

Opponents go to court to annul church re-zoning for Miss Vicky's

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Opponents of a recent zoning change for St. Matthias' Church have filed a motion to institute legal proceedings in Superior Court to request the annulment of the related by-law, the *Independent* learned last week.

The change permitted the church to be used as a venue for Miss Vicky's preschool, which has been operating there for some 20 years.

The plaintiff, Yolanda Favretto of Church Hill, contends that a petition to open a referendum signed by 14 "eligible voters" on Côte St. Antoine conformed to legal requirements, but was rejected by the city, which proceeded to adopt the by-law September 3.

"Everyone did qualify, and what they did to bulldoze it through was not legal,"

alleged Dario Favretto, a resident of Holton who has been acting on behalf of his mother, the plaintiff. "We met the conditions. We want the city to declare the by-law null and void."

Receipt of the court application was confirmed by city director general Duncan Campbell, who said he could not comment "because it's essentially before the courts."

The operation of Miss Vicky's had been brought up at city council meetings for about two years, with neighbours claiming the church did not meet the required zoning. The city moved to resolve the situation by adding a pre-school to the permitted uses at the church, which led to the register process.

The by-law was adopted by a 7-1 vote of city council September 3 after the city said it had continued on p. 5

Westmount remembers



Westmounters of all ages turned out for the city's annual Remembrance Day service November 10 at the cenotaph in front of city hall. See story and more Remembrance coverage, p. 22. Photo: Laureen Sweeney.

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'Miraculously, no one hurt by flying objects'

Violent wind fells trees, wires, knocks down chimney

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A chimney was knocked off a house on Barat Rd. A roof flashing hung precariously from an apartment building on Metcalfe. Branches, as well as trees that were ripped from the ground or split at the trunk, toppled onto cars, houses and hydro wires. They blocked streets, sidewalks and the bike path.

But "miraculously, no one was hurt by flying objects," said city director general

Duncan Campbell.

The storm of November 1 whipped up winds of 90-100 km/h for much of the day generating about 75 calls to Public Works, he said.

In one electrical outage, 117 hydro customers between Sherbrooke, Côte St. Antoine, Grosvenor and Roslyn were without electricity for 10 hours when a transformer exploded around 6 pm "due to violent winds."

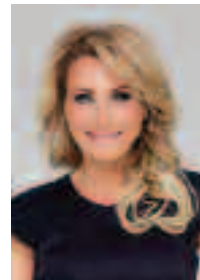
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Solution found for arena dig's 'mystery' pipe

Work under way to pump water into de Maisonneuve sewer



At the southeast side of Westmount Park Church, workers lower a concrete section of an access chamber to an old manhole November 8 as part of a project to cap a century-old pipe draining into the site of the Westmount recreation centre.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work began last week to stop a century-old "mystery" pipe from draining into the site of the Westmount recreation centre, Mayor Peter Trent announced last week. It is expected to last at least another week.

A solution had been sought ever since the pipe was discovered some 30 feet below ground near the southeast corner of Westmount Park Church on de Maisonneuve during digging for the arena (see September 25, 2012, p. 6).

Unmarked on infrastructure maps, the pipe is believed to be part of an old drainage network in Westmount Park that ultimately emptied through this pipe down to St. Catherine St. near the Glen.

The 12-inch pipe is so far below the existing sewer system that the work to cap it involves installing an access chamber and shaft down to an old manhole deep underground and pumping the water up to a new pipe that will drain into the sewer on de Maisonneuve.

The old manhole and the new shaft are

only a few feet away from the east door of Westmount Park Church and its Webster Hall, mostly on church property.

As a result, the city administration has been meeting with representatives of the church to make arrangements for the work, Trent said. The church, it appears, was built on top of the old drainage system, which no one seemed to know existed.

"We wanted to do the work with the church's co-operation," Trent said. "Although the Cities and Towns Act allows us (the city) to go in and do the work, it also holds us responsible."

Until a remedy could be found, the water had been pumped up from the rec centre to flow a few meters along de Maisonneuve and into a catch basin (see July 2, p. 1, 4).

Project costing some \$90,000

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A complaint has been sent to the Quebec Press Council about the *Independent*. The non-profit group confirmed its receipt, but could not confirm anything else about it, including its "recevabilité."

The *Independent* gathers that the complaint was made by the spouse of a candidate defeated in the November 3 municipal election.

"We are not a member of this voluntary organization," said *Independent* publisher David Price "and do not acknowledge its authority on press (or any other) matters. It is nice, however, to live in a country where individuals can complain about a newspaper to whomever they please: their neighbours, their friends or some group of people who get together and form a 'council.'"

"We have received an email directly from the unhappy spouse of a defeated municipal candidate that seems to have the same substance as this complaint. We have reviewed the alleged issues with our campaign coverage and we stand by our reporting."

Haunted house generates 1,500 visits, raises \$522 for Leucan

An estimated 1,500 people visited the city's haunted house on Halloween October 31 over a three-hour period despite the rainy weather, Public Security officials said. The attraction also generated \$521.60 in voluntary donations in aid of Leucan, a foundation dedicated to children with cancer.

In all, 10 public safety officers patrolled the streets and parks, carried out related functions or were in attendance at the haunted house at the Westmount lawn bowling clubhouse, said assistant Public

Security director Greg McBain. A peaceful trick-or-treating process was reported with no recorded incidents.

To help encourage a safe Halloween, officers and police visited five elementary schools in Westmount that week to talk about the do's and don'ts of trick-or-treating. A total of 900 students in all – from kindergarten through grade 3, depending on the school – were involved. The schools were Roslyn, Westmount Park, The Study, St. Leon and Selwyn House schools.

Speeds wrong way on Greene, refuses breathalyzer

A Public Security patroller spotted and intercepted a car driving rapidly the wrong way on Greene November 2 at 3:30 am, officials said. The driver fled toward Westmount Square and disappeared, abandoning the burgundy Nissan Maxima.

The officer stayed with the car and called in the man's description to police,

who intercepted him at Atwater and de Maisonneuve. He was brought back to the officer for identification, ticketed for driving the wrong way and is to be charged with refusing to take a breathalyzer test. Friends of the man were reported as being allowed to take possession of the car. He was described as aged 20 to 25.

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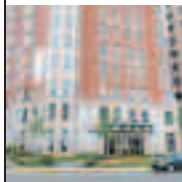
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'Genetically modified' court battle

Lawrence is Monsanto exec in Soutar's play *Seeds*

Playwright Annabel Soutar's *Seeds* is being staged at the Centaur until November 24 before going on a tour of Canada. It is her seventh play, but the first one to be staged at the Centaur. Soutar is a former Westmounter, who also taught drama at Selwyn House from 2009 to 2011.

Westmounter Cary Lawrence plays the principal Monsanto representative in *Seeds*, as well as other roles.

The play tells the story of Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser, who fought a long legal battle with agrochemical giant Monsanto about his unlicensed use of its genetically modified (and patented) seeds. He finally lost at the Supreme Court in 2004, but "didn't lose the PR battle" as Soutar pointed out to the *Independent*.

Soutar is reluctant to express an opinion on the merits of the case, but was attracted to the topic as a "moment in Canadian history, the details of which many Canadians still don't know about. It is a heavy topic, but the way it is staged makes it accessible."

Soutar's husband, Alex Ivanovici, plays Terry Zakreski, Schmeiser's lawyer, in the



Cary Lawrence on November 11.

play, as well as other roles. He worked at Selwyn House teaching drama from 1998 to 2012.

The play was described by Westmounter Pat Donnelly in her *Gazette* review as a "must-must-see."

Weimaraner taken to SPCA

A Marianopolis student was reported to have found a dog walking alone on the college property October 16 about 9:45 am. The Weimaraner wore a red nylon collar without identification and appeared lost, according to public safety officers who kept it at the station for a while. When no one called for it, the dog was taken to the SPCA.

Driver ticketed \$191 for blocking driveway

The driver of a car found blocking a driveway on Murray Hill October 19 arrived back at the same time as a tow truck but ended up paying for its response as well as the offence, Public Security officials said. The total amount: \$191. The Volvo bore a Maine licence plate. The resident of the house had called Public Security at 7:53 pm needing to exit the driveway and was eventually able to do so when the car was moved at 8:46 pm.

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Library displays what to put into 72-hour survival kit

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A display of items that should go into a 72-hour emergency survival kit will be featured at Westmount Public Library until November 22.

While the exhibit had been planned by the Healthy City Project (HCP) and Public Security for some time, its timing for the approach of winter comes appropriately on the heels of the heavy wind storm November 1 that left a number of residents without electricity (see story, p. 1).

"In a blackout, it's handy to have candles and flashlights at your fingertips," said Public Security director David Sedgwick.

The display is "a good visual aid for people to see some of the small things they might not have thought of," said programming and outreach librarian Donna Lach. Pamphlets from Public Safety Canada are already being picked up by people, she added.

Those who enter their name for a draw at the end of the exhibit will be eligible to win a wind-up flashlight, said Tom

Thompson, who chairs the HCP's Community Life Committee.

Examples of items to include are bottled water, a first aid kit, candles with holders and matches, flashlight, batteries, wind-up radio, non-perishable food, can openers, multi-purpose knife, pen and pad, and food for pets.

Keys, personal identification and documentation papers for the car and house should also be added as well as insurance policies, and emergency and family phone numbers.

"Don't forget cash," Thompson added.

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gone beyond the legal requirements for checking the eligibility of signatories, deeming the required minimum of 12 could not be confirmed (see September 10, p.1).

The lone opposing vote had come from Councillor Patrick Martin, who based his decision on the process used for verifying the eligibility of names.



Displaying some of the survival-kit items on display at the library are, from left, Tom Thompson of the Healthy City Project, librarian Donna Lach and Public Security director David Sedgwick.



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Barracudas dive in to season

By Christian Immer, Parent

The Westmount YMCA Barracudas sent an impressive delegation of 35 swimmers to the first Regional Association de Natation de Lac Saint-Louis hosted by the CALAC swim club in LaSalle.

Under the able direction of coaches Kamel Hammadache and Ann Borowczyk, the swimmers had an exciting meet, squaring off against a very competitive field.

The meet was divided into three age groups: 8 and under, 9 and 10, and 11 years and older. The events that were swum were 25-meter free and crawl for

the 8-and-under, 50-meter free, back and 200-metre free for the 9 and older.

All swimmers improved on some or all of their times, which showed to them that all that hard work and discipline at practices pays off. There were many impressive performances.

In the 8-year-old-and-younger category, in the 25-metre crawl, Jade Leber finished 13th out of 102 and Philippe Stroganov finished 19th out of 90. In the 25 back, Charlotte Collins and Angèle Coutant finished 19th and 20th while Philippe finished 19th in the 25 metre crawl.

In the 9-and-10-year-old category, in the



The Barracudas' 8- to 11-year-olds after making lots of personal bests at the regional meet at CALAC. Photos courtesy of Diane Charlton.

50-free, out of a 115 girl-swimmers field, there was an amazing four top-25 finishes (Zoe Immer 4th, Yeoni Rhee 12th, Laetitia Ballester 17th and Anahita Matlabi 23rd), while in the 50-free boys, Leon Immer finished 11th out of a group of 101 boy swimmers. In the 50 back, Zoe and Yeoni finished 13th and 15th, while Leon finished 7th. Finally, in the gruelling 200 free, Zoe and Yeoni finished 12th and 13th and Leon finished 8th.

In the 11-year-and-older category, all swimmers swam forcefully, working toward getting their provincial standards. They all posted improved times.

The next regional meet will be held on November 23 and 24.

The senior swimmer group is set to swing into competitive action on November 16 and 17 at the Blainville Age Group Challenge. Coach Abdenour Hammadache is making sure this group of thirteen swimmers will be in fine form.

The Westmount YMCA Barracudas Swim Team swims trains at the YMCA pool on Sherbrooke St. Swimmers are separated into four categories. The number of practices varies from three times to eight times a week according to the calibre and age of the swimmer. If you or your children would like to know more about the club and its activities, please consult the website at www.westmountymcaswimclub.qc.ca/youth/.



The Barracudas swim team's youngest swimmers (7 to 9 years old) after completing their first regional meet at CALAC.

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GREAT PROFILE, WHERE'S THE HELMET?

It's fantastic that you are profiling avid cyclists in Westmount – very admirable. The only problem is that a helmet is nowhere to be seen in the photo of said cyclist, as he is sitting on a bike. It would have been much better if someone on your staff might have noticed this important detail.

CARRIE MAZOFF, KENSINGTON AVE.

Acting ed.'s note: For clarity, the recent cyclist profiles (e.g. "Westmount on Two Wheels," October 8, p. 8) were not Westmount Independent articles, but columns by a local group, the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. – DP

WMA PRESIDENT: THANKS FOR THE VOTES, PARTICIPATION TO CONTINUE

I would like to thank the many Westmount residents who took the time to vote in the November 3 city council election,

and I congratulate my successful opponent, Phil Cutler, in Ward 2. Throughout the campaign I was touched and gratified by the warm reception I received from voters. They articulated a wide range of concerns and issues affecting our city's future, and I listened carefully to what they had to say. I will continue to participate in civic affairs, and I will work to ensure that the concerns of Westmount residents and taxpayers are adequately represented and resolved.

Thank you to the more than 200 people who voted for me, and to those who gave freely of their time, advice, and effort on my campaign. Congratulations to Mayor Trent and the new council; I hope their term is productive and successful.

PETER STARR, PRESIDENT – WESTMOUNT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

AMIS WORKED, WORKS TO SAVE MOUNTAIN

Re: "Save Westmount mountain" (Letters, October 22, p. 6). The project to con-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

vert the former Sulpicians' philosophy seminary on Côte des Neiges Rd. into a private, gated condominium complex was one of the most controversial and divisive projects in Mount Royal's recent history.

The developers' original plans for the site were as disproportionate as they were inappropriate, and followers of the saga will know that Les amis de la montagne's efforts to oppose the project were both vigorous and unrelenting.

As such, the community declared a great victory when the former Tremblay administration established a precedent for Mount Royal by requiring the developer to build within the property's existing built footprint and volume, significantly reducing initial plans.

This watershed decision is now the rule for all future development within the Mount Royal Heritage Site.

Finally, neighbours of the project and Les amis de la montagne remain vigilant of the current construction. The Ville Marie borough has likewise shown diligence in its oversight of the worksite.

PETER A. HOWLETT
PRESIDENT,

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LITTLE SEEDS, BIG HEARTS

Generous support was given to the Senior Westmount All-Star Team (SWAT) from an unexpected source this past week.

The SWAT hockey team has been raising funds to dedicate a dressing room at the new Westmount recreation centre to recognize and honour all those who have made it possible for SWAT to hold 23 consecutive yearly tournaments that have raised thousands of dollars for children's hospitals and to host foreign, out-of-province and Quebec teams in Westmount for over 700 games.

All this was achieved by hundreds of players and volunteers, who clearly deserve recognition.

And some of this recognition came by the way of a package of pumpkin seeds that was planted in June on the family farm in the Eastern Townships by its youngest members, Messrs Soren (6), Angus (4) and Nicolas (1½) Matossian of Windsor Ave.

As seeds would, these grew into 15 large orange pumpkins, which the three brothers harvested, brought back to their front lawn and promptly sold to neighbours just in time for Halloween.



They had already decided to give the money to charity and it was an easy choice for them to donate all of their \$190 in loot to SWAT for its dressing room.

In fact, their grandfather was a founding member, their father Christian is a SWAT player and, most importantly, they were able to honour their uncle, Nicolas, who passed away at age 17 from a brain tumour but who, because of his fundraising efforts while he was ill, spurred the SWAT team to organize its first charity hockey tournament for the children's hospitals in 1989.

Amazing what little seeds and big hearts can achieve.

NICOLAS MATOSSIAN
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A COUPLE OF THANK YOUS

Thank you to all those who came out and voted in the municipal election. Your participation in the democratic process is important.

I would also like to thank Kathleen Duncan for her service to Ward 4 and commitment to Westmount for the last eight years.

ROSALIND DAVIS,
COUNCILLOR-ELECT (DISTRICT 4)

Car idles several hours

A car reported to have been left idling for several hours October 7 on Westmount Ave. was found locked with no driver in sight when public safety officers were called at 6:32 pm.

Efforts to locate the driver by ringing nearby doorbells proved futile. After tracking down the owner through police, a phone message was left.

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tance to Public Security reminded assistant director Greg McBain of the start of the ice storm of 1998 – minus the ice.

At least 20 of the calls from early afternoon through early evening were considered serious enough to generate separate incident reports. Another six were documented the next day as more damage and dangerous trees were discovered.

Outgoing officers from one day shift stayed on duty to double up with their successors while those arriving to work started early to help answer the onslaught of calls. McBain worked as a second dispatcher while director David Sedgwick went out on the road.

"It was nice to see how everyone came together as a team doing whatever was needed," said McBain, who related that two officers were seen axing a tree that had fallen across a driveway.

Among the more significant incidents, branches from a tree were reported at 2:39 pm to be knocking the bricks off the chimney at 23 Barat, strewn the back lane with bricks and large concrete blocks. As bricks continued to fall, the fire department was called out to deal with "the hazardous situation" and the home owner was advised at work.

At 4:09 pm, two cars sustained sub-

stantial damage when a 30-foot-long branch fell from a city tree in front of 60 Bruce onto a Subaru Legacy and a Chevrolet Suburban.

Nearby, the east-west lane between Bruce and Columbia was blocked by a falling tree while another one fell across Clarke just south of Sherbrooke, requiring the street to be blocked off at de Maison-neuve (see photo, November 5, p. 27).

At 5:20 pm, the bike path was closed near Melville when it became blocked by a large tree branch falling across the busy commuter route.

At 6:03 pm, a resident of an apartment building on Kensington called to say the roof flashing from 235 Metcalfe was being ripped off. A Public Security patroller alerted the superintendent and both went up to the roof to nail the flashing temporarily in place.

A city tree was found uprooted at 4054 Dorchester at 6:23 pm, denting and scratching a parked vehicle in many places while other trees and portions of trees were reported down throughout the city.

Residents in the block bounded by Somerville, Sherbrooke, Prince Albert and Victoria also appeared to have been without power at one point when director Sedgwick patrolled that area and noticed the street lights out.

Pless recognized by Red Cross

Westmount resident Dr. Barry Pless, researcher, editor and scientist, was awarded a lifetime achievement award at the Canadian Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Conference on November 6. The award was presented by the evening's co-hosts, the Parachute and Canadian Red Cross, for "his extraordinary contributions to the field of injury prevention – across Canada and globally," according to a press release.

Lights freeze, tie up Boulevard traffic

Traffic lights froze on two separate occasions at The Boulevard and Mount Pleasant last week causing a long line of congestion on the second occurrence November 3, according to Public Security officials. They were frozen so that traffic on the Boulevard was stopped while the green light remained on for Mount Pleasant.

Police had to be called in to assist but as with the former incident two days earlier, the lights suddenly began working on their own. It was determined that the lights' controller required changing. In the meantime, they were set in the red-flash mode.

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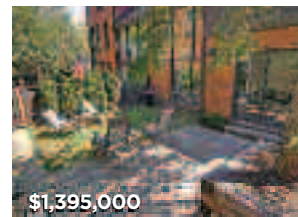
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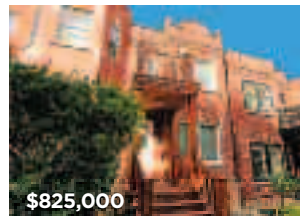
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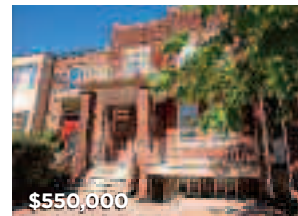
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Station 12 officers arrest armed robbery suspect outside Dawson

By MICHAEL MOORE

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Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

Station 12 officers arrested a 44-year-old armed robbery suspect in front of Dawson College’s de Maisonneuve Blvd. entrance on the afternoon of Nov. 6, according to Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The suspect was wanted in connection with the armed robbery of a LaSalle Couche Tard with the use of an X-Acto knife in the early morning of October 3, said Pimentel.

According to Pimentel, a police investigation team had found the suspect and was tailing him eastward into Westmount at 3:40 pm on November 6. Station 12 was alerted and given a physical description of the suspect when he crossed into their sector, Pimentel said.


When the suspect was found, three cars from Station 12 were sent to box in and arrest the suspect, said Pimentel.

The armed robbery suspect surrendered peacefully and without incident to Station 12 officers at 3:52 p.m., according to Pimentel, who doesn’t believe that any Dawson College students were ever in danger.

The suspect, who was incorrectly identified as a 17-year-old in initial reports, had

recently served eight years in prison for his role in two other confirmed armed rob-

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Since Fiddle and Faddle have always been together, it would be best that they be adopted as siblings. For more information on them and adorable photographs, please

Fiddle and Faddle




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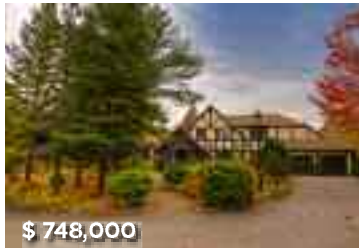
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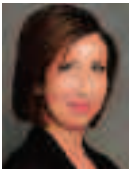
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Knew better, ticket in mail for \$1,250

A masonry contractor who ignored warnings to obtain a permit for occupying the street and sidewalk October 30 was to receive a ticket for \$1,250, Public Security officials said. A patroller discovered orange cones blocking off the entire north lane of St. Antoine St. west of Atwater at 8:20 am where a lift was at work and material found on the sidewalk. The contractor, who had been warned to get a permit October 9 and did so for two days' work only was warned the second time. When none had been obtained later that morning, the Laval firm was informed a ticket would be sent in the mail.

Atwater Poetry Project welcomes GG nominees



Members of the Atwater Poetry Project, who meet regularly at the Atwater Library, had the rare honour on November 7 of welcoming six of the 10 finalists for this year's Governor General's Literary Awards for Poetry, which are being announced on November 13. Each of the nominees read some of their work at the meeting. The nominees are, from left, Diane Régimbald, René Lapierre, Katherena Vermette, Mario Brassard, Adam Dickinson and Russell Thornton.

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Le lundi 25 novembre à 13 h. Soyez des nôtres pour une discussion des oeuvres de Mario Vargas Llosa. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture anglaise : Philip Roth

Le mardi 26 novembre à 19 h. Soyez des nôtres pour discuter du roman *Nemesis* de Philip Roth. Info : 514 989-5299.

Personnages de contes au rendez-vous

Le dimanche 1^{er} décembre à 14 h. Pour les jeunes de 3 à 12 ans : viens passer un après-midi de plaisir avec Plume, le petit ours polaire (l'ours des contes de Hans de Beer). Inscription requise. Info : 514 989-5229.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Concert : Give Three Cheers: A Gilbert & Sullivan Extravaganza

Le samedi 16 novembre à 19 h 30 au Victoria Hall. La Société opératique de Montréal-Ouest présente un concert de musique de Gilbert et Sullivan. Billets (25 \$, 20 \$ et 15 \$), en vente au Victoria Hall (argent comptant seulement), ou à www.mwos.org.

Concert pour enfants : Kissy Kissy Time

Le dimanche 17 novembre à 14 h au Victoria Hall. Un concert de chansons entraînantes et éducatives en français, anglais et espagnol. Pour les jeunes de 6 ans et moins. Adultes 10 \$, enfants 5 \$. Info : 514 989-5226.

Clinique de vaccination contre la grippe

Le mercredi 20 novembre de 9 h 30 à 20 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Le CLSC Métro offre gratuitement le vaccin contre l'influenza (grippe) aux groupes suivants vivant dans son

Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 18 novembre

territoire : personnes âgées de 60 ans et plus; bébés âgés de 6 à 23 mois ; personnes atteintes d'une maladie chronique ; tout individu en contact avec celles-ci. Prévoyez d'apporter votre carte d'assurance-maladie et de porter des vêtements à manches courtes. Info : 514 934-0354.

Fête de la Hannoukah

Le mercredi 27 novembre à 16 h 30 à l'hôtel de Ville. La Ville, la Congregation Shaar Hashomayim et les membres du Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom vous invitent à participer à cette célébration de la fête des lumières, incluant l'illumination de la première chandelle, de la musique et des délices traditionnels. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dramatis Personnae : A selection of short plays

Du samedi 30 novembre au lundi 2 décembre au Victoria Hall. La troupe de théâtre communautaire à Westmount interprétera quelques pièces courtes les samedi, dimanche et lundi à 20 h, et le dimanche à 14 h. Entrée gratuite, contributions appréciées. Info : www.theatrewestmount.com.

Illumination du sapin de Noël

Le lundi 2 décembre à 18 h 30 à l'hôtel de Ville. Venez en famille pour écouter des contes et des cantiques interprétés par l'ensemble *Burton Street Singers*. Chocolat chaud et friandises des fêtes servis. Entrée gratuite. N'oubliez pas d'apporter vos denrées non-périssables pour la collecte annuelle des fêtes. Info : 514 989-5226.

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CITY HALL

Municipal Elections

The final results of the November 3 municipal elections are available at www.westmount.org/vote2013.

WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

Follow the construction of the WRC

See the latest photos of the Recreation Centre online at www.westmount.org.

LIBRARY

2 O'Clock Series: Anne Renaud

Wednesday, November 13 at 2 p.m. Come meet Anne Renaud, author of *The Extraordinary Life of Anna Swan*. Info : 514 989-5299.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Victoria Hall. All proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of new materials for the Library. Info : 514 483-5604.

French Book Club : Mario Vargas Llosa

Monday, November 25 at 1 p.m. Join us to discuss the works of author Mario Vargas Llosa. Info : 514 989-5299.

English Book Club : Philip Roth

Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Join us to discuss the *Nemesis* by Philip Roth. Info : 514 989-5299.

Storybook Character Event

Sunday, December 1st at 2 p.m. For children from 3 to 12 years of age: join Lars the Polar Bear from the Hans De Beer books for an afternoon of fun! Info : 514 989-5229.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Concert: Give Three Cheers: A Gilbert & Sullivan Extravaganza

Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. The Montreal West Operatic Society presents a concert of music by Gilbert & Sullivan. Tickets (\$25, \$20 and \$15) are on sale at at Victoria Hall (cash only) or at www.mwos.org.

Children's concert: Kissy Kissy Time

Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Fun, engaging and educational songs in English, French and Spanish for children 6 years and under. Adults, \$10; Children, \$5. Info : 514 989-5226.

Flu vaccination clinic

Wednesday, November 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. The CLSC Métro will offer free influenza vaccines to the following groups residing in its territory: people

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aged 60 years and older; infants aged 6 to 23 months; people with a chronic illness; people having frequent contact with these persons. Bring your medicare card and to wear short sleeves. Info: 514 934-0354.

Community Chanukah celebration

Wednesday November 27 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

The City, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom invite everyone to attend this celebration of the Festival of Lights, with the lighting of the first candle, music and traditional food. Info: 514 989-5226.

Dramatis Personnae : A selection of short plays

Saturday, November 30 through Monday, December 2 at Victoria Hall. Westmount's community theatre troupe presents a selection of short plays at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with a matinée performance on Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission free, donations welcome. Info : www.theatrewestmount.com.

Christmas Tree Lighting Party

Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Bring the family to enjoy Christmas stories and carols sung by the Burton Street Singers, along with hot chocolate and holiday treats. Free. Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for the annual holiday collection. Info: 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Holiday Food Drive in Westmount

Until mid-December in City buildings. Support Public Security's annual food drive by donating non-perishable food items for the needy. Look for the collection bins in municipal buildings. Info : 514 989-5309.

Are you ready for an emergency?

With winter approaching, now is the perfect time to prepare for any emergency situation. Does your family have a plan? A 72-hour survival kit? A survival kit for the car? Find helpful suggestions on the City's website at www.westmount.org under *Community Safety, Emergency Planning*. Protect yourself and your family by being prepared.



Westmount's Public Safety team and Healthy City Project invite you to view information on emergency preparedness now on display at the Public Library and to enter your name to win a windup radio.



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Update Former Subaru dealership 'stable', but mostly empty

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

The city of Westmount considers it an eyesore, but the building at 4024-4032 St. Catherine St., the empty former home of the Subaru Auto Centre, is structurally safe.

In January 2012, the *Independent* reported the building might be demolished following a negative review from the Régie du bâtiment du Québec (RBQ). The RBQ asked the building's owner to commission an engineer's report attesting to its structural integrity.

That report, delivered in December 2011, said the floors above ground level had to be vacated for safety reasons, but the ground floor could continue to be occupied.

Sylvain Lamothe, spokesperson for the RBQ, said when industrial buildings have safety issues, the RBQ intervenes and informs owners of their responsibilities. Lamothe said cities are also involved in ensuring the safety of buildings within their jurisdictions. As for the current status of 4024-4032 St. Catherine with the RBQ, Lamothe did not get back to the *Independent* by press time.



The former Subaru dealership, November 9.

Photo: Independent.

Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning for the city of Westmount, said there was never any talk of demolition.

In May 2012, the city of Westmount issued a permit to the building's owner, Fiducie familiale Tehrani, to remove the building's deteriorating stone façade to render the building safe, Poirier said.

"All the pieces (of the façade) are kept within the building," said Poirier. "All of the upper floors have been vacated."

Poirier confirmed that the RBQ flagged the problem that the building's floor structure could not support the additional weight of cars on the upper floors.

According to the city of Montreal's assessment roll, the three-storey garage was built in 1929 and Poirier said inside there are ramps that go from level to level within the building.

Salt alters the load capacity of buildings after 50 years, Poirier said. "In this case, they haven't maintained the building for a certain time. Now there's no load on the upper floors, it's stable. That's why we were hoping the owner would initiate some action."

"The most important thing is to render the building safe," Poirier said. "It's very difficult for the city to initiate court action to reconstruct. First of all we're concerned about safety and that has been addressed."

"As far as we're concerned, it's an eyesore," said Poirier. The city would like the owner to reinforce the structure and rebuild the façade, but so far has not received any permit requests or architectural plans to do this, she said.

"It was a valuable building when it was maintained."

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Review: *The Connoisseur and the Philistine*
Benelux brewpub

4028 Wellington, Verdun

By DAVID PRICE AND GREG DUNNING

THE PHILISTINE: I love beer, but I am as far as it gets from a beer snob. My beer guide, Greg Dunning, says I have a very narrow “beer profile” that is a result of overexposure to what he calls “industrial beer.” Both phenomena likely arise from drinking relatively large volumes of Canadian beer, which – I have gathered from discussions with more knowledgeable people – are mainly lagers (or ales that have been made to taste like lagers).

(I am also told by wiser people that large-run commercial beers are like politics; you sell more by heading to the middle.)

So, to put my cards on the table: I am generally looking for a golden-coloured beer that does not have some other taste attached to it and that is a bit heavier in body than average, but there are always exceptions (e.g. some red beers). I dislike wheat beers and super-sweet ones. I dislike light beers and ones with light bodies (like Guinness). My favourite beer is Harp, which is silky and medium-bodied. I also like Sapporo and most commercial Canadian beers, my favourite of which (to Greg’s dismay) is Molson Export.

For these reasons, I am The Philistine. **THE CONNOISSEUR:** My equal love of beer began with underage peers behind the Dorval arena sneaking a six-pack of Labatt 50. Naturally, I loved it right from the start and spent the rest of the night trying to finish one can of it. Everyone is born a beer Philistine and the military-industrial brewer complex spends hundreds of millions of dollars to convince you that it’s cool to be one.

My favourite beer in high school was Carling Black Label (“BL” for the *über-cool*) and Old Milwaukee was my suds of choice at university since it was on tap 24 hours a

day at my fraternity. However, at 22 years of age, an enlightened one took me to the Peculiar Pub, then on West 4th St. (now on Bleeker St.) in Greenwich village, where I was able to order a beer from a “menu” of 400 beers. The veil had been lifted. It was a life-changing moment.

I like ales, lagers and everything in between. Of the beer that I have tried, I drink only the ones that are manufactured by people who really care about it. I will try any new beer and will search for it wherever I go. I am a “Beer Hunter.”¹

For these reasons, I am The Connoisseur.

¹Late 80’s TV show hosted by Michael Jackson, well-known beer and whisky reviewer and journalist – not the pop star.

THE PHILISTINE: For this outing, Greg and I and two friends went to Benelux’s second location, which opened in May on Wellington in Verdun. It is co-owned by a Westmounter, Hugues Gagnon, who coincidentally was there and treated us to a round. The bar is a hipster paradise located in a former Bank of Montreal branch and decked out with sleek, modern furniture. The interior is dark, with lots of clean lines and a cut-away window to the brewing tanks. The patio, where we were, is large and furnished with various heat devices to extend the short Canadian summer as much possible.

My first beer was Edna, a Munich lager. I was surprised by its red colour when it



came, but it did not have a typical sweet “red” taste that one finds, for example, in Rickard’s Red (which, Greg tells me, is “a *faux* craft beer made in a factory by unionized workers”). I didn’t love my Edna, but there was no problem with it either.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Trying new beer is strategic; you start the session light (in colour and alcohol) and end dark. The oenophile proceeds the same way, otherwise, he is tasting out of order and his palate can’t appreciate all the subtleties. I began with Régina, a German-style wheat beer (or *weizen*), a classic summer ale, which is designed to quench the thirst after a robust day in the sun threshing hay, which of course I had been doing. Régina was not bitter enough for me (not enough hops during brewing, most likely), but it

was very refreshing after all that threshing and riding my bike to the pub as well.

THE PHILISTINE: Next was Gertrude, a Pilsner, which – as one of the quintessential lagers – I usually like. This one had a bit of a metallic taste to it that left the mouth a little dry, so it wasn’t my favourite.

THE CONNOISSEUR: My second was Melrose, an organic seasonal ale made with honey, a little stronger this time at 5.9 percent. It struck a perfect balance of sweetness (from the malt and supplemented by the honey, possibly in a second fermentation) and bitterness. This was an exceptional summer seasonal that the brewer should keep on his short list.

THE PHILISTINE: I broke away from the pack

with my third choice, Hänsel, a doppelbock (bock, Greg tells me, means “billy goat” and was invented in Einbeck, Germany in the 1200s, while doppelbock is simply extra-potent bock). I have liked bocks in the past, and there was a sweet one (by Carlsberg) that I had and enjoyed back in the 1980s. This one was not sweet and was a bit heavier in body. I could feel its higher alcohol content (8.8 percent) and would have guessed that it was even higher than that.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Vélo, 5.5-percent American pale ale, came next. It was clean and fresh but ordinary (like the ales at Les Trois Brasseurs chain), and lacked the hop bite an APA should have. Decent session beer (you can drink a bunch of them in one sitting), but not remarkable like Sierra Nevada Pale (Chico, CA) or Simple Malt Cascade (Brasseurs Illimités, St. Eustache).

THE PHILISTINE: Next was Tempérance, “a best bitter,” according to the menu. It was very smooth and, ironically, not bitter – which, Greg tells me, is a misleading name that often turns beginners off because it’s usually not bitter tasting but called that because the British wanted

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to subtly distinguish this type of ale from “mild” ales, which have almost no bitter taste at all.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Then I noticed a beer on the menu that I missed, Berlinoise at 3.7 percent, again another summer beer, that one should drink even before a *weizen*. But I don't believe that this was a true *Berlinerweisse* because it was also advertised as being sour.

I think that this particular beer was actually a revival of an ancient style from Leipzig called Gose, which is really tart because it has sea salt, wheat and coriander in it. Beau's Brewery (Vankleek Hill, Ontario) brewed Opa's Gose and Les Trois Mousquetaires (Brossard) similarly Hors Série Gose this summer respectively. Both were amazing.

Berlinoise was in third place but it was a rare treat to have one on tap. I think Benelux called it “Berlinoise” because no one would order a Gose since it is unpronounceable.

It is not for everyone: my fellow beer hunters politely watered the outdoor plants with their samples.

THE PHILISTINE: Last was Bunker, a stock ale, which was very smooth, but a bit too little light in body for my taste.

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the mayor's emergency powers and is to be presented to an upcoming council meeting for ratification.

“It's a relatively minor job,” Trent said, but not one which will be considered part of the rec centre project. “It's a good thing we discovered it when we did,” he said, noting that the pipe could have broken undetected in the future as 100-year-old pipes do.

Public Works director Marianne Zalzal said the project is a two-week job.

Engineer Cristian Sipos, who has been studying the situation, explained that there were three pipes from the north that appeared to empty into the manhole and the one pipe leading out to the south. This is

THE CONNOISSEUR: My last was Niq-à-feu, a smoked porter at 6.1 percent. A smoky experience is not appreciated by the taste buds but by the nose. A *Maxim*-reading, Scotch-sipping cigar smoker would describe his Talisker 10-year-old as “smoky” or “peaty.” Similarly this porter was dark, rich and reminded me of burning leaves in the backyard (not in Westmount, of course!). It was an agreeable finish to the evening, and not so powerful that I would crash my bike on the way home. Aecht Schlenkerla Rauchbier (Bamberg, Germany) is the world standard in my book for this ale and it is available at the SAQ right now.

THE PHILISTINE: Overall, it was a good night, even if I didn't find my dream beer. The service was excellent, conversation animated, atmosphere great, and the food good (and not the typical burger-and-fries pub fare).

THE CONNOISSEUR: David was risk-averse and exhausted his familiar profile (lager) on the menu. I missed quite a few lagers by sticking exclusively to ales. I didn't find my dream beer either, but there are still 10 others on the menu to go back and try another night.

the one being capped. One of the three to the north appears to cut diagonally northwest under a portion of the church in the location of an old creek bed. It was not possible, however, to pass a camera up this pipe to determine where it goes, he said.

The pipe being capped to the south of the manhole is believed to have been angled slightly southwest where a small portion of church's southwest corner “might” have been built on top of it Sipos said.

The new replacement pipe, however, will run parallel to the church's east wall to empty into the sewer on de Maison-neuve.

In order to pump the water up from the old manhole, one pump plus a back-up one are being installed.

Dusty day



A pedestrian covers her face November 8 from wind-whipped dust at the Lansdowne side of the new arena/pool. Landscaping activities are wrapping up and sod is being laid down.

Fire truck hooks poorly placed lift

A fire truck turning right off Metcalfe to head east hooked the arm of a construction lift parked at the corner in front of 4444 Sherbrooke October 15, Public Security officials said. The arm was low and reported to have been obscured by a tree as the driver of the fire vehicle rounded the corner. The operator of the lift, which had a city permit to occupy the public domain, was asked to relocate it to a safer location. No damage was reported.

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Stories by Montreal Storytellers' Guild, Westmount Library. Free. Information: mtlstorytellersguild@gmail.com or call Paula at 514.593.9947. 7 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Christmas fair at St. Matthias' Anglican Church (Upper Hall), 12 Church Hill. 10 am to 2 pm, lunch from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Kissy Kissy Time: songs for children (0 to 6 years). Tickets \$5-10, cash only. Victoria Hall (Lodge Room). 2 pm.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

City council at city hall, 8 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Manoir Westmount charity bazaar. 4646 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.937.3943. Noon to 2 pm.



University Women's Club of Montreal

On Horseback with Camera – Bonnie Folkins, photographer and long distance horseback rider will present photographs of the Kazakh people and talk about her horseback travels in Kazakhstan and Mongolia. 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 20. Atwater Club. 3505 Atwater Ave. Supper \$31.04 (members) \$50 (glass wine included – non-members). Reservations needed. Newcomers welcome.

For reservations or information, call Valerie: 514 212-9015 www.uwcm.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Treats and Treasures craft fair and lunch. International crafters, bake sale and Empty Bowls. Details at www.centre-greene.org. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene. 10 am to 3:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Cummings Centre's presents "I'm a Believer," a performance of 60s and 70s music. \$5. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. 7 pm.

ONGOING:

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Friends of the Westmount Library request book donations for their upcoming sale, to be held at Victoria Hall on Saturday November 23 and Sunday November 24. Books on all topics in excellent condition can be dropped off at the front desk, 4574 Sherbrooke St. No magazines, encyclopedias, VHS videos, cassettes or any materials in poor condition. Info: 514.483.5604.

Skateboarders warned on Sunnyside

Two young Montreal men were warned October 30 against skateboarding on the street when found on Sunnyside at Gordon Cresc., Public Security officials said. A complaint had been received about the pair at 8:35 pm. Aged 17 and 18, the two were sent on their way and their names entered into the city's database for future reference.

Knocking on doors, taken to hospital

A man was found heavily intoxicated at Mountain and Severn October 30 after several complaints starting at 9:13 pm, Public Security officials said. Residents complained about someone knocking on doors, lying on property, walking in the street and talking to himself. When he was located, police were called owing to his condition and were reported to have driven him to hospital.

Open manhole found in park

An open manhole was discovered by a woman in Westmount Park October 30 just after 10 pm, according to Public Security reports. Two patrollers found the missing cover south of the gazebo and managed to drag it back in place some 15 feet away. It was not known how the cover had been dislodged and moved, but the open hole was considered to generate a danger, especially in the dark.

Christmas Sale and Dinner

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Social Calendar

Friday, November 29

St. Andrew's Charity Ball. Benefit for the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal/McGill Chair for Canadian-Scottish Studies. Black Watch Pipes and Drums, 1945 Dance Band. 6:30 pm. Marriott Chateau Champlain, Place du Canada. Tickets Norma King 514.842.2030. Info@stan-drews.qc.ca

DECEMBER – Wednesday, December 4

Cystic Fibrosis Quebec. Benefit Gala. 6:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$400. Tables (8 persons) \$3,500. 514.877.6161. evenement@fibrosekystiquequebec.ca

Two noisy parties quieted after Halloween

Loud voices and music could be heard November 3 from an apartment at 4300 de Maisonneuve when patrollers arrived to check out a noise complaint at 1:26 am, Public Security officials said. The resident along with about 15 costumed guests at the Halloween party were described as co-operative when advised of the complaint.

At 3:50 am, some 20 guests were told to lower voices after a complaint of loud drums from a party at 3035 St. Antoine.

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Tuesday, December 31

Ritz-Carlton Montreal New Year's Eve Gala. 7 pm to 3 am. Champagne reception. 4-course menu, open bar, 14-piece orchestra. 1228 Sherbrooke St. Tickets Jacques.alhaddad@ritzmontreal.com



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



AVIS PUBLIC

AJOURNEMENT DE LA SÉANCE ORDINAIRE
DU CONSEIL DU 11 NOVEMBRE 2013

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, lors de sa séance ordinaire du 11 novembre 2013, le conseil a ajourné sa séance au **lundi 18 novembre 2013 à 20h.**

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 novembre 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2013
REGULAR COUNCIL SITTING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, at its regular sitting held on November 11, 2013, Council adjourned its sitting to **Monday, November 18, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.**

GIVEN at Westmount, this November 12, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville / City Clerk

Westmount's Mauritius connection

Social Notes

from Westmount
and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Marie Chévrier, Richard Gervais, Pierrette Wong.

ernor-General Jeanne Sauvé, Mayor Jean Drapeau, premiers Jean Charest and Robert Bourassa, and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, as well as pictures of prime ministers Brian Mulroney and Stephen Harper and foreign ministers Mitchell Sharp and John Baird.

Noted in the group were philanthropist

Pierrette Wong, member of the board of the MUHC and founder of Montreal Chinese Community & Culture Centre; Gérard Labelle, president of the Association Québec-Île Maurice (AQIM), accompanied by his sister, a parliamentarian in Mauritius; Yong Ng Tong, president of the Li Ming Association, a Chinese-Mauritian



Hacinna Mohamed,
The Honourable Shakee Mohamed

group, as well as Ashvin Ramdin and Kapil Reesaul.

Gervais has been honorary consul to Mauritius for 19 years. Three years ago he was decorated by the president of the republic with the rank of grand officer of the Order of Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.

He is a member of the Order of Quebec and recipient of the Queen's Jubilee medal. Departing guests could not help but comment on the beautiful balmy night, whose warm breezes reminded them of the far-away island of Mauritius. However, although enchanted by the soft fall eve, they also noted that they were glad not to be spending winters in our fair ville.



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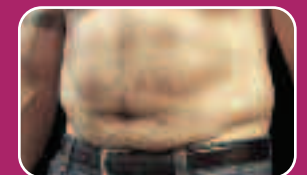
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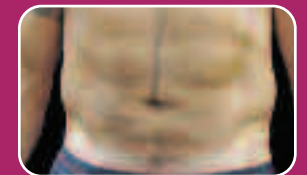
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Remembrance at cenotaph

Despite on and off rain November 10, a number of citizens joined military units at the Westmount cenotaph to pay their respects to the men and women who served in war. For the first time in several years, buses were rerouted off Sherbrooke as the city had previously requested.

Among those laying wreaths were Westmount MP Marc Garneau, provincial legislator Jacques Chagnon and Mayor Peter Trent accompanied by Public Security director David Sedgwick.

Alarm activates from midnight work on Ville Marie

A sound-level alarm alerted Transport ministry monitors to the level of noise being generated by work on the Ville Marie expressway October 23, Public Security officials said. Answering a noise complaint from a resident of St. Antoine St. just after midnight, officers found a ministry official setting up to take his own sound measurements. Loud hammering and drilling on the underneath portion of the highway could be heard. The alarm had apparently activated after 30 minutes of what was deemed to be excessive noise.

Col. David Hart, who served in World War II and fought at Dieppe, laid a wreath for 34th Engineers while other military units and the RCMP did so followed by community groups such as the Girl Guides, the Westmount Municipal Association and the Westmount Historical Society. Westmount Scouts.

On November 11, students from Roslyn School walked down to the cenotaph to observe a moment of silence at 11 am.

Suspect checked out

A woman informed a parking inspector at 10:10 am September 25 that a man had been harassing her for money at the Victoria parking lot, Public Security officials said.

An individual matching the description was located at Sherbrooke and Prince Albert, Public Security officials said.

As he attempted to walk away he was stopped and identified as someone known to officers in relation to car break-ins. As a result, vehicles in the Victoria lot were checked, but all reported in order. He was told not to linger and went on his way. He lives at a downtown shelter.

Peace garden event honours Korean War veterans



Consul Jehyun Yang plants a tree at the peace garden.

Photo courtesy of Dawson College.

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Students from Dawson College held a peace ceremony November 6, to “honour the veterans who served our country. This year our focus was the Korean War as 2013 is its anniversary,” explained Tanya Infantino, project manager.

The event was introduced last year to the Dawson Public Relations class by Cercle de Paix and Veterans Affairs Canada. It was part of a class project with teacher Sarah Cartier for which the students learn how to plan, implement and evaluate events. The morning’s ceremonies were held on the grounds of the college, where a peace garden has been established in memory of the 2006 shooting.

Korean consul Jehyun Yang planted a serviceberry bush. Six white doves, representing peace around the world, were released, and then flew back to their keeper Lucy Payne. Also attending was Jean Trudel, founder and president of Cercle du Paix.

Dawson students taking part were emcees Ben Grecoff and Marilou Ayotte, Taylor MacEwen, Miguel Gosselin, Maycie St-Louis, Dylan Cera-Emard, Melanie Romer, Kirk Lafontaine, Mike Micliette, Yvon Roberte, Vince Pascale, Geoff Hamilton and Andrew Katz, along with faculty member Marc Sauvé, and Lieutenant Commander Geoff Hamilton.



Sarah Cartier and Tanya Infantino.

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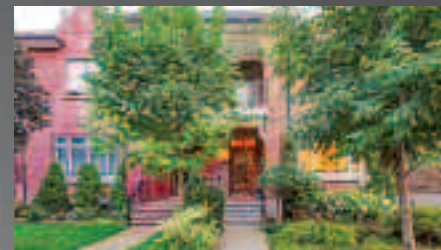
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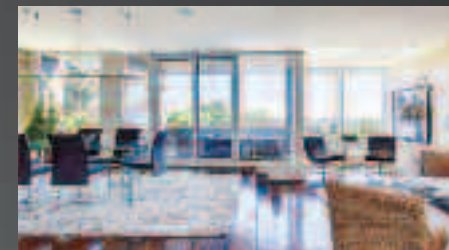
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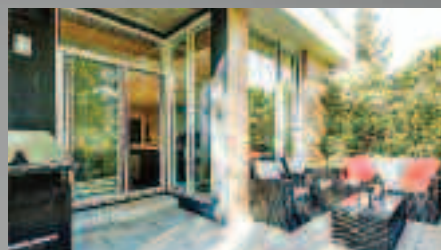


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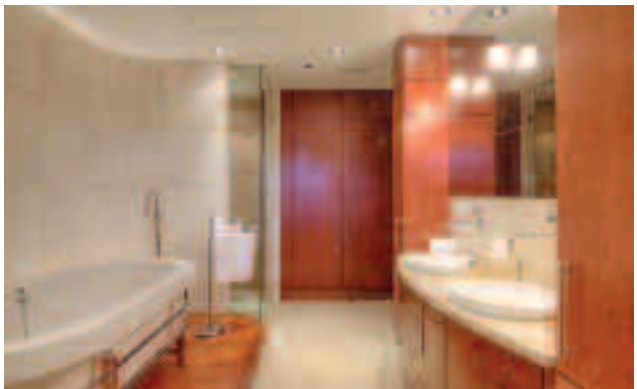
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