

Plan calls for 6-storey condo development

Hearing set for demolition of Vanguard building

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A demolition hearing has been planned for June 19 to consider tearing down the complex used by Vanguard school to make way for a six-storey condominium development. The meeting is scheduled for 5 pm at city hall.

The proposed project is the latest in a string of new condo buildings in the last three years that include 11 Hillside, 1250 Greene and 215 Redfern.

The request to demolish the connected two- and three-storey buildings at 175 Metcalfe at the northeast corner of Hillside re-

sulted from the property's sale to EMD Construction Inc.

The school's students, many of whom are bussed in from across the island, are moving to a new consolidated campus on Côte de Liesse Rd. for the 2013-2014 year (see "Vanguard moves next June, building sale in progress," November 20, 2012, p. 3).

2-storey underground parking

An architectural plan for the new condos calls for 57 units in the six storeys, plus a seventh recreational floor along with three terraces. There is also a proposed two-storey underground parking garage accessible off Metcalfe from the north side of the planned building.

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Two generations of planters



After a day of rain, Sultana Biris and her grandchildren, Zoë and Tom Azeff, get down to planting some marigolds May 29 on the corner de Maisonneuve and Clarke. Photo: Ralph Thompson

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Lower interest rates, higher contamination costs create new range for arena cost

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The impact of higher than expected decontamination costs could push the tax levy for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) to \$237 a year on the average single-family dwelling, according to Mayor Peter Trent.

It had been promised at \$200 three years ago – now calculated as the equivalent of \$212 in today's dollars – and was

based on the need to borrow \$12 million on a budget that included \$1 million for decontamination.

The new number is a "worst-case" scenario in which decontamination costs run \$2 million over budget, Trent told the *Independent* last week.

But the resulting tax increase might have been much higher without a surprise drop in interest rates from 5 percent to 3 per- continued on p. 3



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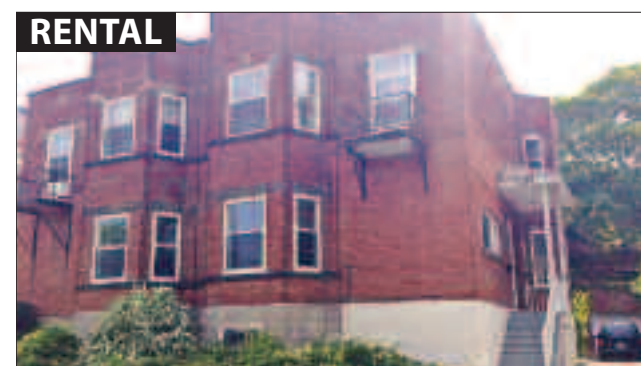
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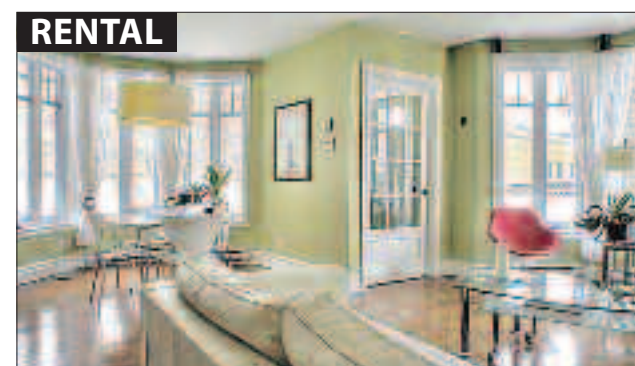
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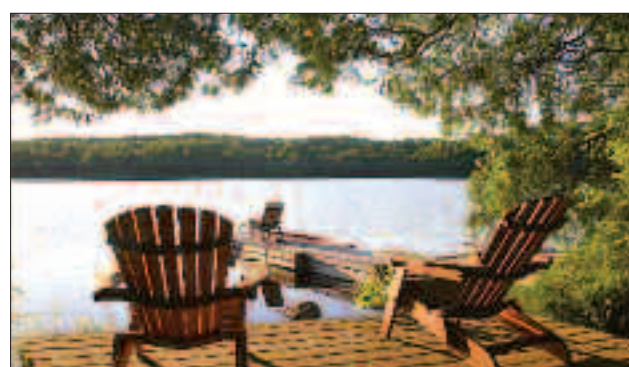
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Arena costs... *cont'd. from p. 1*

cent, which the city recently locked into in its launch of debentures for the project.

"This is a bolt out of the blue," Trent said. "It's a very nice softening agent when you look at the worst-case scenario of decontamination costs and the blow they could have had on financing costs borne by taxpayers."

Expected at the June 3 council meeting to present best- and worst-case scenarios depending on decontamination costs, Trent said he was being "pragmatic" in planning for the latter.

Best case scenario

The best-case scenario would see the WRC tax burden on the average tax bill for single family dwellings (SFD) remain at the \$212 in constant dollars, he said.

This depends on decontamination costs exceeding budget by "only" \$0.5 million (even though council authorized May 6 an increase of \$0.7 million that had already been paid at that time).

It is also based on the need to borrow \$14.2 million at 3 percent and "new revenues and energy savings," Trent said, by building to the gold level of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental design).

Worst-case scenario

In the worst-case where decontamination costs add \$2 million over budget, the cost to be borne by taxpayers though financing would be \$15.7 million, he calcu-

Arena/pool costs, city's worst case

Millions \$	
\$38.3	budget approved Feb. 6, 2012
+0.4	approved extras
+1.0	full-size second rink
+2.0*	added decontamination
-1.0	dedicated fundraising for rink
\$40.7	cost of project
-20.0	government grant
-05.0	fundraising (projected)
\$15.7	cost borne by taxpayers
	*worst-case scenario

Source: Peter Trent

lates, or an increase on the average single-family dwelling of \$25 over the best-case scenario to reach \$237 a year.

"With the lower interest rate, we now know that the full impact that might have resulted from added decontamination costs will not be borne by taxpayers," Trent said.

While the city would challenge additional decontamination costs, "I like to be pragmatic," he explained, "because we don't know what the results of a challenge would be."

He said it was not known if the savings from lower interest rates would entirely offset an added \$2 million in decontamination costs over the 10-year period of the loan, "but it's in the order of magnitude of \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year."

Pomerleau now paid \$21 million

By the June 3 city council meeting, payments to Pomerleau Inc. for work on the Westmount recreation centre had reached \$21,071,991, according to Councillor Patrick Martin.

He was expected to announce the up-to-date figure at the city council meeting June 3 resulting from May payments of

\$2,523,141. These include taxes but exclude the city's 10-percent holdback payable on satisfactory completion of the project.

The city's design-build contract with Pomerleau from February 2012 is for \$33.5 million.

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Cst. Benzakour cited for saving life last year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 48-year-old police officer at Station 12 in Westmount was presented a Quebec government medal for “meritorious action” May 13 in saving the life of a man last October 15. The annual citations ceremony took place at the provincial police academy in Nicolet.

Constable Nabil Benzakour was responding to a call at 2:50 am for a fight outside a bar on St. Catherine St. near Chomedey when he found the man “bleeding profusely” from a knife wound to the neck, according to a description of the incident from the Public Security ministry.

As the victim’s condition deteriorated by the second, Benzakour placed his hand over the wound to apply pressure, it states. “Determined to keep him alive,” Benzakour continued to apply pressure throughout the ambulance ride to the hospital until the victim underwent delicate surgery.

He “provided the best care possible to a person in distress saving his life, demonstrating exemplary duty,” the citation reads.

Benzakour was the only officer from

the Montreal force to receive the medal recognizing outstanding service, Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde pointed out. Fourteen others were presented to police officers from across the province.

Medically trained

Benzakour had almost completed medical training to become a physician in his native Morocco when he came to Canada, Plourde said. “I’m quite sure his life experience played a big role in the way he reacted. He’s a man who cares about others.”

Benzakour was 41 when he joined the police force seven years ago, one of the oldest rookies, Plourde said. He has been serving in Westmount two years.

Benzakour’s mother and two other members of his family came from Africa for the ceremony held during National Police Week.

The victim, Plourde said, was an Inuit visitor staying at the Module du Nord centre at the Y residence on Tupper St., who has since returned to his home in the far north. “He was only supposed to have been here for a couple of days but became a victim of the problems that can be encountered in the big city.”



Cst. Nabil Benzakour receives a medal for meritorious action October 15 from Quebec Public Security minister Stéphane Bergeron.
Photo courtesy of police Station 12

It was soon after the incident that Station 12 completed a video for Inuit visitors to help keep them safe. The video has just won a community policing award (see story, p. 8).

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Rabbi Grushcow guides group through history of kosher food

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Rabbi Lisa Grushcow guided roughly 30 members of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom through the tumultuous millennia-long history of kashrut, the religious rules determining the Jewish diet. It was the May 28 part of a three-talk series on kosher food.

"Food is deeply personal and very connected to identity. Then when you start talking about food choices, food in religion and laws about food, those issues become

even larger," said Grushcow, the temple's senior rabbi.

Set up with a half dozen round tables to stimulate discussion, Grushcow began the two-hour talk by asking audience members to compile a list of foods banned under kashrut, which traces its roots back to the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy and includes items such as pork, shellfish and scavenger birds.

Of the 20 or so items called out, only about half were banned in the Torah, said Grushcow, highlighting the impact of so-

cial change on kosher food.

"The things that we talk about as being kosher are not necessarily all going back to the Torah. That means that this is a category of Jewish law that has expanded, interpreted, changed over hundreds and thousands of years," she said.

With no definite list of banned foods, veritable kashrut turf-wars would break out between local rabbis looking to establish themselves as the premier authority on kosher foods in the area.

With the dawn of mass-produced, processed food in the latter half of the 20th century, the local rabbis have been replaced by international corporations that have begun to dominate the kosher market, marking their packaging with a kosher-certified marking, she said.

"As we got our chicken not warm with feathers but under plastic, a whole indus-

try developed around kashrut," said Grushcow. "Things that you would never think require certification suddenly are becoming certified. Water is given a kashrut certification. Tin foil gets a certification."

The dark side of mass production came to light in 2008 when Iowa-based Agriprocessors, at the time the largest kosher meat packing plant in the US, was raided by authorities due to claims of child labour, illegal immigrant workers and animal cruelty, leading to almost 400 arrests.

According to Grushcow, the fiasco led to a resurgence in eco- or ethical kashrut, which added a focus on the environmental impact of the food, the living conditions of the animal, and the workers' physical and economical well-being.

The final talk of the kosher series will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

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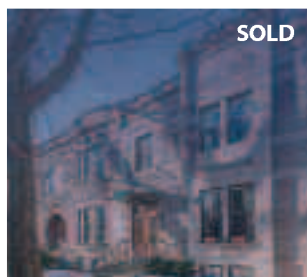


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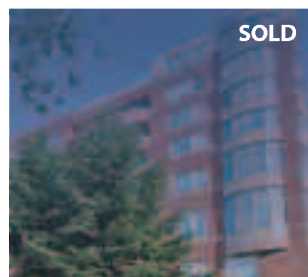
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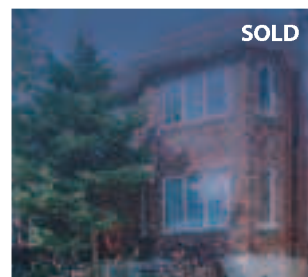
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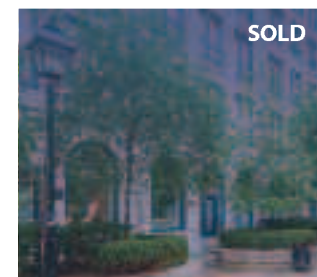
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Local police video wins ‘coup de cœur’ award

A video produced by local police station 12 on what visitors from the far north should expect when they come to Montreal was honoured at the “Prix d’excellence” ceremony May 22 at the annual conference of the Réseau intersection held at Bromont.

The group is a community policing organization that created the awards in 1996 to recognize best practices in community policing in Quebec police organizations.

The local video was produced last November in English and translated into Inuktitut to be a tool for Inuit visitors

when they come to the big city, many staying only briefly at the Y residence on Tup- per St.

The video describes ways in which visitors may be targeted for theft, assault and substance abuse, especially in the area of Cabot Square (see story April 23, p. 8).

It won in “coup de coeur de la clientèle.” The award was accepted by Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde and Constable Adalbert Pimentel, who spear-headed the video as the community relations officer.

“While it’s good to be honoured,” Pi-

mentel said, “to me the true success of the video is the people I’ve been meeting while walking the beat who recognized me from the video, which means they had seen it.”

More than 300 copies have been ordered by various organizations and northern communities, he said. “My aim was the build bridges between police and the victims,” he said. This includes encouraging victims to report crimes against them either here or when they return home.

– LS

Concrete falls from crumbling lookout

A chunk of concrete measuring about 16 inches long was found on the public steps leading down from the summit lookout to Sunnyside Park May 23, according to Public Security reports. It appeared to have fallen off the lookout railing where other pieces had cracked off due to crumbling. The chunk was found at 9:50 am by a patroller.

Cars collide on Victoria

Two cars collided outside 414 Victoria when one traveling south was hit by another attempting to drive from one side of the lane to the other behind the Royal Bank building, Public Security officials said. The accident at 5 pm damaged the front end of both an Audi and a Mazda wagon, rendering one undriveable. It was pushed to the side. No injuries were reported.

Hung up on driveway wall

A car became hung up on the wall of a driveway on Aberdeen May 24 when the driver had been trying to make a U-turn, according to a public safety officer answering the call at 5:36 am. Public Security officials said the driver, a man from St. Laurent, was awaiting assistance from CAA. A man in the passenger seat was described as appearing inebriated.

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Healthy City Project talk explores diagnosis and care of Alzheimer's sufferers

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Two Alzheimer's disease experts showcased their respective experiences with the disorder to the Westmount Healthy City Project on May 15, highlighting the challenges both in diagnosing the disease and the subsequent care for those afflicted by it.

"Anybody who has complaints about their memory should be checked out by

their doctor," said Dr. Howard Chertkow, a neurology professor at McGill University and the director of the Bloomfield Centre for Research in Aging.

Speaking at Westmount Public Library alongside Marva Whyte, the director of Support Services at Alzheimer Groupe Inc., Chertkow opened the two-hour talk by explaining the scientific background of the currently cureless neurodegenerative disease that afflicts an estimated 500,000

Canadians.

The hardest challenges in combating the disease, which kills nerve function and dramatically shrinks the brain, is to first find out how what causes it and a method to accurately diagnosis it, said Chertkow.

Brain imaging technology is often used to search for plaques (protein formations called beta-amyloids) as an Alzheimer's indicator. However, the clumps have also been found in the brains of people who never suffered from the disease, further compounding the diagnosis conundrum.

Largely due to that uncertainty, the only treatments for Alzheimer's focus on coping with the symptoms, not preventing or curing the disease. Roughly 170 drug trials to cure the disease have failed, according to Chertkow, largely because doctors can't pin down exactly what to look for.

"The most important thing is to fund Alzheimer's research. Until we find out what causes it, we aren't likely to find a cure," said Chertkow.

Though susceptibility to the disease is largely genetic, Chertkow also provided ways to reduce the odds of developing the

disorder, including physical activity, mental stimulation, emotional stability and limiting stress.

During the second half of the talk, Whyte shared her experiences dealing with sufferers of mental disorders and the burden it places on the patient's family.

"Research is important but until we find a cure, families have to live through the 36-hour day," she said, referring to 1981 book *The 36-Hour Day* about the onus placed on caregivers.

Whyte spoke of the importance of maintaining an honest approach with the patient, planning for future arrangements and responsibilities of family members and understanding the impact the disease will have on relationships.

"It doesn't matter how diminished the person is. The person is still in there, and it's our job to find them," said Whyte.

She also encouraged families to seek help in navigating the health care system.

"Knowledge is power. Organizations like [Alzheimer Groupe Inc.] and others have information and can help you through it," she said.



Marva Whyte explained the difficulties caring for Alzheimer's disease patients on May 15 at the Westmount Public Library.

Vintage clothing sale raises \$50,000 for Alzheimer's

Vintage Recall II, run by a group of volunteers made up of several Westmounters, raised \$50,000 at the May 2 and May 5 vintage designer clothing sale ("Getting ready for Alzheimer fundraiser," April 9, p. 30). The beneficiary, the Alzheimer Groupe, said proceeds will be used to fund programs and services to over 1,500 families and patients whose lives have been affected by the disease.

Duffield goes to Beaconsfield

Andrew Duffield, Westmount's former assistant director of Public Works who left last August to become the assistant Public Works director in Baie d'Urfé, was recently named director of the department in Beaconsfield. He takes up his new position during July on the retirement of the current director. Duffield grew up in Westmount and began working for the city as a student. He served 14 years in Public Works (see August 7, 2012, p. 4).



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ACCIDENTS AFFECT LIVES

It's been almost a month, and I'm still thinking about it every day. My husband was hit by a car while cycling not far from home on May 1 ("Two cyclists hurt in accidents May 1," May 14, p. 9).

He arrived first at the intersection of Lansdowne Ave. and Westmount Ave. He saw a car arriving from far, and although that car was going way above the school zone speed limit, my husband took for granted that the car would stop at the intersection.

We will never know exactly why, but the car didn't stop. Was it the speed? A phone call? Or just springtime hormones?

One thing is for sure: he could have killed a wonderful man and father of young children.

Every year we read or hear horror stories involving bicycles, and unfortunately we have a tendency to blame the cyclists without even questioning the fact that drivers do drive dangerously, don't look at the blind spot and often are more focused on texting than paying attention to the road and its surroundings.

Beside multiple fractures (back and pelvis) and a very long reconstructive surgery to his shattered and dislocated shoulder, my husband survived. He will probably have after-effects for the rest of his life and will need a shoulder replacement in the next couple of years. All this for a silly accident.

But we were lucky. Not sure if the result would have been the same for a child...

ANITA LEBLANC, THE BOULEVARD

'NEWFOUNDLAND' CHANGES DOG-RUN CALCULATION

By going underground, the new Westmount recreation centre (WRC) will add over an acre of green space to Westmount Park. The question council had to grapple with was the following: how best to use this new-found land?

We have eliminated some roadways thanks to the WRC construction: one-half of Arena Dr. and one-half of the de Maisonneuve "stub" will be gone. That's how Westmount Park will be extended by over an acre to the southeast, to include the whole area where the former swimming pool used to be. The new swimming pool will be located some 200 feet further south.

Since we want to give over part of what was the old Lansdowne dog run to the swimmers as a grassed area for them to relax on, there is not enough room remaining in Lansdowne Park for a dog run to the west, even though there will be a whole new area of green space added to the southeast. And a dog run right next to a kiddie pool is not the best of ideas.

And is Lansdowne Park more "expensible" than Westmount Park? I have never thought of our parks having a kind of hierarchical classification. Council considers

all our parks valuable, and that includes Summit Woods, Murray Park and Westmount Park. There are, however, differences in vocation.

So we are simply moving a dog run from one place to another – nearby.

The new location of the dog run in Westmount Park – in what is now a completely paved and rarely-used area – will be in accord with its character. The dog run in the middle of Murray Park, for example, is a source of pleasure for local dog owners and is quite tranquil.

So, thanks to the new WRC and a dog run moved, the overall green space in southwest Westmount will have been increased by well over an acre and arguably better arranged.

PETER TRENT,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

MISS VICKY'S MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE

The letter in last week's edition demands a response ("St. Matthias' Church and Miss Vicky's: setting the record straight...", May 28, p. 8).

Two residents live directly opposite Miss Vicky's and have had a bird's eye view of the situation for over 20 years.

No, Miss Vicky's did not get a permit of occupancy at opening time and did not even apply for such a permit. This came to light 19 months ago when discussions began at council meetings.

The operation is not operated by the church. It is listed on the government site as "no. 1149149453 Miss Vicky's Workshop Inc. 186 Spring Garden, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec. Entreprise- Pierre Poitras Compagnie. Loi sur les companies partie 1A (profit making). Victoria Naday, President."

A church committee ensures that the school is run safely and supported the city when no turns onto Church Hill from Côte St. Antoine were mandated? Yes, but it was the residents who initiated this traffic discussion. Eight years ago, I sent a letter to the editor of a local paper describing a situation where on a hilly, wintery, slippery, two-way traffic street, parents were double-parking and taking their children out of car seats on the street side (against the law for school buses when traffic both ways must stop).

When I accosted Miss Vicky a few days later and asked her if she had seen my letter, she replied that it was not her problem. (I shudder to think of such a reply from a professional educator.) When I asked about a board of directors, she replied that she did not have one. Thus, the situation remained unchanged until we could not

bear it any longer and appeared at council meetings.

Why does the committee not want to take responsibility for the operation of such an educational project – or is Miss Vicky hesitant about giving up her "for profit" position? We need an accountable board of directors just as all the other educational projects are run in Westmount on residential streets – projects that are run with clearly publicized safety policies and with the cooperation of the nearby residents.

BERTHA DAWANG, CHURCH HILL

OPEN LETTER, RE: POSSIBLE CONDOS AT VANGUARD

I wish to be heard regarding the possible demolition of Vanguard school to make room for condos on Metcalfe Ave. (right next to me) for the following reasons:

- Will the builders respect my right to drive and park my car behind my house, which I have had for almost 30 years?
- Will the vibrations from the machines demolish part or all of my house?
- The dust caused by demolition and construction will settle on my house and on my neighbours' houses, such as the Place Kensington retirement home.
- The noise during construction will scare birds for miles around – and people nearby.
- Will the builders really be able to sell their condos? The answer is "no" as there are now too many condos on the island of Montreal.
- The Vanguard school building was, for many years, the Reader's Digest building. It is a beautiful building that should be preserved.

GERALD GLASS, METCALFE AVE.

RE-ASSESS PRIORITIES

The city of Westmount has lost its fiscal compass. It is outrageous, ridiculous and appalling that the city has budgeted \$100,000 (May 21, p. 4) for a dog run that isn't even remotely suitable for large dogs.

For the record, I am a dog owner. The proposed site is too broken up with trees and shrubbery. The Lansdowne run can be slightly shifted at a fraction of the cost. We have other much more urgent priorities like the ceiling that's falling down in Victoria Hall due to water penetration and the green house, now in a pitiful state, held together with duct tape and tarpaulin.

The city council must reassess its priorities otherwise the electors will do it for them.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

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GREAT FOR LANSDOWNERS THAT DOG RUN MOVES AWAY

Relocating the dog run from Lansdowne to Westmount Park is welcome news to us who live in the immediate vicinity.

I think that some dog owners don't realize how unpleasant it is to have to listen to incessant and sustained barking.

Once the recreational and pool areas are complete, the entire area of Lansdowne Park will be an inviting green space to many residents who live nearby.

MERNE PRICE
LANSDOWNE AVE.

GIVE DOGS MORE ROOM

I am in agreement with those who are against the proposed [new] location of the dog run in the centre of Westmount Park. This would ruin a beautiful, tranquil area.

As a former dog owner, my experience has been that dogs don't run in a dog run; they need more space to exercise.

My suggestion would be to designate certain hours when dogs can run free in the park, say from 6 to 8 am in the morning, and 8 to 10 pm in the evening in the summer. The hours could probably be extended in the winter.

JUNE PATERSON
MELVILLE AVE.

STRINGS ATTACHED TO SELWYN'S WAG INVESTMENT?

Most of us are aware that Niccolo Machiavelli wrote *The Prince*, his guide to statesmanship for a hypothetical leader. Even if we have not read the book, we understand the term Machiavellian and have seen many examples of people who might be described as such.

This brings me to a headline in a recent issue of the *Independent* ("\$600K upgrade of WAG to come from Selwyn House," May 21, p. 1).

I must have re-read the headline many times before realizing that the money was to be donated towards the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) as opposed to the arena/pool project, whose largess will greatly benefit that school.

We remember that Selwyn House was at one point negotiating an involvement in the arena, which always remained nebulous.

If I had the willpower, I would like to ask director general Duncan Campbell if there might be some obligation to Selwyn House with respect to the new arena in exchange for its generosity towards the WAG.

However, I fear that he might quote the fictional Machiavellian prime minister of *House of Cards*, Francis Urquhart, and

reply, "You might think that, I couldn't possibly comment."

DAVID LUDMER, GROSVENOR AVE.

DOG RUN CHANGE REQUIRES SURVEY

The proposal to place a dog run at the centre of Westmount Park, a park that is used and enjoyed extensively throughout the year, is completely out of character for the park.

Adjacent to the park there is a retirement home whose residents use it, an attractive very busy play area for children, and young people use it for informal and formal sports. Suddenly a decision is made to put a dog run in the centre? How was such a decision made?

Dog runs are not well looked after in Westmount and there can be problems with dogs getting out of control, so I would suggest that a decision where (or whether) to install a dog run should be thoroughly researched.

Such a decision would affect ALL Westmount Park users, and therefore they should all be involved. I do not think a simple meeting would do this but suggest an extensive survey be made to see if people are in favour of such a drastic change to their park.

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Sox Box celebrates its 30th



May 25 marked a milestone for the Sox Box hosiery boutique on Greene Ave. It was its 30th anniversary. According to owner Caroline Deitcher, right, the store first opened in May 1983. "It's great to be here, and we thank all our local customers in Westmount who have helped us stay in business this long," Deitcher, who is a Westmount resident, told the Independent. Also seen in the photo are, from left, store manager Sabina Rossy, Deitcher's son Ryder and her sister Jessica Deitcher.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

'Good government' group to recognize Trent at June 6 event

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An organization dedicated to promoting good government, integrity in public administration and the fight against corruption has chosen to honour Mayor Peter Trent at its annual recognition gala June 6.

La Ligue d'action civique cites the Westmount mayor as an example of volunteerism, social engagement, with the independence to be able to speak out at crucial times when others were "barely audible."

Trent told the *Independent* somewhat tongue-in-cheek that, while honoured, "considering how few politicians of principle are left standing, there were few for the Ligue to choose from."

While it espouses citizen participation and electoral involvement but had no position on the Montreal merger/demerger issue, "we recognize the exemplary attachment of citizens and elected officials

to their municipal institution," states its president, Frédéric Lapointe.

"Through the choice of Mr. Trent, it's also a matter – potentially polemical, but we accept that – of saluting the militancy that led to the reconstitution of a certain number of cities on the island of Montreal.

A leader in the fight against forced mergers, Trent refused to run "on principle" for election to the new Montreal city council once the battle was lost. Instead, he worked as a volunteer leader of the demerger movement.

He resigned from the executive of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) on a question of political propriety over the refusal of its president, Marc Gascon, to step aside over allegations of conflict of interest (see November 23, 2010, p. 3). He continued his boycott until former Laval mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, under police investigation, was relieved of his positions.

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Opinion

Master Traffic Plan ‘incomplete, unfocused:’ WMA

BY THE WESTMOUNT MUNICIPAL
ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE

A Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) task force studying the Master Traffic Plan (MTP) for the city developed by engineering consulting firm Genivar Inc. says that the plan as submitted needs much more work before it can be implemented.

“After studying the report in detail, the task force concluded that it’s more of a background study that can be used as input into the development of an effective traffic plan,” said WMA president Peter Starr. “The WMA feels that the final plan should set out specific actions to be taken in a given area or on a given street, aimed at achieving the overall vision adopted by the city. As it stands, the plan is incomplete and unfocused.”

The WMA proposes that the plan be driven by the vision of a safe, sustainable and economically prosperous city: safety concerns surrounding pedestrians (notably children and seniors, bicycle and ve-

hicular traffic), sustainable development principles (emphasis on active modes of transportation) and support of economic development (enhanced viability of Victoria village and Greene Ave./St. Catherine St.).

Report ‘narrowly-focused:’ Marriott

Task force member Paul Marriott contends that the Genivar plan does not define such a vision: “It is a narrowly focused technical document with many small details but no overall picture of how to achieve the city’s goals. In many places in the document, there are statements such as ‘the MTP should include’ or ‘further study needed’ indicate that the plan is incomplete,” he comments.

“A further aspect that is missing is that of the definition of short-, medium- and long-term in the context of the measures proposed. No estimate of the scope or of the costs of the measures is given. It is impossible to quantify how to implement the MTP without these definitions. Furthermore, no definition is made of the com-

position of the Traffic Advisory Committee. We’re also very concerned that there was no simulation modelling in the report, and we strongly recommend that simulation modelling be undertaken before implementation of any changes to any streets or areas in Westmount.

“The complexities of traffic flows in and around Westmount, particularly with the opening of the MUHC and reconfiguration of Turcot, are such that detailed simulation modelling must be performed before the implementation of any of the recommendations that are contained within the MTP.”

Julia Carbone, also a task force member, agrees: “Westmount must follow a rigorous methodology to develop the best master traffic and active transportation plans. We must have a clear vision. We must complement the most up-to-date demographic and survey data with comparative case studies on how other municipalities have addressed traffic concerns.”

The task force comments, submitted to

the city on May 23, say that the plan should also include:

- An overall statement of the aims of the plan after its implementation;
- An integrated view of how the traffic infrastructure fits into the overall urban environment;
- A detailed timeline for implementation of the measures to meet the overall aims;
- A cost and scope analysis of the proposed measures;
- A method to quantify the success of the measures and, if necessary, a mechanism to adjust the implementation of the plan accordingly;
- Mechanisms to adjust the plan as various external factors (such as the MUHC, Turcot rework) come to fruition.

The complete report, and a link to the Master Traffic Plan is available on the WMA web site at www.wma-amw.org.

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Lone guitarist silenced

Noisy parties generate complaints

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It’s the season to party, and one need look no further for confirmation than a rash of recent noise complaints to Public Security.

One event that generated a number of complaints was a wedding party on Summit Circle May 25 starting at 11:13 pm. That’s when officers responded to the first call, which came from a resident of Willow Ave.

Public Security officials said patrollers could hear the music from there, especially the sound of the bass. They patrolled the entire area looking for the source of the annoyance where some 200 guests were celebrating outside. The owner of the house was described as “very co-operative” and lowered the music after which no other calls were reported.

The celebration, which was to end at 1 am, had valet parking service and a bus at the ready, described as likely to transport out-of-town guests to hotels.

Aside from a number of smaller house parties, music from a sports banquet at Selwyn House May 23 bothered one

neighbour at 6:05 pm.

Officers responded twice to a “very noisy” party of about 50 youths at a home on Greene, May 25, first at 1:49 am and again at 2:19 am. While the resident was described as “very co-operative,” the problem was attributed to youths continuing to party in Stayner Park on their way home, officials said.

On responding to complaints regarding smaller house parties, most of the problems were reported resolved by residents turning down the music and closing windows. A lone man playing a guitar and singing on a balcony on Clarke south of Sherbrooke, however, was issued a verbal warning May 24. Neighbours had complained at 1:27 am.

Leaf blowing gardener ticketed \$267

A gardening contractor was ticketed \$267 May 20 for using a leaf blower on Montrose after the end of the spring season May 1, Public Security officials said.



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Columnist Kay lends national voice to CRITIQ

BY MICHAEL MOORE

An often outspoken columnist with the *National Post*, Westmount resident Barbara Kay is well accustomed to taking a controversial stand. This winter, she officially threw her national reputation squarely into Quebec's linguistic debate, serving as executive committee member for Canadian Rights in Quebec (CRITIQ). The columnist sat down with the *Independent* on May 10 to talk about her role in the fledgling equal rights group.



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Westmount Independent: Language debates aren't a new phenomenon in Quebec. Why did CRITIQ's leadership decide it was time to take a stand?

Barbara Kay: The [Parti Québécois] is tightening the noose. They don't want anglophones in Montreal. They want Montreal to become a French city. It won't be a city that will be attractive to new blood. We are at a true tipping point. It's not so easy to revive a city in its death throes. All the signs and conditions are present for the city to decline further. None of the conditions are present that would allow for the city to flourish.

WI: Over the span of a few months, CRITIQ has grown to 8,000 members and has appeared at the Bill 14 hearings. How has the group been able to make such an impact?

BK: It's a really well oiled machine. I can't be more impressed with the leadership of [CRITIQ founder and chair] Gary Shapiro. He wants more action and less talk, and all of that talk has to have a point, but he has a lot of room under his leadership umbrella and is accepting of different people's turfs. It's important to work with people you respect and [Shapiro] is worthy of others' respect.

WI: Much of the group's leadership is composed of local figures and businesspeople. Writing for the National Post, do you feel you add a Canada-wide voice to CRITIQ?

BK: Yeah, I think it does draw more attention to the issue in a more national way. It also puts me in the crosshairs of a lot of people who hate me here. I do get hate mail. Nothing I've ever said about Quebec hasn't been said by francophone writers.



Barbara Kay

When people write in French here, nobody cares. But write it in the *National Post* or the *New York Times*, it really rankles and they get bad press and don't like it.

WI: In a speech in front of CRITIQ's membership, you said "If we win, Montreal wins. If we lose, Montreal loses." Do you see any parallels between the current situation and the last referendum when Montreal was considered a bastion of "No" support?

BK: There are some similarities but now we aren't struggling for Quebec within Canada. We're struggling for Montreal within Quebec. It's none of our business what happens in the rest of Que-

bec. If you want to make it an ethnocentric bastion, we can't stop you, even though it's not in your best interest. But we have to try to stop you in Montreal because this is our city, and you can't take that away from us. We may not win this battle but you may as well go down fighting. I feel I owe it to my grandkids to say, "I was there."

WI: You have accused the Parti Québécois of running the last election on a campaign of fear. How does the province go about healing the linguistic divide?

BK: Quebec is a province that was built together by two language groups. Nobody is a victim. Learning a new language doesn't diminish other languages. The buck always stops at the top. It doesn't matter how much hate speech there is if you have leaders who mean what they say and aren't egging people on. Leaders with courage who speak the truth. There's a huge well of goodwill that hasn't been tapped.

Smoke detector checks under way



Marc-Olivier Lefrance, left, and Guillaume Tittley two days into their smoke detector inspections May 29.

Public Security fire cadets took to the street last week to start the city's summer verification of smoke detectors – this year in residences south of Sherbrooke. The two city inspectors are Marc-Olivier Lefrance and Guillaume Tittley.

They are to replace non-functioning

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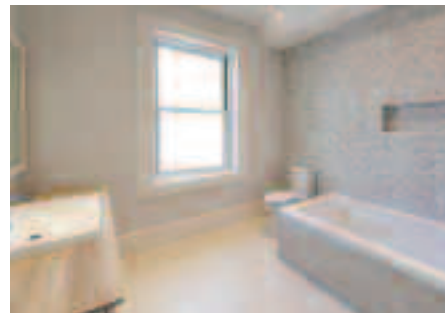
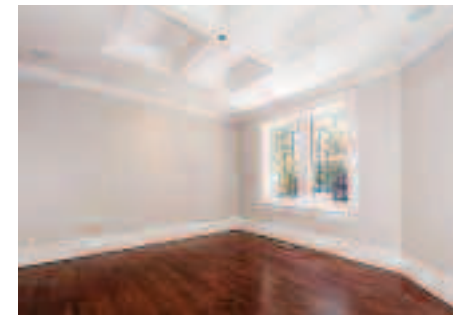
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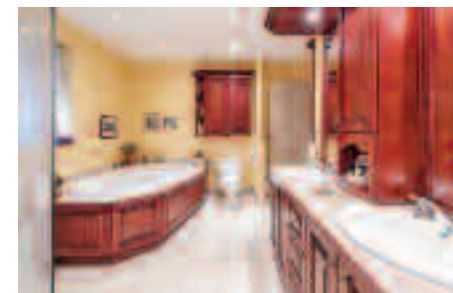
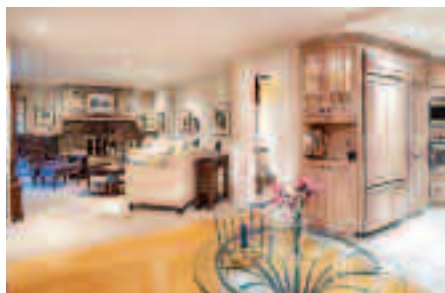


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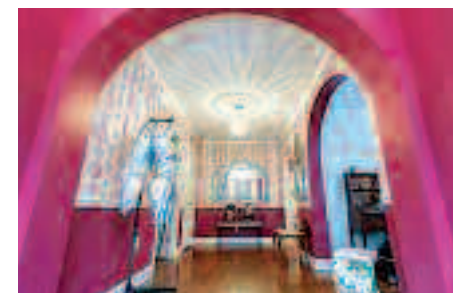
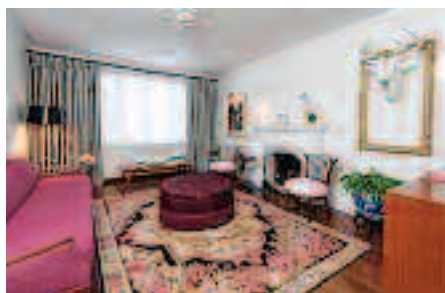
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Garneau fined \$2,500

Federal Liberal Marc Garneau, MP for Westmount-Ville Marie, was fined \$2,500 by the CRTC for rule violations during his candidacy for his party's leadership.

In a May 29 press release, Garneau said: "I have fully co-operated with the CRTC in this matter and have personally paid the designated fine of \$2,500.

"The CRTC concluded that my campaign correctly identified the Marc Garneau Campaign as the originator of the call ... but did not state at the outset of the message that the call was being made on my behalf nor did it include a return mailing address ...

"This was an inadvertent error. I apologized immediately in March when the CRTC advised my campaign of this error and I apologize again today."

Man locked in at Y

A user of the Westmount Y found himself locked inside when it closed at 5 pm, earlier than usual on May 20, Victoria Day, Public Security officials said. The 60-year-old NDG man had called for help at 6 pm. When public safety officers arrived shortly after, they found the man had just managed to get a door open. Police arrived soon after, as well as the facility's director at 6:45 pm.

Senior Mimi young at heart



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Mimi is a pretty 12-year-old flat-coated retriever cross. What this happy girl lacks in youth she makes up for with a generous heart and a robust enthusiasm for life.

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While Mimi has been at the Frontier Animal Shelter for some time now (people seem to gravitate towards puppies and younger dogs), she still views the world with hopeful eyes and remains optimistic.

Anytime someone walks past her cage, Mimi wags her tail; whether it's in anticipation of being adopted and brought home or just for one of the volunteers stopping by to take her out for a stroll.

Mimi's favourite activities include going for long, leisurely walks in the forest behind the shelter and going to the dog park and rolling in the grass. She will happily jump in the car and look at you with her bright and mischievous eyes that say "Where to?"

With a bounce in her step, this spry senior still has so much to offer a new family.

Mimi would do well in a

home with a fellow active retiree who has a lot of time to spend with her, although she could fit in quite well with just about any family that has love, affection and walks to give.

Mimi is friendly with everyone but a home with dog-savvy kids over the age of eight would be best for an older gal such as herself. Mimi is fantastic with other dogs and with cats.



Mimi

If anyone would enjoy making Mimi's golden years glitter and save her from spending another long winter in the shelter, please contact Frontier at 819.876.7747 or frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com.

Underdog update

Shawna, now named Scotia, has found joy again. A retired Westmount resident who read about her in this column ("Sad but sweet is Shawna," April 9, p. 19) took her home a few weeks ago. "Basically, life is fantastic," according to Frontier Animal Society, who rescued her.

The young boxer mix Gaby is still needing a home, according to Sophie's Dog Adoptions ("Gaby ready to roll," May 26, p. 17).

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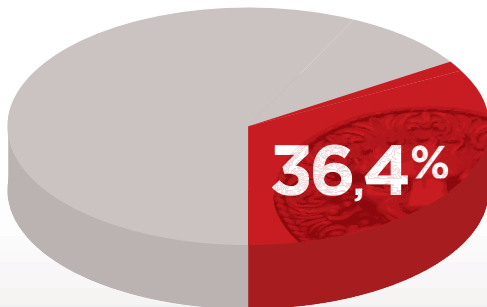
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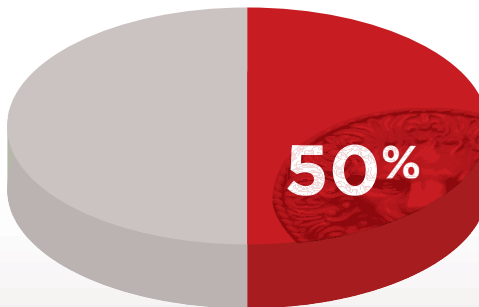
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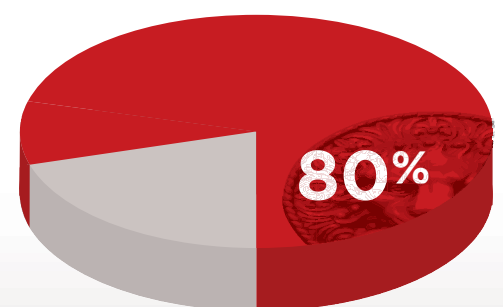
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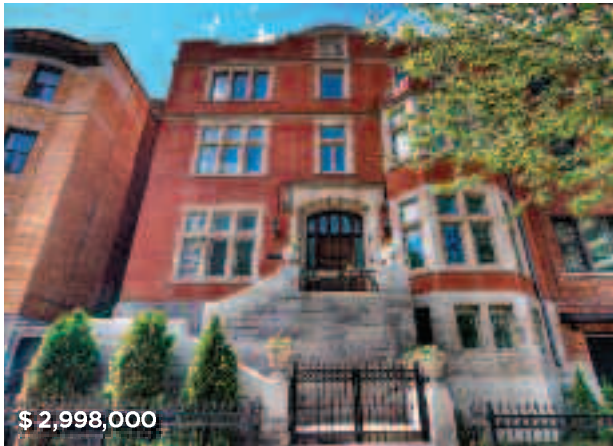
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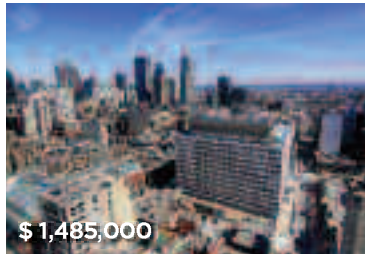
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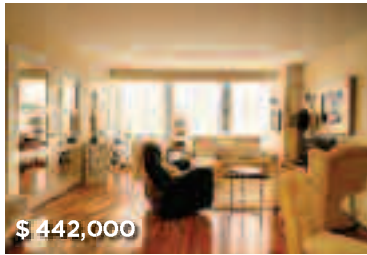
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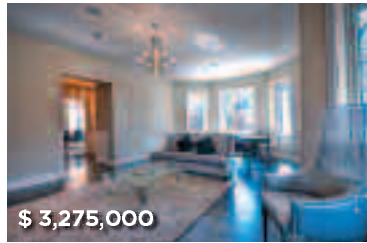
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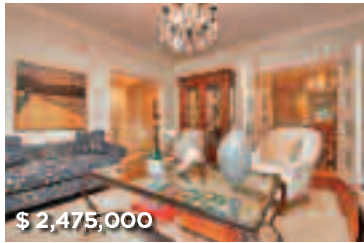


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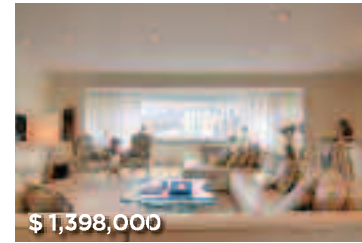
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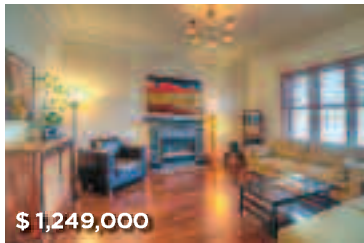
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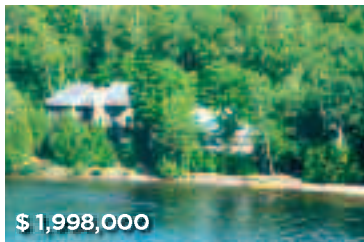
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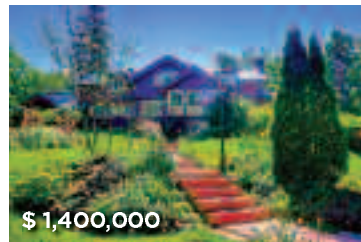
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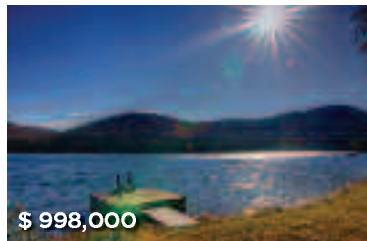
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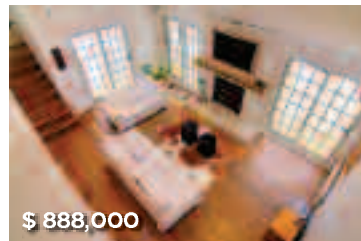
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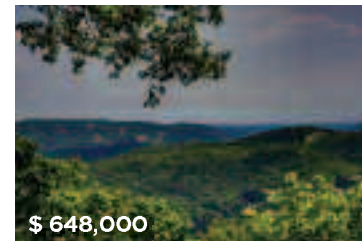
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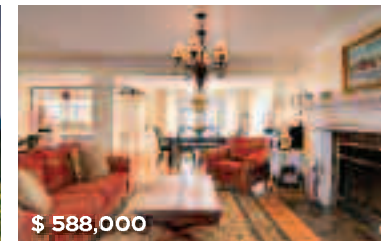
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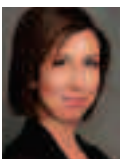
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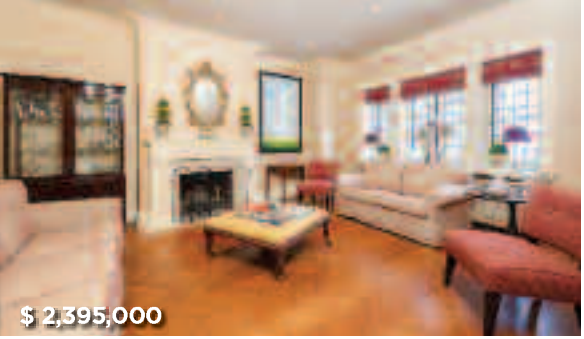
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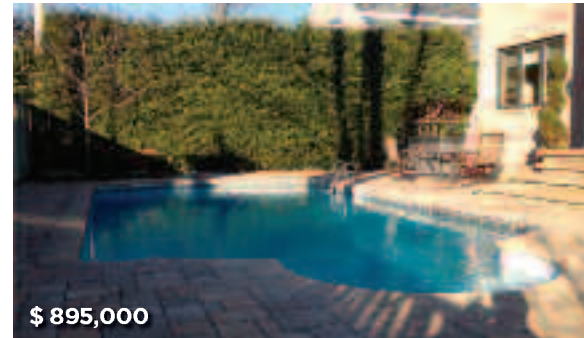
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LUIGI PASTORE

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE



Luigi Pastore relaxing against his stylish matt grey Smart Car on Greene Ave. May 30. Photo: Ralph Thompson

Having just returned from two weeks in Florence at school studying Italian, I was very pleased to come across a stylish Italian right here in Westmount. Luigi Pastore exemplifies what is known as “la bella figura,” which, roughly translated, means “sense of style.” And of course, we know Italians tend to have that – both men and women, young and old. Pastore is a cool, urban dresser. Like his Italian counterparts, he too loves jeans in colour! A rarity here, but it looks molto elegante. Like many men today, he does not have to wear a shirt and tie to work, but, again, true to the Italian DNA of style, he chooses a jacket and “an uncommon” shirt. Read on!

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Casual-chic. I am, after all, Italian. I think there must be a sense of style in my country’s DNA. Except for those ancient togas and sandals!

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Pants, dress shirt, blazer – though I feel pretty comfortable with a sweater and a pair of jeans too. I buy all kinds of jeans, but if I go to the country, I prefer the baggier kind. I also have more dressy, neater jeans for weekends in the city.

Do you have to wear a suit and tie to work? If not, what do you wear?

I don’t have to but I’d feel naked without my dress shirt and a blazer. Luckily, no tie!

On week-ends, what do you like to wear?

I love crazy colours. On weekends, I wear whatever I wouldn’t wear to work: colourful polos, uncommon shirts (I have a closet full of checkered shirts) and jeans, of course. Like many Italian men, I love coloured pants, but they are hard to find in Montreal.

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

Definitely New York. Although I love the Mediterranean feel of Montreal, with French and Italian being spoken. And, of course, the summer festivals.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, from any era?

Jack Welch, Warren Buffet (just to try to steal at least 1 percent of their way of thinking); Sofia Vergara (just to make them feel comfortable during the

dinner), and Matteo Renzi, (mayor of Florence and icon of a new era for Italy). Finally, Michael Bublé for some dandy music in the background.

FASHION

Men are somewhat limited in their fashion choices. But do you have favourite designers of men’s wear? A favourite jacket?

I think there are a lot of choices for men, actually. I have a few designers I like such as Paul Smith and Jack Spade for accessories, Canali for blazers, Cole Haan for shoes. These designers are all artists to me.

In Italy, I saw many men wearing brightly coloured pants – red, green, etc. Do you wear these here in Montreal?

Absolutely. They are key for making you feel the summer. As I said earlier, I love crazy colours. I have pants in salmon-red, yellow-mustard, green and light blue. I’m currently looking for a turquoise pair. Actually, whenever I wear coloured pants, my colleagues make fun of me because they are not as common here.

I also saw a lot of men wearing Gucci loafers, but I see that less in Montreal. Do you wear them?

Absolutely not! They are very far from my style of dressing. I don’t particularly like them. My girlfriend loves to wear loafers, but I don’t understand why.

Do you like to wear sneakers? Which is your favourite brand?

I love sneakers, I used to have a pretty nice collection. Currently, my favourite brand is Cole Haan. I have four pairs: three of them are the same in different colours, one is more of a boat shoe, more casual. Sneakers aren’t what they used to be. They are fun and a fashion statement. I love the new colours each season.

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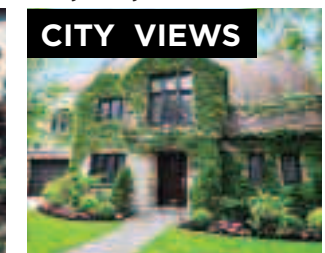
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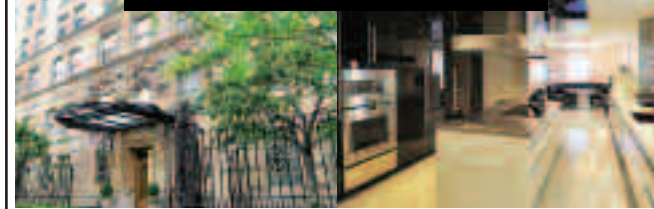
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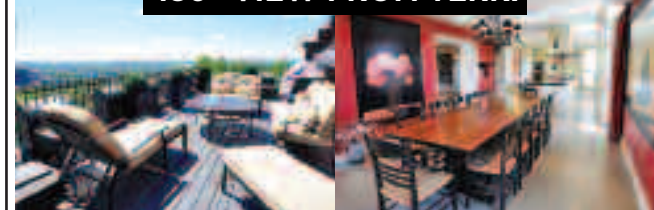
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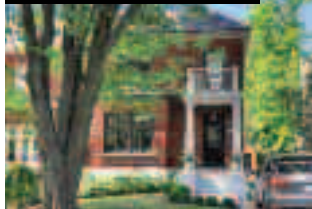
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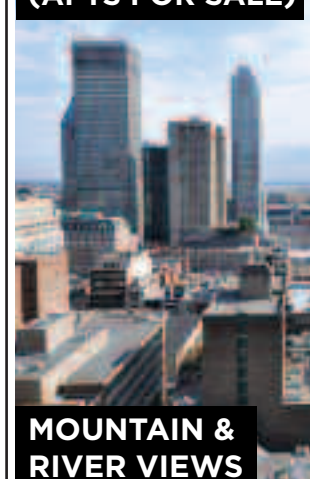


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Library’s summer reading club launched at Family Day



The Westmount Public Library’s children’s desk gave a spirited Gangnam-style dance during Westmount Family Day on May 25. As a precursor to launching its annual summer reading club for children under the theme “Go!/Bon Voyage!”, representing different travel themes were, from left: Faith Holness (Jamaica), Daniel Miguez de Luca (Waldo, the world traveller), Odette Nadeau (France) and Jacquelyn Sundberg (Japan). The reading club started May 27. During the summer months, the librarians help participants discover the pleasure of reading by focusing on books with a theme. Last year, some 290 children participated.

Photo courtesy of the children’s library of the Westmount Public Library

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St. Léon’ ‘relais’ sees 600 students off the starting line



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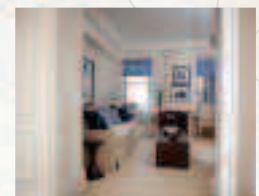
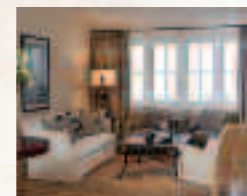
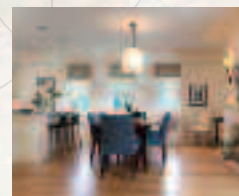
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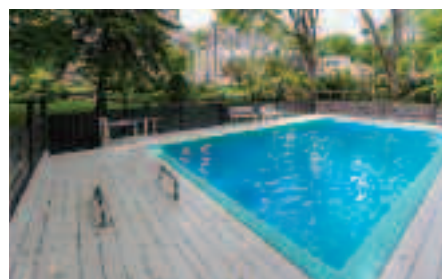
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Prices, mark-ups higher in April transfers



Real estate

ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in April 2013, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 27.

Prices and mark-ups surged forward in April real estate transfers in Westmount, with four sales over \$2 million, the highest number since last November, and only two of 13 single-family homes (and one duplex) under \$1 million.

The highest price in the month was 44

For den Crescent, a relatively new house bordering on Murray Park, which sold for \$3,550,000, the highest registered price this year.

The lowest price was \$855,000 for 628 Grosvenor Ave., which, along with 685 Grosvenor, are among the nine sales out of 41 so far this year to be below \$1 million.

The full duplex at 83-85 Columbia Ave. is the first to sell this year for \$975,000, a higher price than all but three of the 13 duplexes that sold in 2012.

The average mark-up over valuation in the 14 sales was 32.7 percent, way up from the 14.8 percent in March. This got a strong boost from the sale of 354 Olivier Ave. for \$1,800,000 compared to a tax value of only \$942,000, a 91-percent mark-up, which was exceeded (this year) only by the sale of 62 Summit Crescent in February at just over double its valuation. The lowest mark-up came in the 628 Grosvenor sale which, as mentioned, was also the lowest price in April.

One condo sold

Only one condominium sold in April compared to eight in the same month last year. The second quarter is usually the heaviest-volume period of the year, so there will have to be numerous sales registered in May and June to make up the difference. The mark-up of 34 percent over valuation is in line with the average for the first quarter of the year, when nine sales averaged 30 percent over valuation.

One other sale in April included a 60 percent share sale of 330-32 Olivier Ave., with oc-



44 For den Crescent



354 Olivier

cupancy of 330 Olivier included, for \$680,000. The other 40 percent – 332 Olivier – sold back in May of 2010 for \$550,000.

Finally, a commercial condominium, one of the storefront operations in the three-storey building on St. Catherine St. opposite Alexis Nihon, sold between two companies for \$760,000, some 26 percent above its municipal evaluation.

For real estate transfers, see p. 27.



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'Vanguard' condos to be presented at hearing



This demolition sign posted May 28 outside Vanguard school on Metcalfe displays renderings of the proposed condo development.



The condo building at 11 Hillside has just been completed (right). Now a project is being proposed for the Vanguard building (circled), two buildings down and on the same block.

Photo: Westmount Independent

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The estimated cost of the replacement program is \$10.4 million. The existing building is evaluated on the tax roll at \$3.1 million and the land at \$1.2 million.

The preliminary plan, which is to be presented in detail at the hearing, was approved by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) May 21 based on being "more harmonious" with the streetscape than the present institutional structure and being built in conformity to current larger setbacks.

Although the site is located in a commercial zone, C1-34-11, "the residential project will have a positive social and economic impact," according to the PAC assessment.

The design provides direct access from Metcalfe to the ground floor units "consistent with the single-family dwellings on Metcalfe," it adds. This will "reinforce the residential character of the neighbourhood."

For one resident's viewpoint, see Letter to the editor, p. 10.

Historic review

In a historic review of the site and building, architects David Bédard-Barette and Jean-François Chalut of TLA architects state that research was unable to determine the date of the original residence though an owner was first listed in Lovell's directory in 1896.

Many transformations of the property and changes in address numbering followed. Dating from 1946, occupants passed from a printing company called Inland Press to Simpson Press in 1957, Reader's Digest in 1976 and Vanguard school in 1992.

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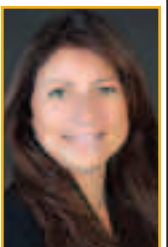
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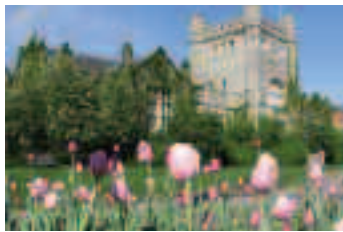


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Entre le 3 juin et le 6 septembre 2013, les bureaux administratifs de Westmount, soit l'hôtel de ville, Hydro Westmount, Victoria Hall, Travaux publics, Sports et loisirs et Sécurité publique sont ouverts **du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h**. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique sera fermée le dimanche au cours de cette période.

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lecture en anglais pour discuter *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* de Helen Simonson. Info : 514 989-5299.

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Le jeudi 20 juin à 16 h. Salle des activités. Enfants de 7 ans et plus. Viens découvrir comment on emballe les momies, en apprendre sur les pierres historiques, l'ancienne poterie, et bien plus ! Info : 514 989-5229.

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Exposition jeunesse à la galerie

Du 24 mai au 14 juin. La galerie de la Victoria Hall est fière de présenter l'exposition jeunesse, un projet d'art communautaire organisé par le Centre des arts visuels, parrainé par la Ville de Westmount et réalisé en collaboration avec le Concours d'écriture littéraire McEntyre. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Série concerts du dimanche au Victoria Hall

Le dimanche 9 juin à 14 h à la galerie de la Victoria Hall. Concert pour enfants par **Isabel Belina**. 12 \$, 10 \$ en pré-vente. Avec rafraîchissements. Info : 514 989-5226.

Fête de la Saint-Jean 2013 à Westmount

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SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Camp de sciences de Westmount : inscrivez-vous dès maintenant !

Camp à compter du lundi 8 juillet. Le camp de sciences pour les jeunes de 6 à 13 ans est de retour en 2013 avec un programme excitant d'activités et de visites en partenariat avec, entre autres, les universités McGill et Concordia et l'Institut neurologique de Montréal. Inscrivez-vous au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 691-9307 et www.westmount.org.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Réaménagement de l'av. Greene : Phase II

Du 21 mai au 9 juillet 2013. La dernière phase du projet inclut, entre autres, la reconstruction de trottoirs, une réparation de chaussée et la pose d'asphalte. L'accès aux commerces et aux résidences sera assuré au cours des travaux. Info : www.westmount.org

Réservoir Côte-des-Neiges : travaux

Du 21 mai au mi-septembre 2013. La Ville de Montréal effectuera des travaux de réfection du réservoir Côte-des-Neiges pendant l'été 2013. Pour en savoir plus, consultez le www.westmount.org.

CITY HALL

Summer Schedule in effect beginning June 3

Between June 3 and September 6, 2013, Westmount's administrative offices at City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Victoria Hall, Public Works, Sports & Recreation and Public Security will be open **Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Public Library will be closed Sundays during this period.

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WRC Campaign

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LIBRARY

TD Summer Reading Club – GO!

Starting Monday, June 3. This year's theme is all about JOURNEYS! Throughout the summer months, the Children's department will host a number of events designed to inspire kids to read. Ask for your Reading Kit at the Children's Desk – you'll earn great prizes this summer! Info: 514 989-5299.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, June 11 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

Cultural Lecture Series: From Versailles to Dinan

Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. This conference on the south of France is guaranteed to instill a new appreciation for this unique paradise on earth. Frederic Hore will make you feel as if you are right there! Info: 514 989-5299.

Bloomsday 2013

Sunday, June 16 beginning at 11 a.m. Celebrate Bloomsday, the day James Joyce made famous in his novel *Ulysses*! Haven't read it yet? Let talented actors make it come alive for you. Be part of the worldwide reading of *Ulysses* at the Westmount Library. Info: 514 989-5386.

English Book Club

Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. Join the English Book Club for a discussion of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 2

Archeology Day

Thursday, June 20 at 4 p.m. Storytime Room. For ages 7 and over. Come learn about pot reconstruction, lithics, mummy wrapping and more with Stephanie Maurel. Info : 514 989-5229.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youth Art Exhibition at the Gallery

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Sunday Concert Series at Victoria Hall

Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. in the Gallery. Concert for children by **Isabel Belina**. \$12, \$10 in advance. Refreshments served. Info : 514 989-5226.

2013 Fête de la Saint-Jean in Westmount

Monday, June 24 from 5 p.m. in Westmount Park. Celebrate Saint-Jean with activities, entertainment, music, cake and the traditional bonfire! Bring a picnic or purchase a snack on site. Info : 514 989-5226.



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Westmount Science Camp: register now!

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PUBLIC WORKS

Greene Avenue Refurbishing: Phase II

From May 21 to July 9, 2013. The last phase of this project includes the construction of new sidewalks, a roadway repair and the repaving of the street. Access to businesses and to residences will be maintained throughout the work. Info : www.westmount.org

Repairs to the Côte-des-Neiges reservoir

From May 21 to mid-September 2013. Ville de Montréal will carry out repairs to the Côte-des-Neiges reservoir this summer. For more details, consult www.westmount.org.



Notman archives archive Montreal's history

Notman archivist Nora Hague, who has been on the job for 44 years, gave a presentation May 30 at the Atwater Library as part of its Lunchtime series. Approximately 40 people attended.

"Notman" usually refers to William Notman (1826-1891), although his son William was also a photographer.

The Notman collection, which includes over 1 million images, is now housed at the McCord Museum. It includes the work of Notman, his apprentices, sons, partners and successors, as well as the work of other Canadian photographers. It will eventually include – Hague hopes – the archives of George Dudkoff, who was the last owner of the Notman studio. He died last year. The initial collection of glass negatives weighed 90 tons and could only be housed in basements due to its weight. A home for it was found on the McCord's third floor after a reinforcing renovation.

Notman was born in the year that photography was invented and used a variety of evolving techniques, from one that produced one-off photographs (and no negatives), to a more lucrative technology that allowed him to create and keep a negative, and charge for all prints. The cataloguing system required to maintain this business is still used by the archive.

Notman left his native Scotland after a minor financial scandal and worked in Montreal's dry goods industry before starting his photographic studio in 1856 on

Bleury St., near where the Palais des Congrès is now. His sons and successors eventually moved the studio to Birks' upper floor and then Sherbrooke St. Over the course of its history, the studio founded 26 satellite branches, including ones in Boston and Toronto. One of Notman's greatest projects was photographing the Victoria bridge as it was being built (1858-1859) – no small feat given Montreal's weather, and the need to have a camera as large as the resulting 18-by-22-inch photographs and an on-site darkroom.

Notman is famous for composite photographs, for which each individual was photographed separately. The studio then re-photographed the portraits, often on a painted scene. Hague showed the audience how the era's non-composite photograph of a large crowd (a Presbyterian synod of 1861) was not able to capture every sitter's face.

Notman was also famous for painted photographs, which involved melding a painter's background with a photograph of a person. Hague speculates that many "paintings" owned by Montreal families are really these photo-painting hybrids, especially since one of her own family's paintings has been revealed as such.

More arcanelly, Notman was likely the creator of the first photo ID – for the Philadelphia world's fair of 1876 that marked the US's centennial. WI

Raising funds for Kenyan orphans



From left: organizing committee members Stine Linden-Andersen, Hanne Howard, Alexandra Howard, Tine Oedorf and Giselle Murphy.
Photo: Martin C. Barry

Alexandra Howard; her mother, Hanne Howard; and three other Westmounters will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Edouard's Café on Sherbrooke St. to help orphans living in

the slums of Kenya. Most have lost their parents to HIV. The Hanne Howard Fund supports a hostel in Kenya, which is currently home to 31 orphaned boys and girls. Hanne Howard and her husband learned about the Lenana Slum in Kenya during a six-month sabbatical seven years ago. Those attending the local fundraiser will be able to learn more about how to become involved.

Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Awards will be presented to the winners of the 2013 **McEntyre Writing Competition** 2013, 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

AMT meeting, 7 pm at city hall. See story, p. 36.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- **Victoria Village Merchant's Association's "Westmount Street Festival."** Also Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 along Sherbrooke and Victoria. Sidewalk sale and games.

- **Tennis tournament:** Westmount recreation centre fundraiser, Murray Park courts, starts June 7 at 6 pm and continues June 8 and 9 starting at 9 am (see story May 28, p. 19).

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Ben & Tournesol to raise funds for Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions, as part of the "Westmount Street Festival." Also Sunday, June 9.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

The **Westmount Horticultural Society** (WHS) presents "Bee-friendly Plants and Gardening Tips" with guest speaker Ann-Michèle Francoeur, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for WHS members; guests \$5.



Nora Hague shows a slide during her May 30 presentation on Notman at the Atwater Library.

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Kay delivers talk about women's press club at library's Writers Out Loud event



Chair of Concordia University's journalism department and associate professor Linda Kay gave a presentation the evening of May 29 at the Westmount Public Library based on her 2012 book *The Sweet Sixteen*. It was part of the library's "Writers Out Loud – Women Writing about Women" lecture in conjunction with the Quebec Writers' Federation. Kay included extracts from the book and photographs of 14 of the 16 women who founded the Canadian Women's Press Club in 1904. That year, these eight anglophone and eight francophone journalists travelled to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (world fair) in St. Louis in a luxurious railway carriage provided by George Ham, the publicity agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway. On their return journey, the women agreed to form the club. It met annually for 100 years but was disbanded in the early 2000s.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Jablonski wins again



The Selwyn House Old Boys and Friends Golf Tournament was held May 27 at Kanawaki Golf Club. It raised over \$80,000 to help build the Old Boys' Endowment Fund for bursaries. The school said a portion will also support the educational initiatives of the Old Boys' Association and the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation. For the second year in a row, the low gross winner of the tournament was Westmount resident Matthew Jablonski, class of 2010. From left: tournament organizers Michael Avedesian ('88), Hagen Mehnert ('84), Matthew Jablonski (2010) and Selwyn House headmaster Hal Hannaford.

Photo courtesy of Selwyn House

Plotnick awarded jubilee medal in April



Stanley Plotnick

Westmounter Stanley Plotnick received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from Senator Leo Housakos.

At the April 16 ceremony, Housakos spoke about Plotnick's "dedication and duty to Montreal, Quebec and Canada," and his "community-first" approach, according to a press release issued by Diversiplex Corp.

Plotnick is among other Westmounters to have received the medal, including Irene Tschernomor, Maura McKeon, Ann McCall, Yves Trudeau, Andrew Powell,

Stuart Iversen, Bill Stavert, Brenda Norris, Desmond Morton, James MacDougall, Robert Wilkins, Rosalind Davis and Bruce Kippen.

Nine Westmounters were recognized by Westmount-Ville Marie MP Marc Garneau on February 23: Joyce Arseneault, Judith Cohen Lechter, Leigh Lerner, Harvey Levenson, Andrew Macdougall, Janet Macklem, Eleanor Victoria Stuble, Tom Thompson and Barbara Whitley.

Westmount director general Duncan Campbell was also a recipient. He was pinned by Mayor Peter Trent on February 4. Roslyn School's caretaker Eddy Nolan was pinned by Garneau at the school on November 14.

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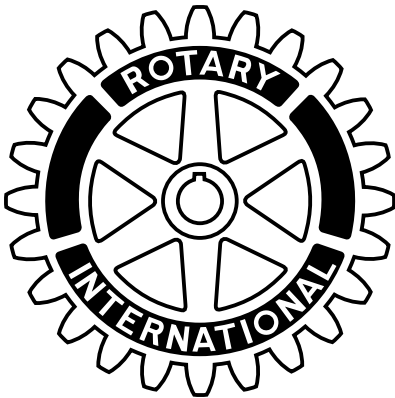
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Westmounters send least amount to dump per person

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmounters last year sent 243 kilograms per person of household garbage to landfill, according to an agglomeration report on residual material for 2012. It was the least of any of the 14 demerged municipalities.

Diverted from landfill was 53 percent of all generated waste, sent instead to recycling, composting and other re-use facilities. This compares with 47 percent in 2011.

The increase indicates that the city is climbing ever closer to provincial targets for the elimination of waste material from landfill by 2015, Public Works officials said last week. These are based on the percentage of materials that actually could be recycled or re-used.

"We've already reached the 70-percent goal for recyclables," said city environmental coordinator Marina Peter.

Also, having reached 65 percent for construction debris and bulky items, "we're very close to the 70-percent target," she added.

Last year, Westmount hit 44 percent toward the 60-percent goal for recuperating organics (green bin table scraps and garden debris). "We're doing very well with organics," Peter explained, considering the city has been asked not to expand in this area until the agglomeration's four new treatment sites are built for composting and bio-fuel.

Organics

In 2012, a total of 1,652 tonnes of leaves and garden debris were sent to the composting centre in St. Michel compared to 1,923 the previous year. Leaf amounts tend to fluctuate year-to-year depending on weather and other factors, she said.

As well, 652 tonnes of table scraps and other wet material from the green bin kitchen collection went to an outdoor composting facility in Berthierville. This compared to 580 tonnes the year before.

Peter expects organics will meet or exceed the government's 60-percent target for organics once the city can expand its green bin collection to apartments and restaurants.

Blue box/bin

A total of 2,440 tonnes of recyclable paper, glass, metal and plastic from the boxes and bins were taken to the agglomeration sorting and treatment centre at St. Michel, an increase from 2,249 tonnes in 2011.

Construction material

The elimination from landfill of construction material and bulky items "is a work in progress," Peter said.

Reaching 65 percent last year, the 1,210 tonnes from Westmount registered at eco-centres is expected to hit the 70-percent target once this disposal is required as part of the city's building permits – if not before, she said.

Household hazardous waste

Much of the 35 tonnes of recovered hazardous household waste attributed to Westmount is recycled. This includes paint, oils and fluorescent light bulbs. Most of what can't be re-used goes to cement factories where it is converted into energy through burning in kilns and smoke stacks fitted with filters and scrubbers to capture contaminants. In this category, Westmount reached 61 percent of the 70-percent target.

Waste disposal in Westmount

	2012	2011
To landfill	Tonnes	Tonnes
Total garbage	<u>5,330</u>	<u>5,877</u>
- Household garbage	5,104	5,207
- Construction debris, bulk	226	670
Diverted from landfill	<u>5,989</u>	<u>5,232</u>
Construction, bulk items	1,210	465
Organics (green bin, garden debris)	2,304	2,503
Recyclables (blue box)	2,440	2,249
Household hazardous waste	35	15
Total waste generated	<u>11,319</u>	<u>11,099</u>

Source: Westmount Public Works

Westmount compared

And how does Westmount stack up against other Montreal island municipalities?

In the agglomeration report for 2012, Westmount is one of only three demerged municipalities that attained the required 70-percent goal for (bluebox) recycling, tied with St. Anne de Bellevue. Pointe

Claire led with 71 percent.

Westmount is also in the top three with Pointe Claire and Senneville in organics, and tied for second place with the Town of Mount Royal in eliminating construction material and bulky items from landfill. It's also in the top seven, achieving 60 percent more in the recuperation of household hazardous waste.

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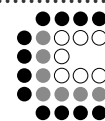
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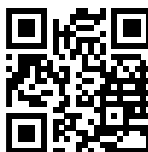
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Conjugal violence?

A call from a passerby for possible conjugal violence on Sherbrooke at Roslyn May 17 turned out to have been sparked by a woman screaming hysterically after a man broke up with her, Public Security officials said. Police also attended but no charges were laid and the incident just before 11 am was reported as “unfounded.” Public safety officers helped clean up a couple of scratches on the woman’s face that were described as not having been caused by the man.

Permit needed for Marianopolis event

A resident of Westmount Ave. called Public Security May 2 to complain about loud music from an event on the front lawn of Marianopolis. Officers responding at 12:50 pm found loudspeakers in use as well as a megaphone for an auction. The school was advised of the need to obtain a permit for such an event and the music was reported to have been turned off at 1:20 pm. About 200 to 300 people were in attendance. The city’s Urban Planning department was informed.

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In woods at 1 am

Tickets for \$217 were issued to two of three teens in Summit Woods at 1 am on May 17 for violating the midnight parks curfew, Public Security reports. Recipients were a Westmount woman and a Laval man. Both had been warned or ticketed previously. A third received a warning.

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Soccer club triples offering, space available



The Westmount Soccer Club's U11 girls (front), U11 boys (centre) and U11 boys (back), May 31 at Westmount Park.

Photo: Independent.

The Westmount Soccer Club has tripled the number of inter-city teams that it is fielding this year. As previously reported (February 12, p. 22), the club was aiming for four teams (up from a single, U13 boys' team last year), but there were insufficient numbers for a U16 boys' team.

"It is hard to get reliable answers from 16-year-olds," quipped president Mark Roper, who was coaching the U11 girls May 31 at the Westmount Park soccer pitch when the *Independent* spoke to him. "It is very important for us that we complement [the city of Westmount's

house] spring league," explained Roper. The two groups share the field now, but the soccer club continues into the summer and fall. Spaces are still open at all three teams: U11 and U14 boys, and U11 girls.

New recruits will help the teams make up for vacation absences of existing players. How are the teams doing so far?

The U11 boys have lost two and tied one. The U11 girls have lost one and tied one. The U14 boys have lost one and tied two. "We are adjusting from practising on small [cross-court] fields, but playing on full-size ones," said Roper.

de Mais blocked, cement poured



de Maisonneuve west of Greene was closed to traffic on May 30 to allow for a cement truck to work at 1250 Greene Ave.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Fence goes in at arena



Looking at the arena from the corner of Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve, May 24. The new landscape continues to reveal itself, including the fence on the arena's to-be-grassed-over roof that is now in place on the west (pictured) and south (not pictured) sides.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Work to re-start on tracks, meeting June 6

Last summer's work on the rail line through Westmount will continue again this summer and fall, with details to be explained to residents by the Agence métropolitain de transport (AMT) at a meeting Thursday, June 6 at city hall, 7 pm.

The information meeting will take place in collaboration with CP and coun-

cillors Cynthia Lulham, Theodora Samiotis and Gary Ikeman to present the project and answer residents' concerns, according to an AMT notice dated May 31 to residents living near the railway corridor.

This year's phase involves replacing the signaling system as well as work related to extension of the third railway line. – LS

Westmount Retail Watch

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Goldbloom launches on-line handbag business

Westmounter Alice Goldbloom launched an on-line handbag-retailing business in April. She said it is attracting customers from all over the world, and until recently a surprising amount of her consigned stock was being supplied by Westmount residents.

"In the beginning there was a lot, although now they're coming in from all over," says the Anwoth Rd. resident who launched LovethatBAG.ca two months ago.

Goldbloom's site specializes in the sale of beautiful handbags on consignment – from high-end designer bags by Ferragamo, Fendi and Dior, to more moderately-priced vintage pieces. They range in price from \$100 to \$2,000.

Goldbloom said she uses a simple business model: she only accepts handbags in excellent condition and she will ship anywhere – even to Westmount.

Some of the bags are for sale at Nee Nah on Victoria Ave. In turn, Goldbloom carries some of Nee Nah's jewelry and scarves on the LovethatBAG website.

Annie Young Cosmetics opens in Westmount

Annie Young, with more than 35 years experience as a make-up artist, with her daughter Sharleen Young, who has been active in the industry 18 years, opened their cosmetic store at 4908 Sherbrooke St. on April 30. Sharleen is a Westmounter, and Annie lives in Côte St. Luc.

"We cater to women of all ages – from young teens to more mature women," Annie said in an interview with the *Independent*.

Among the lines of cosmetics featured is Annie's own label, Annie Young Cosmetics, and Kevyn Aucoin.

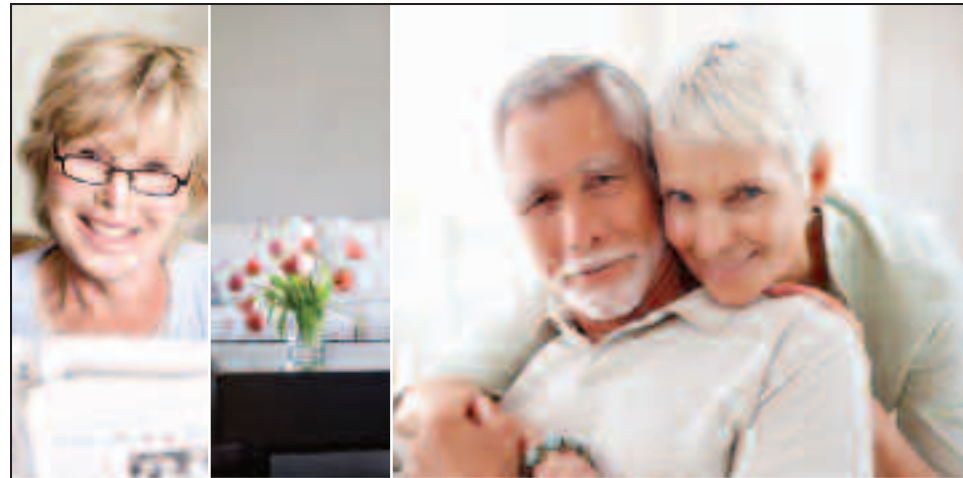
The women also have a team of professional make-up artists to assist with services that include wedding, gala and graduation preparation, and they have a make-up school.

Cheers!



Westmounters Mila Felcarek, left, and Greg Dunning were among many attendees at the first day of the Mondial de la Bière on May 29. The beer festival, held this year at the Palais des congrès, continued until June 2. Beer connoisseur Dunning was appalled to hear one beer Philistine say, "I don't like too much taste in my beers."

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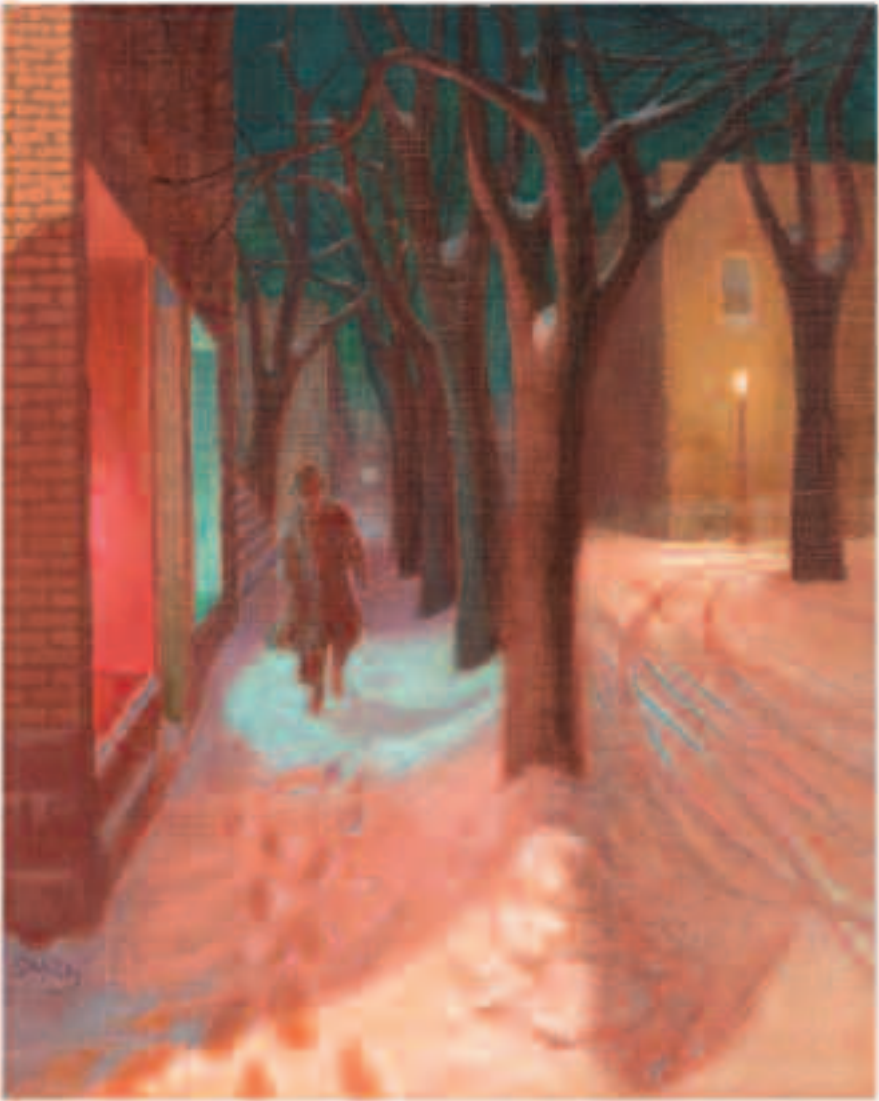
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Rotary auction/sale at the RMR



The Rotary Club of Westmount held its auction and garage sale May 31 and June 1 respectively at the Royal Montreal Regiment armory on St. Catherine St. Attendees are seen here lining up June 1. The queue stretched the full length of the building.

Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Westmount

**Ducks leave their Westmount home
for private lake in Eastern Townships**



A family of ducks was discovered in a Rosemount pond (top) by a resident who went to feed her goldfish one morning. This same duck family had been discovered negotiating Sherbrooke traffic on May 19 ("Make way – again – for ducklings," May 21, p. 1 and "Public Security rescues duck family from traffic, sewer," May 28, p. 1). The family of ducks lived in her pond for about a week. The resident figured the ducklings hatched there. They didn't always "stay put," according to the resident. All eight surviving ducklings and the mother duck have since been captured and transported to a private lake (inset) in the Eastern Townships, where they were set free and have been found to be "settling in with a number of existing duck families," she said.

Photos courtesy of Cornelia Nihon



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Westmounters turns out for new rec centre



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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Kathryn Stephenson and Peter Trent.

As part of the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) fundraising project, a group of glam Westmount gals formed an amazing committee and put on Scheherazade – Une Soirée au Souk on May 31 at Victoria Hall. Tickets were \$140.

Led by Sada Reddy, committee members were Helen Campbell, Janet Faith, Susan Jameson, Jillian Barnes, Rosalind Davis, Alison Fripp, Virginia Elliott and Nicole Forbes.

The constant rain let up for one glorious night, allowing for the pre-event cocktails to be held outdoors in front of the conservatory. A classical trio from the Westmount Youth Orchestra completed the mood of elegance.

Most ladies wore dresses – and colours! Taking the theme seriously, former Westmounter Margaret Cuddihy, attending

with hubby Roger Warren, wore a beautiful bright fuchsia sari. Westmount city councillor Nicole Forbes also opted for fuchsia, pairing it with matching bowed shoes and multi-strand pearl necklace and bracelets.

Seen in the packed hall were local res Westmount Mayor Peter Trent with his wife Kathryn, wearing a pale blue dress and matching necklace; and Kate and Geoff Molson, volunteer chair of the WRC campaign.

Other attendees were Marc and Constance Médalsy, Parisian-smart in a silk tunic-blouse and pencil skirt; Lee and Janet Harrison, also in fuchsia; Tom and Rosalind Davis, in a sweeping electric-blue one-shoulder dress; coordinator of the WRC fundraising campaign Camilla Leigh, English spring-like in a day-lily-orange dress, and a leaf-green clutch; Una Kay and Trudi Ogden, chicly attired in 'volunteer' black with bright belts (yes, fuchsia!); Amy Creighton; Dario Mazzarello and Marina Martelli, Michel Judson, Willem Westenberg, Anne Duprat, David Wolf, Brigitte Stock and Ramez Rabbat (who helped with the décor); Bunny Berke, attending with Larry Lusko, and George



Brigitte Stock and Ramez Rabbat



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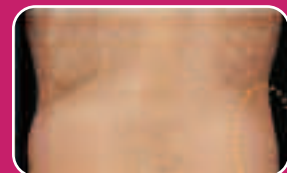
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Victoria Hall was decorated with white fabric hiding the high ceiling and little pots of white tulips adding a spring-like touch. The amazing silent auction items

included a suite at the Bell Centre for a pre-season Habs game, including tickets, parking and drinks for 12 guests; a VIP evening for two with box suite, parking and food at the Beyoncé concert on July 22

(currently sold out); corporate suite for the Montreal Impact June 29 game; a night at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel with dinner for two at Maison Boulud; a week at Casa Fiore West Palm Beach; a week at Solana, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida; and jewellery from Folklore, Lapidarius, Lou Goldberg and Silpada. After the copious eats provided by By George catering, some wags started to compete for the Westmount Y auction item: a year of fitness classes!

Volunteering in and around Westmount

The Meals on Wheels organization based in St Matthias Church is looking for volunteer assistant cooks to help prepare food on Monday and/or Thursday mornings. Contact 514.842.3351.

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Batshaw Youth and Family Centres is looking for a mature female volunteer to live in a community-based apartment with three 17-year-old women, who are moving towards independent living. The volunteer commitment is for one year and involves guiding, mentoring and supervising. For more information, contact kerryann_carty@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or 514.932.7161, ext 1102.



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McEntyre writing competition finalists to be awarded June 5

The McEntyre Writing Competition Awards ceremony is to take place the evening of Wednesday, June 5 at Victoria Hall for the winners and their families. This year, there were 1,411 entries (up 205 from last year) from 13 schools (down one from last year).

Sixty-four volunteer judges read the entries, which could be any type of writing on the topic “A Special Place,” including poems, essays and stories under 1,000 words.

The winners are:

Grade 1

Jing Yan Cai	Selwyn House
Shalev Cooperstock	Solomon Schechter
Édouard Moreau	Selwyn House
HM* Tristan Lloyd	Selwyn House

Grade 2

Gunes Gumus	The Study
Matthew Anderson	Selwyn House
Thomas Backman	Selwyn House
HM Mikhael Auerbach	Selwyn House

Grade 3

Jessica Looper	Roslyn
Matthew Homa	Selwyn House
Amanda Tian	Wst. Park
HM Sophia Creaghan	The Study

Grade 4

Annika Waschke	The Study
Kennedy Lalonde	Roslyn
Nava Camlot	Roslyn
Amelia Martucci	Roslyn
HM Annabel Simons	ECS

Grade 5

Jad Georges Anhoury	St. Léon
Macy Sharp	ECS
Ulyana Litovchenko	St. Léon

Grade 6

Jarrett Richman	St. George's
Léa Morin	The Study
Luca DeCarolis	Selwyn House
HM Raianerahstha Diome	Selwyn House

Grade 7

Geoffrey Baxter	Selwyn House
Zoe Wong	The Study
Elisabeth Jacob	The Study
HM Stefano Fede	Wst. High

Grade 8

Samantha Levy	The Study
William Anderson	Selwyn House
Conor Shannon	Selwyn House
HM Trevor Tabah	Selwyn House

Grade 9

Samantha Sambrook	The Study
Ian Coldren	Wst. High
Camille Zeitouni	The Study

Grade 10

Charlotte Robertson	Wst. High
Esme Millar	Wst. High
Harmany Giubilei-Westcott	Wst. High

Grade 11

Marina Mavridis	The Study
Akinasi Partridge	Wst. High
Elizabeth Carle	ECS
Rubina Iqbal	ECS
HM Nina Chabelnik	École Internationale

*HM = honourable mention

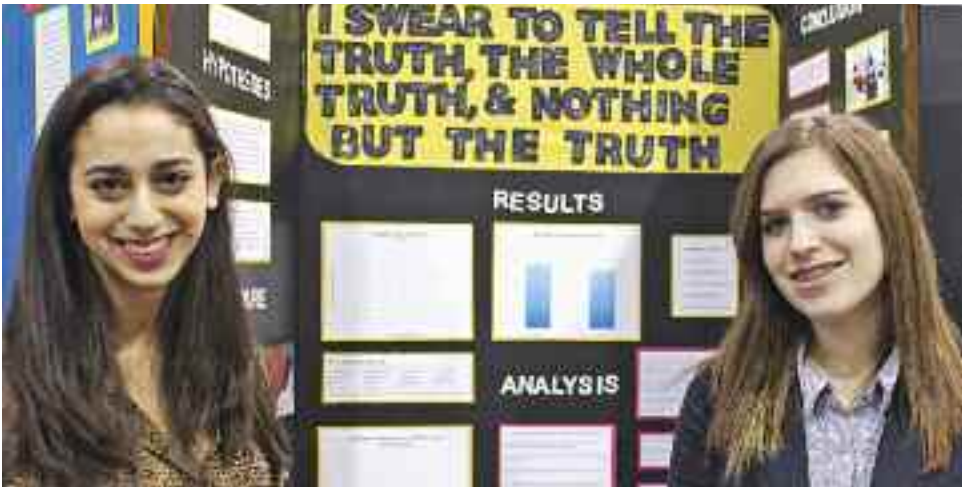
Source: Westmount Public Library

Finalists in national science fair hail from 2 Westmount schools



The Study's Madison Meehan, grade 10, returned a bronze medal winner in the intermediate category from the national science fair held in Lethbridge, Alberta in May. For her project “Can Immodium affect Glioma?” she received a scholarship to Western University and a cash prize.

Photo courtesy of The Study



Beatrice Glickman, right, of St. George's School, competed in the senior category of the Canada-wide science fair in Lethbridge, Alberta in May. She was awarded a bronze medal, a cash prize and two scholarships to Ontario universities. The project “I Swear to Tell the Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth” was previously entered at the Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair in March, along with her co-presenter and fellow grade 11 student Lianne Koren, left, where they won bronze.

Photo courtesy of St. George's

Suspicious activity

A man was reported to have been loitering and looking into cars on Hillside May 15, Public Security said. A patroller was unable to spot him, when the call came in at 1:43 pm. The complainant stated she had also seen the man on the street earlier. Officers spotted a man matching the description an hour later as he entered Westmount Square but he could not be found inside.

Exemptions expected

A complaint May 15 for the after-hours use of heavy machinery at 8:39 pm at the Westmount recreation centre was traced to the polishing of concrete, public safety officers report. The process was allowed to continue. A long list of construction exemptions being granted so the work can get done is expected to grow once new earlier summer shut-down times are put in force June 25, Public Security said.

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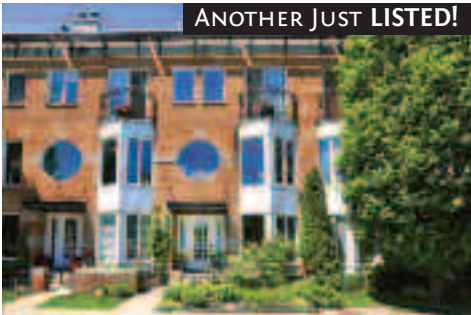
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