact, that is the third highest price for a residence in Westmount this year, but it was the only sale in August for more than \$2 million.

The stone house last sold in April 2008 for \$2,950,000. This time, it slides under the bar set by the sale of 3617 The Boulevard for \$7 million in March and of 205

Edgehill Rd. for \$6,410,000 in May, but the next highest price is \$3,800,000 for 177 Edgehill Rd. in February.

August saw 18 residential sales, which is about average for the month, down from 27 sales registered in July and 25 in June, but the prices are mostly more modest. Four sales brought prices between \$1.5 and \$2 million, five were for prices between \$800,000 and \$1 million, and the lowest residential price for the year came in the sale of what the city categorizes as a duplex at 61 Clandeboye Ave.

The average price of the 18 one- and two-family dwellings was \$1,380,861, the lowest raw average price since April, but the average mark-up over valuation was 36 percent, the highest this year, which helped push the adjusted value of the “typical” Westmount home to well over \$1.5 million.

By coincidence, the highest mark-up was represented by the highest price at 40

Belvedere, and the only markdown from valuation by the lowest price at 61 Clandeboye.

Condominium sales included two more of the new units at 11 Hillside Ave. and three different types of condos, including a made-over duplex at 37 Bruce Ave., an apartment at Château Westmount Square (4175 St. Catherine St.), and a townhouse at 4848 St. Catherine St., near the old Westmount train station. .... Those three help bring *continued on p. 24*

## Dumais and fellow bikers raise almost \$24K for MS

Westmounter Patricia Dumais and the Spirit Riders Cycling Team participated in this year's MS bike tour in the Trois Rivières area on August 25 and 26. They raised close to \$24,000 for research into multiple sclerosis. The six-person team was awarded the trophy for “best fundraising average for teams of less than 20 members.” See “Dumais to ride 180 kms for MS,” August 21, p. 20.

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# Dancer/choreographer Bolla one of three 'Incognito' finalists

Westmounter Geneviève Bolla is one of three finalists chosen by dance company Incognito, Elle Québec and website Nous Sommes Les Filles for a \$10,000 dance scholarship. The winner will be chosen by online voting.

Bolla started dancing at the age of three with Nanci Moretti on Strathcona Ave. She went on to become a member of the École Supérieure de Ballet Contemporain du Québec and the Jeune Ballet du Québec, where she worked with Irenie Stamou, Shawn Hounsell, Mario Radacovsky, Hélène Blackburn and Victor Quijada.

In 2006, Bolla performed her first choreography, Seuls, ensemble, at the Monaco Dance Forum in Monte Carlo.

She has danced for Mia Maure Dance, Marie-Stéphane Ledoux and Jacques Brochu, and is presently dancing for Mandala Sitù. In 2007, she co-founded ÉvoLucidanse and is presently dancing at L'Agora de la Danse with Cas Public in Duels.

When asked at the scholarship launch what she would do with the money, Bolla



Geneviève Bolla Photo courtesy of Marika Farkas

answered: “pay my performers who dance *pro bono* and produce my last choreography, Les Belles en Guerre, in a bigger venue.”

To vote, click on [www.bourseincognito.org](http://www.bourseincognito.org).

## Garneau, continued from p. 12

nance.

“Pauline Marois will not bring up the referendum, I guarantee it, because she will lose right away,” he added.

The question-and-answer period also periodically drifted to federal politics. In addition to raising issue with some of Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s policies, some concerned Liberal supporters expressed concern about the future of the

party and whether a potential merger with the NDP lay in its future.

“I’m of the belief that parties only merge when they see imminent death coming to them,” said Garneau. “For better or for worse, I don’t think the NDP or the Liberals see death coming to them.”

Nobody asked if he would be running for the leadership of the Liberal party.



Marc Garneau, the Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville-Marie, fielded questions from the some 30 audience members congregated at St. Matthias' Church on a wide range of federal and provincial issues.

## House re-roofing generates complaint on Redfern

A noise complaint from a resident of Redfern Ave. September 19 turned out to stem from work to install a new roof on a house across from the condo site at 215 Redfern, Public Security officials said. The workers, who had arrived before the 7 am start-time, were told they needed a permit to occupy the street, which they subsequently obtained.

## Pair speeds off after stealing rocks

A public safety officer managed to record the licence plate of a car seen speeding off from a house on Edgehill September 23, where a witness reported seeing a man and woman helping themselves to decorative rocks being used in a construction project. Public Security officials contacted the contractor and advised the homeowner to file a police report. The property is reported to have video surveillance. The witness, a neighbour, called Public Security at 9:26 am on the Sunday morning.

## August sales, cont'd from p. 23

the third-quarter average for condos to an average mark-up of 13 percent, down significantly from the second-quarter average of 23 percent, though sales for September still have to be added to the totals.

The only commercial property to sell in August was the detached former mansion at 4492 St. Catherine St., just opposite Melville Ave., which was extensively reno-

vated as offices.

An apartment at 17-19 Chesterfield Ave. sold as a share of the building, as did the ground floor of 382-82A Metcalfe Ave.

*Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is [andy@andydodgeassociates.com](mailto:andy@andydodgeassociates.com).*



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# Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- **Alex Aylett** speaks on “Exceptions that change the rules: How municipalities and communities can create deeply sustainable communities,” 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Hosted by Westmount Healthy City Project. Free.
- “Get Creative and Expand your Horizons” with **Ruth Shine**, as part of the Westmount Public Library’s 2 O’Clock Series, 2 pm in the Westmount Room of the library.
- Public consultation meeting on the **southwest sector**, 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **Tom Gallant**, singer-songwriter, actor and writer, reads from his new novel *The Lord God Bird* and performs complementary songs at the Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm. Part of a program of words and music. Free.
- Peter Gossage and J.I. Little launch *An Illustrated History of Quebec*, 6 to 8 pm at Nicholas Hoare, 1366 Greene Ave. Free. Call 514.933.4201.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

A screening of *Nosferatu* (1922) and *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (1920), accompanied by Montreal band Sweet Mother Logic on piano, cello and organ to take place at Westmount Park United Church (4695 de Maisonneuve). Refreshments at intermission. Event open to all, but recommended that children should be age 10 and up. Tickets at door: \$12 or \$8 for seniors and students. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Public hearing on request for **demolition of 28 Devon**, 5:30 pm at city hall (see story p. 4).
- **Westmount Horticultural Society** presents talk on ““Dramatic Containers for Every Season” by Paul Zammit, director of horticulture for the Toronto Botanical Garden, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for guests.
- The federal Liberal riding associations of NDG-Lachine and Westmount-Ville Marie host a town hall meeting with Warren Allmand and Marc Garneau about the **new riding names** and boundaries being proposed by the Quebec Electoral Boundaries Commission, 7:30 pm at the Manoir, 5319 NDG Ave.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Westmouter and artist **Hannah Franklin** exhibits her work at The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Runs until Saturday, November 3.

- “Les femmes bibliques dans la religion juive et dans la religion chrétienne,” presented by **Sylvia Assouline and Anita Mack**, 7 pm at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom. Free. Info: 514.937.3575.
- Julija Sukys, author of *Epistophilia: Writing the Life of Ona Simaite* to speak as part of Westmount Public Library’s fall author series, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the library. Tickets available at the circulation desk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Artist, curator, writer and critic **Léopold Foulem** speaks at the McClure Gallery, 7 pm. Open to public. Presentation is followed by a question-and-answer period. Info: 514.488.9558.

- **Michael Hinton**, economic historian, gives an illustrated talk on “In Search of the Industrial Revolution: A Walk Into the Past and the Future Along the Lachine Canal,” 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- **Household hazardous waste drop-off** in the parking lot of the Westmount Public Library, 9 am to 5 pm.
- **Fall rummage sale** at St. Matthias’ Church (131 Côte St. Antoine Rd.), 10 am to 1 pm in the lower hall. Clothing, shoes and boots, linens, housewares, toys, etc. Info: 514.933.4295.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Tour of the first farms in Westmount** – a guided tour of Côte St. Antoine Rd., from 1 to 4 pm, for one hour, every 20 minutes. Rain or shine. Depart from 563 Côte St. Antoine. Held in conjunction with the city of Westmount, Westmount Historical Association and Canadian Heritage of Quebec. Info: 514.989.5226.
- **Elizabeth Waterston**, author of *Blitzkreig and Jitterbugs: College Life in Wartime, 1939-1942*, speaks at 2 pm as part of the Westmount Public Library’s Fall Author Series. Enquire about tickets at the circulation desk. Info: 514.989.5386.

## Selwyn launches new ‘old boys’ app

The Selwyn House launched its “Old Boys’ App” in early September. Amongst the features are links to events and their corresponding registration websites, links and directions to the sports venues used by the school, as well as access to the Old Boys’ Association’s pages on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

## Atwater Library launches monthly Alzheimer ‘café’



*Teresa Anuza of the Montreal Alzheimer Society addressed a group made up mostly of senior citizens at the Atwater Library on September 18 during the first “Alzheimer Café,” an informal and free gathering for Alzheimer’s sufferers and their caregivers. The sessions will include talks and information distribution, and are scheduled to take place once a month this fall at the library. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16 at 1 pm. This type of informal gathering for the disease sufferers started in Europe and began in Canada in Nova Scotia last year.*

Photo: Martin C. Barry



Ville de Westmount  
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## Heures d’ouverture et services municipaux La fête de l’Action de grâces

Veuillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l’hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés **le lundi 8 octobre 2012** en raison de la fête de l’Action de grâces. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée **les dimanche 7 octobre et lundi 8 octobre**.

**La collecte des résidus alimentaires et de jardinage s’effectuera selon l’horaire régulier.**

## Business Hours and Municipal Services Thanksgiving Holiday

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on **Monday, October 8, 2012** for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on **Sunday, October 7 and Monday, October 8**.

**The kitchen and garden waste collection will take place according to the regular schedule.**



# Westmount Today, Yesterday and Before

## Côte St. Antoine, the oldest road in Westmount

By DOREEN LINDSAY

We can trace the origins of Côte St. Antoine Rd. in Westmount to Notre Dame St. in Old Montreal.

When Notre Dame extended westward from the original settlement of Ville Marie on the St. Lawrence River, it followed the path of today's René Lévesque and Dor-



Doreen Lindsay of the Westmount Historical Association talks about the origins of Côte St. Antoine Rd. at the Westmount Public Library on September 20.

Photo courtesy of Doreen Lindsay

ester boulevards, then veered north to continue along our Greene Ave., which was identified for many years as "chemin St. Antoine." When it reached the corner of our present day Sherbrooke St., it turned northwest to rise along the south slope of the mountain.

### Village of Côte St. Antoine

The original farming families of Décarie, Hurtubise, Leduc and St. Germain, who were granted land along this road, formed the first neighbourhood that developed into the village of Côte St. Antoine before becoming Westmount in 1895.

Every time I walk along Côte St. Antoine Rd., images spring to mind of Amerindian peoples walking the same route but on a much smaller trail going through the wooded slopes of the sunny southwest side of Westmount mountain.

There exist many accounts of the presence of native peoples living, farming, fishing and hunting on this southwest side of the mountain. In 1535, Jacques Cartier wrote about visiting the Huron town of Hochelaga before being taken to the mountain. A plaque marks the area on McGill University grounds. Then the

Sulpician Seigneurs, founders of Montreal in 1642, established a village for native peoples adjacent to their Fort de la Montagne on present day Sherbrooke St.

### Indians wells

The original towers where children were educated can be seen on present day Sherbrooke St. at Fort Ave. Until recently Westmounters could remember "Indian wells" and a large tree near Argyle Ave. with deeply carved markings in the bark.

Midway through my presentation about the origins of Côte St. Antoine Rd. at Westmount Public Library on September 20, people attending began to share their personal experiences of Côte Road. One man told the audience how he had walked, counting his steps, from the Sulpician towers on Sherbrooke St. west of Côte des Neiges to the milestone erected on Côte St. Antoine Rd. near Forden Ave. to verify if it was really one mile.

### First of four talks on Côte Rd.

This was the first of four talks about the Côte Road scheduled for the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) fall lecture series. The next will be on Thursday, October 18 when architect Bruce Anderson describes Forden Villa and its demolition.

The WHA will give guided walking tours of Côte St. Antoine Rd. on Sunday, October 14 between 1 and 4 pm. We will start a new tour every 20 minutes, alternating French with English. You are invited to meet at the Hurtubise house at 561 Côte St. Antoine Rd.

Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association.

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## Villa may open up new grade 5 class



At left, Isabella Pucciarelli, a visitor during an open house held on September 20 at the Villa St. Marcelline school for girls on Upper Belmont Ave., seemed intrigued by a robotically controlled toy being demonstrated by grade 7 student Karina Forget, whose mother, right, looks on. Founded in 1959, the school is the only French-language private school for girls in Westmount. While there are plans to add a second grade 5 class, the student enrolment will remain at 600 girls, said director of studies Sylvie Siebert.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Fleischer helps The Study kick off cancer fundraising efforts



Westmounter Dr. David Fleischer, a surgeon at the MUHC's Cedars Breast Clinic, and Pam McLernon (founder of the Quebec Breast Cancer foundation) were at The Study on September 7 to help kick off a pep rally for the school's fundraising efforts for women's cancer research. From left: student Jasmine Wong; Louise Laferrière, a cancer patient; McLernon; Fleischer; students Logan Timmins and Sarah Ordonselli. October is breast cancer awareness month.

Photo courtesy of The Study



## First Westmount High grads on St. Catherine reunite for 50th



Alumni who were part of the first class to graduate from Westmount High School in 1962 after the school moved into a new building on St. Catherine St. gathered for a 50th anniversary reunion and dinner at the Omni Hotel on the evening of September 29. The grads had attended Westmount Junior High (now Westmount Park School) for grades 7, 8 and 9, then went to Westmount Senior High (now Selwyn House) for grade 10, and then completed grade 11 at the school where it is now.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Some TLC for Ascension of Our Lord church



Workers replace broken and loose slate shingles on the roof of the Ascension of Our Lord Catholic church on September 24. The work, which took two days to complete, also included the replacement of some of the copper flashing and rain gutters, and stabilizing the chimney. Monsignor Sean Harty, the church's pastor, explained that the next stage of the ongoing restoration work is to repair the brick and stone work. General upkeep and repairing the structure is a long process, he explained, as the availability of funds for the projects can take years to gather. The 13,483-square foot church was built in 1927-1928, and celebrated its first mass during Christmas of 1928.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

## Westmounters meet Harry Belafonte at red-carpet film fest opening

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

The 8th Montreal International Black Film Festival, which opened on September 19, was attended by singer and actor Harry Belafonte. He was honoured with the 2012 humanitarian prize during the festival.

The 85-year-old said during his acceptance speech "social change today will not come about by giving handouts to the poor." Rather, he suggested that change is "possible only by addressing the intransigence of the power elite." He said he felt that racism is the most widespread social injustice in the US today.

When asked what he would do today if he were a young artist, he replied, "I am a young artist!"

The 2011 documentary, *Sing Your Song*, was aired during the festival, and shows Belafonte's early years in Harlem and his success in Hollywood.




From left: Harry Belafonte chats with Westmounters Linda Smith and Barry Garber, who attended the 8th Montreal International Black Film Festival on September 19.


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## Bixi fleet, continued from p. 3

Association (WWCA).

According to Philibert, there is no way that a Bixi from another system can be brought from outside and docked locally. The computer software that governs the operation of the docks does not recognize bikes from other cities.

Though all are the same model as Montreal's, each city has its own identity expressed through colour and look, he said. Bixis in Ottawa are red and white while those in Toronto are black. Other cities and their colours represented in the local fleet are Washington (red), Minneapolis (lime green), London, England (dark blue) and Melbourne, Australia (royal blue).

And, according to Bixi records, Philibert said, the malfunction at the Victoria Hall station August 26 was not fixed that day, being a Sunday, but was repaired by a technician the next day. As well, the problem affected three of the four docking "forms", so the entire station had not been out of order.

For another Bixi story, see p. 1.

## Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in September were:

1. Lucie Kimoyan with 12,520 points
2. Pat Phillips with 10,010 points
3. Humphrey Kassie with 9,900 points
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## Auction of original illustrations to take place at MMFA



Photo: Westmount Independent

Westmounter Monique Savoie holds an original painting by artist Roz Sager called "Sea Maiden – Blue Forest Lady," which will be entered in the live art auction for the Canadian Children's Book Centre "Take Home an Original: The Art of the Picture Book," which is to take place Tuesday, October 16 at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Savoie, who is a volunteer on the organizing committee and who has been meeting with other members at the Westmount Public Library, has been helping to gather works for the auction and says she has received "exquisite" and "delicious surprises" to bid upon. Tickets cost \$50. Proceeds are destined for the centre's "continuing efforts to support the writing and illustrating of Canadian children's books."

## Priory helps Zambian orphans



The Priory School held a bake sale September 27 to raise funds for orphans at Shitima Community School in Kabwe, Zambia who lost their belongings in a recent fire. The Priory's former after-school coordinator Cluny Mackenzie currently works there. At the "Shitima Café," students and their families purchased baked goods prepared by the school staff, parents and the children themselves. The sale brought in just under \$2,000.

Photo courtesy of The Priory

## Strathcona party attracts 80



Young attendees take part in a three-legged race on September 9 during the fifth annual Strathcona street party. According to resident Alicia Hamilton, over 80 people attended – the youngest at six months old, the oldest over 80 years. There were games, races, a snow cone and cotton candy machine, a trampoline and bouncy castle, live music by resident pianist David Lotey Goodman and a potluck dinner.

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# Sage, the blind one-eyed



This pretty female pitty was brought in with her sister to Pit Stop Montreal Rescue. They were removed from an owner who kept them in the backyard.



Sage

The black-and-white, 5-year-old arrived with eye problems. Upon the viewing the x-rays, the vet concluded one eye needed to be removed. The other eye only functions at five percent. And so here we are introducing you to her – the one-eyed beauty named Sage.

We don't want you to stop reading because your heart is bleeding, so suffice it to

say this tall, 50 to 60 pound dog had likely been hit.

Sage has been adapting to life with limited vision – though oh, so much happier in her foster home than in her old digs.

Oh, and the other thing that warms the cockles of our Underdog Club heart is that she suffers from separation anxiety – which must be fairly frightening experience when she can't see to begin with!

But, get this. Her foster mum has a great trick. She has noticed that if she leaves a few sound gadgets on, such a radio and treadmill, Sage is much more relaxed and even goes into her kennel, comfortable thinking someone is home. Wouldn't her smelling capacity give it away that no one is home? We don't know, but so far, this trick has worked wonders in helping her be alone.

The best kind of home for her would be with other living creatures, humans included, who would not move

too fast around her. She could live with another dog, but a calm one. And kids would likely be fine too, as long as they learn how to treat her.

She might be able to live with cats, though they too would need to be calm. Her current caregivers say she has tried to chase a cat or two, but doesn't get very far, as the game of chase turns into a game of run and hide, and we know who wins that game.

Sage bumps into stuff until she gets to know her surroundings. But she is very calm when she's with people and loves to be part of a group.

If you don't mind a bumbler and would like to share your home with a survivor, please call about Sage. She would love to curl up your couch and hang out. Please contact Stop Montreal Rescue at 514.884.1586 or [information@pitstop-montreal.com](mailto:information@pitstop-montreal.com).

Email us at [contact@underdogclub.org](mailto:contact@underdogclub.org).

## Sherlock Holmes society gives dramatic reading for the greyhounds



Members of Westmount's Sherlock Holmes society, *The Bimetallic Question*, David Dowse, left, as Dr. Watson and Elliott Newman as Sherlock Holmes present a live reading of *Tides of Wight*, a new Sherlock Holmes adventure, on September 20 at Centre Greene. There were eight other cast members who participated in the reading to an audience of over 30 people. The society raised over \$200 in donations for the greyhound adoption organization *The League of Extraordinary Greyhounds*, which places retired racing greyhounds. Why the affinity towards this particular breed? Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the Victorians in general loved dogs, explained Susan Fitch, member of the society. "And since it was a Victorian who in 1876 invented the first greyhound race track with a mechanical lure in an attempt to make the popular sport of open-field coursing more humane, we recognized the countless retired racing greyhounds in need of homes as a very worthwhile Victorian cause for us," she said. *The Bimetallic Question* meets the first Thursday of every second month at the Westmount Public Library. Its next meeting is Thursday, October 4. For information, visit [www.bimetallicquestion.org](http://www.bimetallicquestion.org).

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

## Montreal Dog Walking to raise funds for Pit Stop

The local dog walking service has organized a silent auction to raise money for Pit Stop Montreal Rescue and Birch Haven Rescue and Rehabilitation, both dog rescue non-profit organizations. The auction is set to start Monday, October 1 at 9 am, and to end Wednesday, October 10 at 9 pm. Click on the link to: [www.32auctions.com/mdwsilentauction](http://www.32auctions.com/mdwsilentauction).

## Noisy carpet cleaning

A noise complaint September 11 at 4920 de Maisonneuve, a commercial building near Prince Albert, turned out to be carpet cleaning in progress at 10:05 pm, Public Security officials said. Officers informed workers such activity could not take place after 9 pm but since it was nearly finished remained on the scene until it was at 10:18 pm.

## Skunk helped out of window well

A call to Public Security for an animal in distress on September 15, a Saturday, turned out to be for a skunk that appeared to have fallen into a window well at a house on The Boulevard near Victoria and was unable to get out.

When no possible solution could be found, officials said, the SPCA was called at 6:05 pm. But when a follow-up Sunday morning found the skunk had not been removed, a second call was made bringing the SPCA to the scene at 8:17 am to successfully release the animal.

It was not known how long the skunk had been trapped since it had been discovered by someone looking after the house for residents.

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## Yoga for peace at Dawson



A free outdoor yoga class takes place at the Dawson College Peace Garden on September 23 to celebrate the UN International Day of Peace.

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

Dawson College hosted a free yoga class on September 23. “Yoga for Peace” was held at the close of the weekend to recognize the UN International Day of Peace.

Young “ambassadors for peace” from Quebec, between the ages of 15 and 35 took the “peace bus” from Montreal to New York to participate in the ringing of the peace bell. Westmounter Guy Laframboise, president of Subway Restaurants Quebec, provided food to the some 50 travellers on the overnight ride.

After a minute of silence called upon by

Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay at city hall on September 21 to mark the international day of peace, Dawson’s director general Richard Filion made an announcement:

“We are proud to announce the creation of a centre at Dawson College for study and research in ‘peace and non-violent education.’ It will serve as a hub to unite our efforts in sustainability, non-violent pedagogy and awareness building. Dawson is accompanied in this journey by peace partners in the Brian Bronfman Family Foundation, the National Peace Academy and Cercle de paix.”

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vinced that the plan was the best solution for its 15,000 customers who use Lucien L’Allier station daily as a downtown destination, 25 percent of whom do so during off-hours.

As well, user-destination studies had shown that the use of more than two modes of transportation had a detrimental effect on someone’s decision to take public transit.

The letter concludes that the Vendôme proposal would require a complete revisiting of operations and legalities with CP, a point on which Mossop disagrees. There

is already a precedent for an off-hour terminus on the St. Jérôme line, he said. As well, CP has no freight trains on the commuter tracks through Westmount that would affect rescheduling.

As a result, he said, he felt the AMT had not fully understood the WTAG proposal.

In fact, he added, the AMT mentions feasibility studies concerning Vendôme now under way to improve access between the Metro and train platforms. This would provide “an opportunity” for considering the WTAG’s terminus proposal.

## The chimps are alright, says Westoll, author of book on fauna sanctuary

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Our view of chimpanzees, which commonly associates them with scientific research but also with their unpredictably violent outbursts, needs to be recast from an image of fear to one of peace, says the author of a book about chimps that live at an exotic animal sanctuary on Montreal’s South Shore.

Andrew Westoll, the Toronto-based author of *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary*, was the Westmount Public Library’s guest speaker at Victoria Hall on September 19 as part of its fall author series.

The chimpanzees from the book’s title reside at Fauna Sanctuary in Chambly, where more than 100 animals of various kinds live out their retirement years.

“As long as the chimpanzee hasn’t been messed with first, you don’t have too much to worry about,” said Westoll after recounting the various horrendous ways many of the chimpanzees had been used for medical and industrial research before living at the sanctuary.

“I think we need to start recasting the public perception of the chimpanzee from

one of fear-making to one of actual peace-making,” he said. “It seems kind of crazy that we’re doing this kind of stuff to our closest evolutionary relatives right now.”



Andrew Westoll, author of *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary*, spoke at Victoria Hall on September 19 as part of the Westmount Public Library’s fall author series.

Westoll’s lecture comes in the days following an interview on CBC radio’s *The Current* with Jane Goodall, a conservationist and a familiar figure in the protection of chimps, who spoke about the value of protecting species that are going extinct.



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Venez rencontrer Julija Sukys, l'auteure de *Epistolophilia: Writing the Life of Ona Simaite* le 10 octobre à 19 h. Dans sa biographie captivante, Julija Sukys raconte comment Ona Simaite s'infiltrait dans le ghetto de Vilnius, envahi par les nazis – apportait clandestinement de la nourriture et des provisions ainsi que des faux documents aux réfugiés, transmettait des messages, livrait des manuscrits, des lettres et à l'occasion, cachait des enfants. Info : 514 989-5386.

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## Collecte RDD le 13 octobre

Disposez en toute sécurité de vos restes de peinture et de solvants, de vos piles usagées, de vos pesticides et autres substances dangereuses en les apportant au stationnement de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount le samedi 13 octobre entre 9 h et 17 h. Une collecte de vêtements usagés et d'équipements électroniques usagés aura également lieu à cette occasion. Info : 514 989-5390.



## WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE Enter the *Westmount Recreation Centre Time Capsule Contest*!

Westmounters are invited to make a proposal for **one of the 12 items** that will be included in a time capsule to be buried deep in the WRC. Pick up an entry form in a City building or send an email to [timecapsule@westmount.org](mailto:timecapsule@westmount.org) with your name, address, a description of the item and the reasons why you believe the item represents today's Westmount. Be part of our community's history!

## WRC Plans on Display

Plans of the new Westmount Recreation Centre are now on display at the Westmount Public Library and at Victoria Hall.

## Follow the progress of the project

Receive regular email updates on the progress on the WRC; send a message to [westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org](mailto:westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org). You can also follow us on Twitter : @constructalert and like us on Facebook at [westmountrecreationcentre](https://www.facebook.com/westmountrecreationcentre). Check us out on [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) for all the project info.



## LIBRARY Author Event

Come meet Julija Sukys, author of *Epistolophilia: Writing the Life of Ona Simaite* on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. Ona Simaite, the subject of Julija Sukys's compelling biography, would enter the Jewish ghetto of Nazi-occupied Vilnius – with food and money and forged documents for those forced behind its walls; she would leave with messages to deliver on their behalf, manuscripts, letters intended for her and, on occasion, sedated children in sacks. Info: 514 989-5386.

## Author Event

Come meet Elizabeth Waterston author of *Blitzkreig and Jitterbugs: College Life in Wartime, 1939-1942* on Sunday, October 14 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

## Public Library Committee

City Council is looking for a Westmount citizen to volunteer its time & expertise as a new member for the Public Library Committee to ensure that the Library complies with its Mission Statement and maintains its intellectual freedom and independence. A three-year term commitment is required. Please submit by October 17th a written application to the attention of Councillor Nicole Forbes, Commissioner of Cultural & Community Services, c/o Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, QC, H3Z 1G1. Info: 514 989-5429.

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info : 514 989-5200



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## DATEBOOK

### October 3 at 7 p.m.

Healthy City Speaker Series: Dr. Alex Aylett  
Library

### October 9 at 10:15 p.m.

Readers to Readers Book Club  
Library

### November 5 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall



## COMMUNITY EVENTS The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature a retrospective exhibition of Hannah Franklin's works from October 11 to November 3, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521.

## Architectural Heritage Campaign: Along the Path of Westmount's Original Farms

The City of Westmount and the Westmount Historical Association, in collaboration with the Canadian Heritage of Québec, invite you to walk down Côte-Saint-Antoine Road to discover the many styles of architecture built on the original farmlands. Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tour begins at 563 Côte-Saint-Antoine Road (Hurtubise House). Rain or shine. Free; places are limited Info: 514 989-5299.



## PUBLIC WORKS Free compost October 13

Compost made from leaves collected last autumn will be made available to Westmount residents from 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Public Works yard, Bethune Street, while supplies last. Bring a container, a shovel and a proof of residence. No trucks or trailers. Info: 514 989-5390.

## HHW Collection October 13<sup>th</sup>

Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, etc. by bringing them to the parking lot of Westmount Library on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Used clothing and used electronics will be collected the same day. Info: 514 989-5390.

**Westmount, à votre portée.** Pour toute question ou commentaire, veuillez nous contacter :  
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# Art Westmount

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Loran Ménard stands beside the first of a new series of paintings called "Movement" (acrylic on canvas) in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall. Menard will also be exhibiting his work in the spring.



Lucile Brisebois, 92, started painting 10 years ago. She painted two tourterelles to remind her of the now extinct bird that was used as an ingredient in tourtière. Here she is seen exhibiting her work at Place Kensington.

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# Cocktail at Han Art opened 'Avius' exhibit



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

September 6 in collaboration with Westmount Square's Royal Bank branch and RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities.

Guests were welcomed by gallery owners **Andrew Lui** and his wife **Chloe**, outstanding in a simple orange shift, punctuated with a long strand of twisted pearls.

Han Art Gallery hosted a cocktail on



Chloe Lui, Norma and David Mulder.

The invitation-only event featured an exhibit of photography, showing works by artists **Edward Burtnsky**, **Michael Flomen**, **Nils Udo**, **Chen Jia-gang**, **He Chongyue**, along with neon colourful images by Westmount resident **John Archer**, who discussed art as "an asset class."

Westmounter **Jack Lazare**, a prominent Canadian contemporary photography



Mark Przyblowski, Andrew Lui, Willem Westenberg and John Archer.

collector, shared his insights and experiences on collecting art. He attended with his wife **Harriet**, coolly elegant in a light blue tweed Armani-style jacket.

Delicious delights by China Grill were munched on by the hungry guests, as they

sipped wine and chatted, spilling out onto the sidewalk to admire passing dogs.

Guests included Westmount residents: **Trevor Bishop**; **Stratton Stevens**; *Independent* publisher **David Price**; **David Mulder** and his wife **Norma**, Paris-pretty in a tailored white suit and brown silk blouse; **Brigitte Stock** in a layered tunic accented with a tassel necklace, and her husband **Ramez Rabbat**, who, being a graphic designer, wore a really fun patterned shirt under a linen blazer.

Also noted in the packed room were interior decorator and *Independent* columnist **Aurelien Guillory**, his blazer adorned with one of his unusual pins, and his wife **Mila**; **Earl Pinchuk** and **Gary Blair**; and artist **Michael Flomen**.



Harriet and Jack Lazare.

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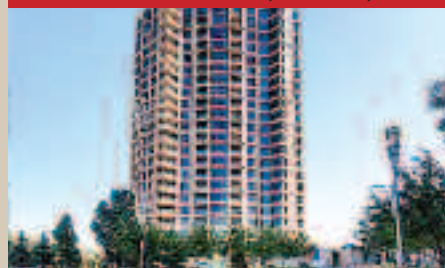


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