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What's the RF-ing difference?



Westmounters may soon have a choice between this radio-frequency (RF) emitting hydro meter (left) and a non-RF one with a digital display (right). See p. 8.

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Miss Vicky's zoning update

Six of 14 signatures not validated (yet), whole zone of signers not submitted

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The proposed zoning change to legitimize the operation of Miss Vicky's preschool at St. Matthias' Church on Church Hill took a bizarre twist in political strategizing, it was revealed last week.

While signatures from only one of five applicable zones were submitted requesting a referendum register be opened to oppose the change, it turns out that more than enough names had been collected in another, much larger zone, but intentionally not submitted.

"We collected signatures from every street in that zone but we were advised that strategically it was too large to carry a majority vote and we should stick with a smaller zone," Shelley Kerman told the In-

The zone submitted is mainly on the south side of Côte St. Antoine from Metcalfe west to Strathcona, from which 14 signatures were obtained, though only 12 were required (see August 20, p. 1).

The much larger zone from which 23 signatures, almost double the requirement, were obtained, she said, is one that includes Church Hill, Aberdeen and Thornhill as well as sections of Montrose, Westmount Ave.. The Boulevard and Ar-

As a resident of Church Hill, Kerman along with Bertha Dawang, has led the opposition to Miss Vicky's, claiming the church and steep hill were not appropriate

or safe locations for a preschool, which had been operating many years without either a city occupancy permit or at a premises zoned continued on p. 4

Election 2013 Ikeman not running, see p. 3.



Decision expected Sept. 3 in demolition appeal

Metcalfe condo scaled back one storey, meeting hears

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The proposed condo development for Metcalfe at Hillside has already lost its seventh-storey recreational penthouse, it was announced August 21 during an appeal hearing before city council over a decision to allow demolition at the former Vanguard school. The number of units has also been scaled back from 56 to 46.

As a result, the building has been lowered by 15 feet, garden terraces and sky-

lights are planned for the roof, and larger condo units will be built. The existing institutional building is 12 feet lower, but closer to the sidewalk.

Nevertheless, the downsizing did not appear to go far enough for the two appellants who disputed the new sight lines and argued the building's massing contravened the city's own guidelines for streetscape harmony.

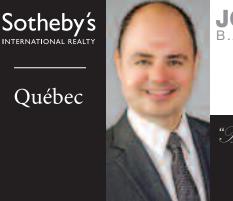
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'The Fonz' helps launch CJA 2013



From left: Laurent Nahmiash, Jeff Segel, Marlee Matlin, Henry Winkler, Wendy Spatzner, Jarred Paperman and Zachary Schneiderman.

Photo courtesy of Federation CJA.

A large group of Montrealers was at Place des Arts August 21 to kick off Federation CJA's 2013 fundraising campaign, including campaign chairs and Westmounters Laurent Nahmiash (Sepharade campaign), Jeff Segel (general campaign), and Wendy Spatzner (women's campaign). Hollywood celebrities Marlee Matlin and Henry Winkler addressed the crowd, and the Cirque de Soleil gave a short performance.

Federation CJA works to improve the lives of the 17,000 Jewish Montrealers living below the poverty line. The campaign runs until November.

Lit fire to warm up

Three young women awaiting a taxi at Summit lookout August 17 lit a few branches to keep warm, Public Security officials said. The trio, aged 18 to 20, came from Longueuil, Laval and Prévost. The fire was noticed by a resident who called to report it at 4:40 am. While public safety officers were on scene, the taxi arrived and the girls left after being cautioned. They stated they had been "freezing cold" while waiting 20 minutes for the cab. The fire was described as very small and was quickly put out.

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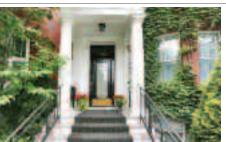
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Ikeman won't seek re-election to council

District 5 in rapid change, needs more time than he can give

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Gary Ikeman has become the first member of city council to declare his intentions in the face of the November 3 municipal election. He won't be running for a second term.

Announcing his departure to the Independent August 22, the District 5 councillor cited time constraints, future demands presented by the busy commercial/residential district under pressures from the adjacent super-hospital site, and his desire to give sufficient notice for potential candidates to prepare.

"I've discovered the job requires more time than I can devote to it," he said. "And to do the job justice, it would not be fair to seek another term. That's the crux of it."

Every district is different, he added. But District 5, in particular, is undergoing rapid change, he explained, "and change requires a commitment of time."

Ikeman, who is vice president of a manufacturing firm in Ville d'Anjou, was first elected in the last election over three other candidates in that election's most widely contested race. As commissioner of Public

Security, he has been particularly involved in traffic, parking and cycling issues, which included chairing an ad hoc committee on bike paths.

"It's doubly difficult with a day job to be able to attend all the evening meetings and events, and also be available for daytime appointments in the city," he said. "You have to be available at a lot of times when I'm not."

While Ikeman became involved in municipal politics, in part over traffic concerns and skepticism over the initial, above-ground plans for the new arena, he said he has found the council work to be fascinating on many levels. "It's under the radar for most people. But you get to understand the dynamics and anticipate what can happen."

He said he hopes his early announcement – by Westmount standards – will give a heads-up to anyone considering a run for his council seat. "There's a lot of preparation required for an election."

Police gift to Centre Greene earns rousing cheer



Children who take part in Centre Greene's summer day camp program gave a rousing cheer for Commander Daniel Gervais, the new chief, and Cst. Annie Grondin from the Montreal police department's Station 12 on Stanton St. on Aug. 15 when they dropped by for a visit. This was after Station 12 staff

donated \$600 worth of new sports equipment for the day camp. Station 12 does it every year. The new equipment included scooters, skipping ropes, basketballs and hula hoops.



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Miss Vicky's, cont'd. from p. 1

for the use.

It has since obtained an occupancy permit.

Kerman said she and Dario Favretto, who is campaigning on behalf of his mother who lives on the street, have been going door to door to collect the signatures and ensure that all qualified as eligible voters under the guidance of a lawyer.

So they were dismayed to learn from the city clerk's office that city personnel had been unable to establish validity for six of the names in the submitted application list and that Kerman should ask them to present themselves at city hall with passports and other documentation.

"That's their job. I've done mine and made sure that all the names are qualified," she said. Besides, she added, it wasn't realistic to expect people to make two trips to city hall, first to qualify and then to sign the register.

Since then, however, the residents to be

validated have been sent letters concerning their eligibility, according to city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza. Results are not expected to be known until this week.

While Kerman plans to move from Church Hill in mid-September after some 20 years on the street, she said she was determined to keep working for the cause. "My point is that this street is incredibly dangerous. Nobody talks about the thousands of calls we've made to Public Security over the years."

Good date for registry?

She said that a potential register date in September would find many people occupied with back-to-school and the Jewish high holidays.

In canvassing for signatures, she said, many residents were found to be on vacation or ineligible to vote because they did not satisfy residency or citizenship requirements, and some houses were obviously unoccupied.

Metcalfe condo, cont'd. from p. 1



A rendering of the most recent proposal for 175 Metcalfe, at the former site of the Vanguard school below St. Catherine St. It was sold to developers in June.

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Metcalfe condo, cont'd. from p. 4

Susan Kucer, raised several legal issues and requested that the builders post a bond that could be used in the event of damage from the demolition that might result to their Category I house, part of an ensemble of century-old homes across the street

"Enough" had been brought up at the hearing that the council needed more time to render a decision, Mayor Peter Trent said after initial deliberation with the five councillors attending. He also said that they were not all "in sync."

A decision could be expected at the September 3 public council meeting, he said.

Interestingly, the two-hour meeting was almost a repeat of a longer demolition hearing June 19 when the same concerns were raised by the couple and other interveners: neighbours and office workers (see June 25, p. 1).

And once again, no one spoke in defence of retaining the existing building, though its demolition was in fact the subject of the both the initial demolition hearing and the subsequent appeal.

Many from that first meeting were among some 20 in last week's audience in the council chamber. Among them, representatives from the Hillside Medical Clinic once again zeroed in on demolition construction concerns for noise, dust, traffic and general safety issues anticipated to arise.

And again, Francis Charron, representing EMD Construction, said because his company was both the builder and the promoter of the project, it was important for it to maintain good relations with the community to whom they hope to sell their units

The city was asked to impose stiff fines for any by-law violations though no one went so far as to suggest that building permits be revoked for a few days should that occur, as one attendee mentioned after the event.

Redfern worker ticketed \$269

Public safety officers were called to the construction site at 215 Redfern on August 19 when construction continued past the 6 pm deadline.

Public Security officials said a resident had called in the complaint at 6:09 pm. When patrollers arrived, they found the work in progress. Workers were described as uncooperative and refusing to identify themselves.

A ticket for \$269 was issued to the company responsible.



Metcalfe resident Gerald Glass asks how long demolition would take. His concern over losing access to his parking area is no longer an issue since he has disposed of his car, he told the Independent at the meeting.

The revised design changes to the proposed development were presented by the architect, David Bédard-Barrette. Reducing the building's massing had been one recommendation of the city's Demolition committee in its favourable ruling (see July 9, p. 7).

Carole Scheffer, who chairs the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), explained that the design review group had not found the Vanguard building represented any architectural or historical value to prevent its demolition. It also found the proposed development more in keeping with the street's residential nature.

The current 18-month timeline calls for six to eight weeks of demolition starting in October, with construction to follow, ending February 2015.

Need card to play tennis

A Westmount woman finally left the tennis courts at King George (Murray) Park August 18 in an apparent huff after a dispute with the tennis attendant and then public safety officers. Officials said the patrollers had been called to the scene at 6:10 pm and explained that she needed a Westmount card to access the courts. Described as "very aggressive," the woman was reported to have exclaimed loudly that she had lost the card, was a resident paying a lot of taxes and would "go to the papers." She lived on Cedar.

Railway work starts at Prospect

Canadian Pacific's work to install the bases for signal gantries on the railway

Ticketted for loud music and dog offence

A resident of York St. was to be sent two tickets for by-law infringement after public safety officers were called to the home August 14 on a complaint from a neighbour at 9:44 pm over loud music and "constant barking" of a dog, Public Security officials said.

When officers arrived at the scene, they heard the music and rang the doorbell to be met by a woman holding a dog. According to the incident report, officers attempted to speak with her, but the door was slammed and not re-opened on a second request.

No dog was found to be registered at the address, though several tickets had been issued over the last year for barking and failure obtain a dog licence. The resident was to be sent a \$147 ticket for noise and another for \$76 for not having a dog licence. tracks this summer began in earnest two weeks ago with the delivery of materials at the Prospect location.

A large truck was found blocking the southbound lane on Greene August 15 at Prospect for the delivery of some of the supplies, according to Public Security reports. The blockage was discovered by a regular patrol at 9:33 am.

It was subsequently found that an agreement with the city had been made to allow CP access to the tracks from Prospect but no road signage had been installed.

While a vehicular access to the tracks had been made in front of 45 Prospect, it was understood the work was actually set to take place just east of Prospect.

A notice from the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) to residents of Prospect and Clandeboye stated the work was scheduled to take place from August 15 to September 8, Thursday to Sunday from 7 am to 5 pm, "with potential extensions until 9 pm."

Work on other gantries is also to take place at the foot of Abbott and slightly east of the POM condos at 4700 St. Catherine.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IKEMAN: I'M NOT RUNNING

I have decided not to seek another term as city councillor.

With numerous key issues to deal with in District 5, I simply do not have the time required, so I will move on and make way for others to contribute.

During the past four years, I have learned a great deal about the intricacies of running our city, and found the work most rewarding.

Being the commissioner of Public Security allowed me to closely interact with a very professional and dedicated team, and I thank them for their outstanding commitment to the city.

I have great admiration for our city councillors, our administration, and our most capable mayor.

They are all highly dedicated to the welfare of our city and its residents.

I wish my successor, whoever that might be, much success, and will offer my full co-operation and assistance to that individual.

I wish to thank all those who have supported me over these past four years, and hope I have been of service to my constituents and the city at large, and a very special thanks to my wife Judith, for her continuous support.

GARY IKEMAN, CITY COUNCILLOR – DISTRICT 5

WHERE ARE THE BIRDS?

A month ago in a letter in *The Gazette* Westmounter, June Paterson, wondered where all the nighthawks had gone and that she has seen only one robin this year. It brought back a painful memory:

Some years ago in a local newspaper there was a letter from a father saying he had found poisoned corn on the rooftop of his apartment building, he feared for the safety of his young child who played there. I remember then it was some time before we saw any birds around here again.

There are five apartment buildings close together. I live in one of them. There used to be problems with pigeons, starlings and more recently crows. Now there are no birds at all. In the early spring I delighted in the song of cardinals nesting in a nearby garden and sparrows chattering away, along with the song of other birds. In years past, I used to sit on our balcony and watch the nighthawks at dusk. Once I saw a ruby throated hummingbird feeding on our red flowers and even a pair of purple finches trying to nest on a balcony opposite.

Sadly the best we can do at the moment in the way of "wildlife" is one squirrel. I miss the birds so much, when I get up in the morning there is no bird song and that continues all day.

> Honor Barrett, Kensington Ave.

NO POOL, NO PROBLEM

As summer comes to end, we would like to send out our thanks to Westmount Sports and Recreation and the Westmount lifeguards who organized several trips this summer for residents.

The activities made up for the considerable hole we felt for the second summer running without our local pool. The trips to the St. Sauveur aqua park, Super Aqua Club and Park Safari, among others, were well organised fun outings that permitted friends and neighbours to enjoy summer as well as connect as a community. The bus travel permitted parents not to worry about driving to such destinations and permitted kids to take their friends along. The otherwise pool-less lifeguards helped make the trips fun by guiding the kids in well supervised groups, whether for the smaller kids or for the older teens.

Although we look forward to rekindling the community that will gather at the new pool next year, the several trips this summer were welcome breaks that helped us fully embrace the Westmount Dolphins' motto this summer: "No pool, no problem!"

ELENA JONES, STAYNER ST.

LET'S GET PERMANENT ON DOG RUN

How long is "temporary"?

John Fretz writes of a temporary dog run in Westmount Park (August 13, p. 6). Why don't we have a permanent dog run at the Lansdowne site soon?

The former site is presently separated from the construction site. It has grass, trees, a bench and room for a dog run twice the size of the former one. Or, does city hall not have in mind a dog run at this location?*

THOMASINE MAWHOOD, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Acting ed.'s note: It is our understanding that the city will be polling residents soon regarding a new location for this dog run. Initially, it wanted to move it to the centre of Westmount Park.

ANOTHER MAPLE ON THE BLOCK?

With sorrow, I read about the demise of the old Norway maple on Springfield in your issue of August 10 (p. 21). We have a much bigger Norway maple in our backyard on Prince Albert. We had it pruned twice in 20 years and it grew even bigger each time.

It is a glorious tree estimated to be not older than 50, however, lately we have



Photo courtesy of B Bark

started to worry about it. We read so many stories about trees falling down, branches breaking during storms. Ours blooms beautifully in the spring. It had a mild case of tar spots a few years back, but overcame it. In the fall it puts us to strenuous work with its falling leaves. I hope we will catch any signs of decline in time and be able to take the necessary precautions.

BESTE BARKI, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

Dogs, 'sun-heated' GRAVEL DON'T MIX

Miss Trudy Asch's opinion of dog runs in Westmount (August 20, p. 6) is shared by the majority of residents – including dog owners. After the first year, not only are the runs smelly and filthy, but flies simply love dog droppings at the waste bins, and when owners do not pick up after their pets.

As a dog owner, I have observed that dogs love to run and play on fresh grass. But not on the sun-heated gravel and pebble-covered runs of Westmount. As long as owners do not habitually walk their pets off leash, does Westmount have to apply its leash law in so Draconian a manner?

On the circular field opposite the rest room in Westmount Park, I have often noticed owners temporarily unleashing their pets to chase each other on the fresh grass. They have the time of their lives: until a security officer suddenly appears from behind the bushes to give the owners a first or second warning.

Or, to fine them \$75 each.

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

DRIVERS ARE SEMI-CONSCIOUS

The key phrase in Mr Pless' letter (August 20, p. 6) is "bicyclist assumes driver will look behind before opening door." Suicidal thinking. One must always assume car drivers are, at best, in a semiconscious state.

BOB COTTER, SHERBROOKE ST.

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Bargain hunters flock around the tables on Sherbrooke St. at 11:30 am August 24.



Ben & Tournesol owner John Benoit with Shelley Schecter August 24 at 10:30 am. Benoit opens the space outside his store to Schecter and Homeless Cats during the Sidewalk Sale. All the donated goods were on sale to raise money for the non-profit group that focuses on neutering and caring for unwanted cats. The organization can be contacted at 514.485.6800 x 2287.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Lea Churchill McNeill

was born July 24, 2013 at the Royal Victoria Hospital 8 lbs 12 oz and 21 inches.

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Ingrid Bekhor (right) from NDG rifles through accessories at Nee Nah on Victoria Ave at 11 am August 24. Westmounter Lenora Mendelman was looking after the table.

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La séance du conseil aura lieu le mardi 3 septembre à 20 h.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, September 2, 2013: Labour Day

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be closed Monday, September 2nd for the Labour Day holiday. Westmount Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday.

The kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.

The council meeting will take place Tuesday, September 3rd at 8 p.m.

WMA backs Healthy City recommendation

City explores 'opt out' policy for RF-emitting meters

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Calls for Westmount to offer residents an alternative hydro meter that does not give off controversial radiofrequency (RF) emissions appear close to becoming part of a new city policy on meters, it was confirmed last week.

"We are looking at offering a choice," Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities and Public Works, told the *Independent* after the August 19 meeting of council in general committee. Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise had been consulted at this session.

The move was welcomed by the Healthy City Project (HCP), which recommended such an option almost a year ago in the wake of worldwide concerns over the cumulative effect of emissions from wireless devices. It was recently supported by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA).

"A man's home is his castle, and if people cannot sleep at night because they have one of these new RF meters on the other side of the wall, then they can't be comfortable in their own home," said Maureen

Kiely of the WMA last week.

Currently, Hydro Westmount does not offer residents the choice of having their old mechanical meters replaced by newer electronic ones that do not emit RF. Since 2008, the utility has been quietly phasing in RF meters that enable them to be read them from the street.

Kiely raised the issue at the city council meeting August 5 when the purchase of next year's supply of 480 Itron RF-emitting hydro meters was approved at a cost of \$46,000.

A non-RF meter is being offered to customers of Hydro Quebec and is still being manufactured by Itron (see separate story). This type was the standard meter until the move to newer-generation variations of RF-emitting "smart meters."

Meeting with Hydro Westmount

The city's decision to enact a meter policy follows a July 16 meeting between Hydro Westmount's Hurtubise and Kiely (on behalf of the WMA) along with Tom Thompson and Megan Durnford of the HCP.

It was Durnford who initially brought



Hydro-Quebec's RF "smart meter," transmits electrical consumption directly to billing offices. It is a Landis + Gyr "Focus" model.

the issue to light in Westmount when the city refused to replace an RF meter that it had installed at her house without her knowledge and against her wishes (see April 27, 2012, p. 1).

Kiely, who serves on the boards of both organizations, said the WMA had recently thrown its support behind the request of the HCP on the principle that residents should have a choice, as Hydro Quebec is offering, regarding the RF emissions for which no long-term data exist.

In fact, Kiely suggests, now that the relatively new field of epigenetics is finding that DNA can change, "we'll see where these findings will lead. On the meters, let's err on the side of caution especially regarding brain development in young children exposed to RF emissions."

While the RF meters in use in Westmount are not the fully "smart meter" being installed by Hydro Quebec, they have been reported to emit bursts of RF every 30 seconds or so, and enable remote reading from the street. The true smart meters communicate electrical consumption directly to Hydro Quebec offices and offer the potential for time-of-use billing.

The remote reading aspect was introduced by Hydro Westmount to speed up the process and eliminate the need of meter readers to enter homes where meters are still inside. This has often resulted in estimated charges which residents have challenged, sometimes amounting to large amounts.



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Non-RF meter

Hydro-Quebec's option

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

At least one hydro meter that does not give off radiofrequency (RF) emissions is on the market, according to information obtained recently by the *Independent*.

This is the Itron C1S model that is currently being installed by Hydro Quebec under the label of a "non-communicating" meter. It is an opt-out choice, available at extra cost, under the utility's newly introduced smart-meter program.

It is also the type of meter that both the Healthy City Project and the Westmount Municipal Association are urging Hydro Westmount to offer residents who do not want the RF model that can be read from the road.

The manufacture of the non-RF electronic meter, was confirmed last week by Itron support services as one needing to be read in the same manner as the older mechanical meters with dials that are still in use in many Westmount homes.

The meter resembles Westmount's newer RF-emitting version – the Itron C1SR model – purchased by Hydro Westmount that can be read from the road without meter readers having to gain direct access to the meter, either inside or outside the home.

Hydro Quebec personnel from the measurement division also confirmed recently that it has three types of meters currently in use in the Montreal area. They include the same RF type as Westmount's that can be read from the road, but it is now being phased out

The two replacement meters being phased in are the new standard smart meter, whose RF emissions regularly transmit consumption readings directly to billing offices, and the opt-out non-RF Itron C1S model.

The opt-out model was required recently by Quebec's energy regulator – the Régie de l'énergie – for people not wanting exposure to radio frequency emissions for whatever reasons. The smart meter is to be the utility's "next generation" meter which eliminates the need for the model (being phased in in Westmount) that can be read remotely from the street.

Hot topic attracts lone resident at two meetings

Storm-water management important issue: Fretz

By Laureen Sweeney

Despite outcries over flooding caused by downpours last year, only one resident turned out to two back-to-back public meetings August 21 on by-law changes designed to help reduce flow into the city's overburdened drainage system.

Presentations at the city hall meetings described changes to city by-laws to lessen the impact

of heavy rainfalls. One was to require less hard-cover decking around swimming pools. Another was to require storm-water management strategies for major building projects as well as all projects where the hard landscaping area is increased.

The changes are based on guidelines stating that changes to properties should not increase the volume, flow rate or par-



ticle content of rain-water run-

They call for the use of "lowimpact" techniques such as increased pervious surfaces, vegetated swales, green roofs and redirecting downspouts and gutters to planted areas or rainwater collection barrels.

Around pools, the city will require non-skid decks on only three sides, freeing up the fourth side for grass or other

permeable material that can be walked on but will absorb water.

"It's a big step forward," said Lansdowne resident John Fretz, the lone member of the audience not there in a professional capacity. He described the strategies as among the most important by-law changes this year.

The purpose of requiring storm-water

management strategies when people are applying for permits, especially for major new buildings, is to encourage a dialogue on the subject and sensitize professionals and their clients to the various techniques available, explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

"This is a sign of the times," added Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chaired both meetings as commissioner of Urban Planning.

Municipal infrastructure is at its maximum capacity throughout Canadian municipalities, she said, noting that ways of dealing with the lack of sewer capacity has been a hot topic at several recent conferences she attended (see story June 18, p. 8). It's of particular concern for municipalities, such as Westmount, which have a combined drainage system for both sewage and storm water.

Remembering H. Ship

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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An elderly Westmount driver was traumatized August 19 when the Cadillac he was parking on Greene at St. Catherine jumped the sidewalk, knocking over a parked motorcycle and slightly damaging the building at the northwest corner, Public Security officials said.

A woman sitting on a nearby bench was also reported "traumatized" by the near miss and both persons were treated at the scene by Urgences Santé.

A man was later found to have been

"slightly grazed" by the car's side mirror while another managed to jump out of the

The accident occurred at 11:43 am, a time of day when many pedestrians are out on the street, explained Public Security director David Sedgwick, and it was fortunate no one was seriously injured. The driver stated he had been trying to park when his foot slipped off the brake onto

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Salzman wins a 'Weizmann'

Westmounter Sarah Salzman was one of seven Canadians from a pool of 15 applicants chosen to spend a month at Israel's Weizmann Institute as part of the 45th Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute. 74 other students from 16 other countries also participated. The program is open to people of all faiths. Students do not necessarily study in a field they know well, but they do indicate a preference beforehand.

The LCC grade 12 student conducted research in neuroscience, a field that she hopes to study at university in the US next year.

The Weizmann Institute of Science is a multidisciplinary research institution located in Rehovot. At the institute, ex-

plained Salzman, they said to students, "'Follow your curiosity.' They don't plan what they're going to do... That's what science should be – a love of learning. There is such a wide variety [of things to study]."

On a personal level, she said it was



Sarah Salzman on August 23 on Victoria Ave.

"amazing how kids from such different backgrounds got along. ... It was great to see everyone come together. I have friends that will last a lifetime."





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Local butcher offers home delivery of prime-quality meat



Andrés Pedroza's wife, Claudia Hernandez, Pedroza and his neighbour and client, Aaron Fraser, are seen with a vacuum-packed beef bavette for delivery.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

For all the dedicated meat lovers out there, Andrés Pedroza has something you may not be able to resist.

Pedroza, a Bruce Ave. resident, was the meat manager at the 5 Saisons gourmet supermarket on Greene Ave. for seven years up to the time it closed two years ago. (The 5 Saisons is open again following completion of the 1250 Greene Ave. condo building.)

A professional butcher, Pedroza added to his skills during his time at 5 Saisons, while getting to meet many Westmounters. He has just launched a new service for the delivery of fresh meat direct to clients' homes.

"I have beef, pork, chicken, duck," he says listing some of the 20 types of meat he offers. If someone asks for a special cut Pedroza can also get it, as well as exotic game meats like wild boar and bison. He vacuum-packs each item and delivers it to

the client. One of his current favourite cuts of beef is Canada Prime.

"It's grain-fed beef and it's aged," he says. "It also has a lot of marbling, which means that it's more tender." Pedroza already has more than 50 customers. Among them is Aaron Fraser of nearby Hallowell Ave.

"He was our butcher at 5 Saisons when we first moved into the neighbourhood," Fraser says, adding that having a meat delivery service like Pedroza's makes his life less complicated. "It's a question of trust and added value. I know that he's choosing the best cuts and that he's using his knowledge for my benefit."

Pedroza sends out a circular to his customers by e-mail every two weeks featuring specials and new products. And he has a page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ MeatAndres). He can be reached by e-mail at meatsandresviande@hotmail.com, or by phone at 438.888.7881.



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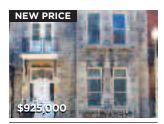
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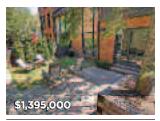
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Daniel Gervais returns to Westmount

New commander looks to forge community partnerships

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Growing up in a small community has given the new commander of local police Station 12 a special appreciation and understanding of Westmount, he said last week. And he's already off to a busy start.

While Daniel Gervais had only moved into his new office August 12, he already seemed at home after plunging right in to meet with various community groups and

citizens. And, he says, he's all set to attend the city council meeting September 3.

And in one sense, he was coming "home." Gervais served at the Stanton St. station for a few months in 2003-2004 as senior agent, the constable who replaces the shift sergeant when needed and otherwise is in charge of the shift's recruit training.

"I had a good experience in Westmount," he said. "And it's an advantage to

me now. I found if the work was done, the people appreciate it and then it's a real pleasure to serve."

Gervais, 37, replaces Stéphane Plourde, whose involvement with the city he intends to follow, he told the *Independent*. (Plourde, with the new rank of inspector, has taken over command of Station 20 downtown.) "I want to be close to the people and work in partnership with the community."

Two different realities

While he grew up in Jonquière and considers himself a small-town boy, professionally he is coming to Station 12 from one of the busiest stations on the island of Montreal, Station 21, "They are two different realities," he explained.

Station 21, where he was a sergeant in charge of a shift of 16 officers, "is the largest one in terms of concentration of people and criminality," he explained. The station serves an area from Amherst to Bleury, and Sherbrooke south to St. Helen's Island.

Station 12 is his first command and, "It's a big challenge," he said. One might add that in his case, it's a double challenge. For Gervais was recently promoted to commander, bypassing the rank of lieutenant, a thought that doesn't appear to faze him.

There are many lieutenants in the system, he said, so he applied for the position of "commandant" and successfully went through the testing for the rank. He is pleased to be moving forward. Though most of his career has been served working on shift, he's also familiar with what it's like to work days.

He served four years in the office of planning and implementing special events, such as the St. Patrick's parade or the Montreal marathon. "This was very challenging and interesting for me. You're



Commander Daniel Gervais in his new office at Station 12, August 21.

always working on an empty page depending on the event, providing resources and assessing and dealing with the risks."

Gervais has always played hockey and wants to play at Westmount's new arena. Growing up, he said, he always dreamed of joining the police force in the footsteps of two uncles. He first served in the municipal force in Jonquière and then with the Surétè du Québec in La Tuque.

When he applied to join the Montreal force in 1998, "It was the first time I had ever been to Montreal," he recalls with a laugh. Since then, he has served in several different stations and was appointed sergeant in 2004. Gervais lives in Chambly and is the father of a young daughter.

And where did he learn his fluent English? "Growing up, I always watched TV in English," he replied. "There's not much English in Jonquière."

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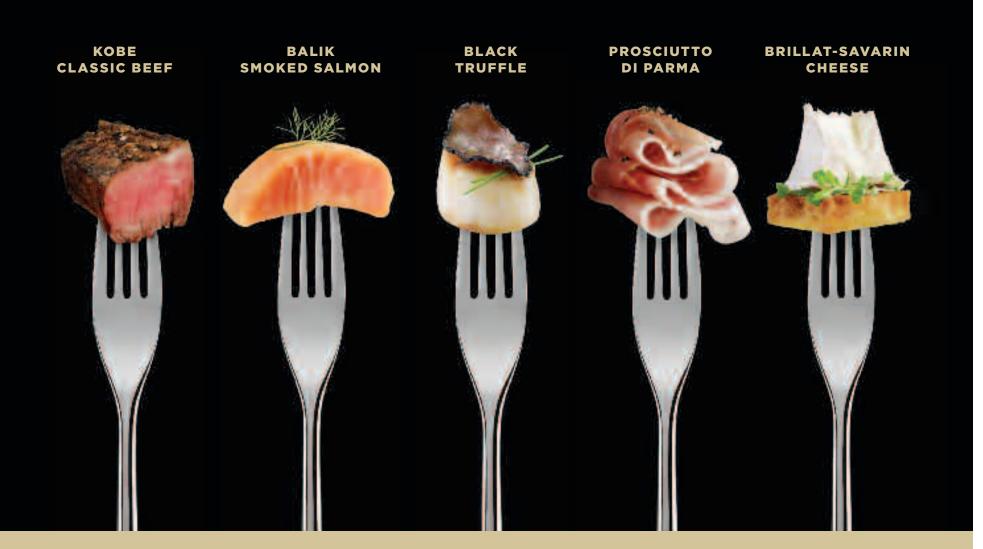
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Conway takes over

New WHS PPO chair hopes to pave way for first board

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Shannon Conway, newly-elected chairwoman of the Westmount High School Parent Participation Organization, is giving herself a year to prepare the PPO for the future, but will be vacating the position after her son graduates in 2014.

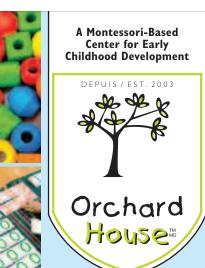
Conway, who was elected in June, replaces Eileen Paraskevopoulos who headed the PPO for the past four years. The PPO's mandate is primarily to raise funds to purchase educational tools and resources for the high school.

Its work is distinct from that of the WHS governing board, whose members have a wider responsibility for the operation of the high school. The PPO operated until now without a board. Its first board will be elected next spring.

"I'm excited about the prospect of creating a sustainable executive that will be able to move forward once I leave as chair," Conway said in an interview with the Independent.

Last year, a car wash and other events held by the PPO raised around \$1,000 to purchase new equipment for the woodworking class. This year, the WHS music department has been slated to benefit from the PPO's fundraising efforts.

The PPO provides students from lower income families with monetary support for trips and other special projects. Most of the WHS student population comes from districts outside Westmount, such as NDG, St. Henri, Ville Émard and Verdun. A relatively small number of students are Westmount residents.



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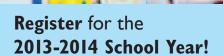
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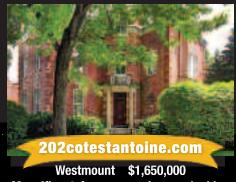
Although she'll be chairing the Westmount High School Parent Participation Organization for only a year, Shannon Conway hopes to pave the way for the PPO's first board.





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'Juicy' language experiencing a revival

Yiddish classes link students to Jewish culture and history

BY MARLENE EISNER

The multi-ethnic fabric of Montreal is woven with many colourful threads. One of these is the city's Jewish community, which dates back more than 200 years.



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NDG resident Syd Stepner's European grandparents spoke the language to him when he was a young boy.

"It's juicy," said the 59-year-old financial advisor who for the last two years has been taking Yiddish courses at the Jewish Public Library.

"You can eat the Yiddish language, the words are so chewy."

His interest in taking the course was ignited when he decided to try out for the Yiddish theatre at the Segal Centre for Performing Arts.

"The Segal has an amazing Yiddish theatre program," he said.

"And the first one I saw, I loved. I just sort of thought, 'Why don't I start boning up on my Yiddish?' I never did Yiddish theatre. The idea of Yiddish theatre excited me."

The Yiddish challenge

Lorie Kloda had a different reason for wanting to learn the language. The 37-year-old NDG resident, who works as a librarian at McGill University, said she wanted a challenge.

"I decided to try something new. I had always been curious about Yiddish and one of the reasons is that it's my father's first language."

And while she has found learning Yiddish difficult, the structure of the class and the encouragement of the other participants has kept her going.

"There's a general sense that none of us

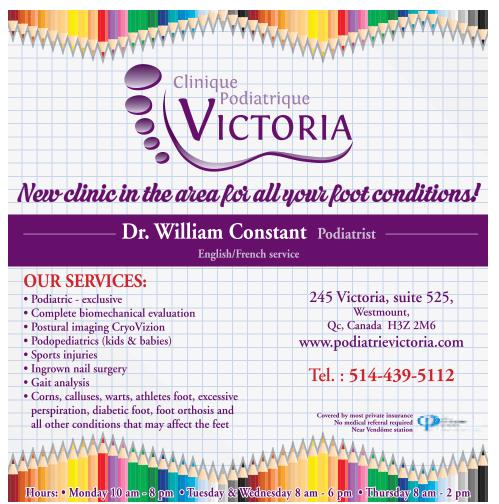
considers ourselves to be experts. It's a very safe place to make mistakes. My goal is not to become fluent. It's a lot of fun, but it's hard; it's a whole other alphabet."

Both Stepner and Kloda are students of Sheila Witt, who said it is the love of the language that fuels her passion.

Beginners' class in September

"I don't know who gets more out of it, me or my students, because I love teaching it, but we have fun," said the 70-year-old Witt, who has been teaching Yiddish at Jewish Peoples and Peretz School (JPPS) for 36 years. She began teaching the language to adults about 10 years ago at the Shaare Zion synagogue, and then at the JPL five years ago. In September, she will add a beginners' class to her roster.

"Somehow there seems to be a revival among adults wanting to learn. There's so much richness, so much culture with Jews, and you can't know about them if









you don't know their language," said Witt. Over the years, although the majority of Witt's students have been Jewish, there have been exceptions.

Open to all

"You don't have to be Jewish [to take the class]. I've had people who are not Jewish, absolutely."

According to the website www.jewfaq. org/yiddish, Yiddish was the primary language spoken by Ashkenazi Jews, a bond that connected them all over the world. The decimation of the Jewish population during the Holocaust marked the downward spiral in the use of the language. However, in recent years, it has been experiencing a renewed popularity, and is offered at many universities, including McGill, Harvard and Columbia.

And in the Aug. 19 online edition of the Huffington Post, there were three separate articles on the resurgence in the number of people learning the language, citing three major Yiddish events this past summer: a Yiddish language program at Brooklyn College, a Yiddish music festival in Amherst, Mass., and the Naomi Prawer

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Kadar International Yiddish Summer Program at Tel Aviv University.

Teaching for 35 years

Lorna Smith, who has been teaching Yiddish for the last 35 years at Bialik high school, teaches the intermediate level at the JPL and said the language is still being used in many of Montreal's institutions.

"I find Montreal is really unique," she said. "It's spoken [here]. There are people who work here who still speak Yiddish; social workers and doctors will use it a lot because there are still people speaking it as a language."

Sandi Dayagi has been taking Witt's class for two years and has no intention of stopping. The psychotherapist said she takes the course to tap into her heritage and learn a language that was spoken to her as a child.

"It's not a heavy class; I could have taken it at McGill, but that wasn't my goal. This is fun. I would absolutely continue this forever if I can."

Yiddish classes at the Jewish Public Library start in September. For more information, call 514.345.2627, ext. 3006.

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 - 1° avoir 18 ans le 3 novembre 2013;
 - 2º être une personne physique, de citoyenneté canadienne, ne pas être en curatelle le 1 septembre 2013 et, à cette date, ne pas avoir été déclaré coupable, au cours des cinq dernières années, d'une infraction constituant une manœuvre électorale frauduleuse;
 - 3° être propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la Ville depuis au moins 12 mois le 1 septembre 2013;
 - 4º avoir transmis à la soussignée, à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessous, une demande d'inscription à la liste électorale au plus tard le 29 septembre 2013.

ET

- B. aux copropriétaires indivis d'un immeuble et au cooccupants d'un établissement d'entreprise, qui n'ont pas déjà le droit d'être inscrits sur la liste électorale comme personne domiciliée, propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou comme occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise, que vous pouvez être inscrits sur la liste électorale pour l'élection générale municipale du 3 novembre 2013 en respectant les conditions indiquées ci-dessous :
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 - 4º avoir été désigné au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des copropriétaires ou cooccupants qui sont des électeurs le 1 septembre 2013;
 - 5° avoir transmis à la soussignée, à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessous, une procuration au plus tard le 29 septembre 2013.
- C. Toute demande d'inscription ou procuration transmise au bureau de la soussignée après le 29 septembre 2013 sera considérée comme une demande de modification à la liste électorale et par conséquent, elle sera transmise à la Commission de révision qui se réunira du 16 octobre jusqu'au 20 octobre 2013 inclusivement.
- D. Un modèle de formulaire de demande d'inscription ou de procuration est disponible au Bureau de la présidente d'élection et sur la page Web www.westmount.org/vote2013.
- E. Les demandes d'inscription et les procurations prennent effet lors de leur réception et demeurent valides tant qu'elles ne sont pas retirées ou remplacées.
- F. La soussignée peut être jointe à l'adresse, numéro de téléphone et courriel suivants :

Bureau de la présidente d'élection 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest Westmount, QC H3Z 1E2 (514) 989-5280 vote2013@westmount.org www.westmount.org/vote2013

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 27 août 2013,

Viviana ITURRIAGA ESPINOZA, avocate La présidente d'élection

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the sole owners of an immovable, the sole occupants of a business establishment, the undivided co-owners of an immovable, and the co-occupants of a business establishment

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given:

- A to the sole owners of an immovable and the sole occupants of a business establishment who are not already entitled to be entered on the list of electors as a domiciled person that they can be entered on the municipal list of electors for the **November 3, 2013** municipal general election by meeting the following conditions:
 - 1. be 18 years of age on November 3, 2013;
 - be a natural person, a Canadian citizen, not be under curatorship on September 1, 2013 and, on that date, not have been convicted, over the last five years, of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice;
 - 3. be the sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City for at least 12 months on September 1, 2013;
 - 4. have sent to the undersigned, at the address indicated below, an application for entry on the list of electors not later than September 29, 2013.

AND

- B. to the undivided co-owners of an immovable and the co-occupants of a business establishment who are not already entitled to be entered on the list of electors as a domiciled person, sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment that they can be entered on the list of electors for the November 3, 2013 municipal general election
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 - be a natural person, a Canadian citizen, not be under curatorship on September 1, 2013 and, on that date, not have been convicted, over the last five years, of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice:
 - 3. be the undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City for at least 12 months on September 1, 2013;
 - have designated by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the co-owners of co-occupants who are electors on September 1, 2013;
 - 5. have sent to the undersigned, at the address indicated below, a power of attorney not later than September 27, 2013.
- C. All applications for entry or powers of attorney received after September 29, 2013 will be considered an application to amend the municipal list of electors and will be submitted to the Board of Revisors which will meet from October 16 to 20, 2013 (inclusively).
- D. A model application for entry or power of attorney form is available at the office of the Returning Officer and at www.westmount.org/vote2013.
- E. The applications for entry and powers of attorney take effect upon their receipt and remain valid until such time as they are withdrawn or replaced.
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Fined for beer, warned about curfew

A 21-year-old man from Town of Mount Royal was ticketed \$219 August 20 when found with an open can of beer in Westmount Park at 1:17 am, Public Security officials said.

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ÉLECTION GÉNÉRALE MUNICIPALE

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné aux électeurs de la Ville de Westmount que :

- conformément à la Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités (chapitre E-2.2), une élection générale doit être tenue à la Ville de Westmount le 3 novembre 2013:
- à cette occasion, les postes suivants sont ouverts aux candidatures :
 - maire:
 - conseiller du district nº 1:
 - conseiller du district nº 2;
 - conseiller du district nº 3;
 - conseiller du district nº 4;
 - conseiller du district nº 5;
 - conseiller du district nº 6:
 - conseiller du district nº 7; conseiller du district nº 8;
- toute déclaration de candidature à l'un ou l'autre des postes ouverts doit être produite au bureau de la soussignée, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount aux jours et aux heures suivants :
 - du vendredi 20 septembre au jeudi 3 octobre 2013 de 8 h 30 à 12 h et de 13 h à 16 h 30;
 - le vendredi 4 octobre 2013 de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30:
- si plus d'un candidat pose sa candidature à un même un poste, un scrutin sera tenu le dimanche 3 novembre 2013 de 10 h à 20 h et un vote par anticipation sera tenu le dimanche 27 octobre 2013 de 12 h à 20 h:
- j'ai nommé pour agir à titre de secrétaire d'élection Madame Morgannis Graham;
- j'ai nommé pour agir à titre d'adjointe à la présidente d'élection Madame Kenza Bouhaddi;
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DONNÉ à Westmount le 27 août 2013

Viviana ITURRIAGA ESPINOZA, avocate La présidente d'élection

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the City of Westmount that:

- With respect to the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2), a municipal general election will be held in the City of Westmount on November 3, 2013;
- 2. The following positions are open for nominations:
 - Mayor:
 - Councillor for District No. 1;
 - Councillor for District No. 2;
 - Councillor for District No. 3;
 - Councillor for District No. 4;
 - Councillor for District No. 5: Councillor for District No. 6:
 - Councillor for District No. 7;
 - Councillor for District No. 8;
- Every nomination paper for these positions shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West in Westmount, on the following days and at the following times:
 - Friday, September 20 to Thursday, October 3, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and
 - Friday, October 4, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- If more than one candidate submits his or her nomination for the same position, a poll will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and an advance poll will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- 5. I have appointed to act as Election Clerk Ms. Morgannis Graham;
- 6. I have appointed to act as Assistant to the Returning Officer Ms. Kenza Bouhaddi;
- I may be reached at the following address, telephone number or email address:

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Comin' Up

Tuesday, September 3 Westmount city council meeting at city hall. 8 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Open House and Discovery Café, Thomas More Institute (3405 Atwater). 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Also on Saturday, September 7 from 10 am – 4 pm.

Wednesday, September II

Seminar on the Old Age Security Pension Plan. Reservation required (contact

Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 3 pm.

Author Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. Click here for the Book Club schedule up to June 2014. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mario Robert, gives an illustrated presentation on the Archives de Montréal, now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Atwater

Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 17

Alzheimer Café (monthly) For information, contact Beth Symansky at 514-935-7344 ext 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary .ca. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 18

Seminar on Wills and Estate Planning. Reservation required (contact Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 4 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Will Aitken speaks on the theme "Another County: Fiction Writing and the

Other Place." He will talk about Japan and read from his latest novel, My Life Burning in the Moonlight. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Brenda Shanahan gives a talk on "Bridging the Income Gap.... Tips on Easing Into Full Retirement". She will discuss different phases in post-employment life. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

Monday, October 7

McGill Council of Palliative Care's Men and Grief workshop with Dr. David Kuhl at the Temple Emmanu-El-Beth (4100 Sherbrooke, at Elm). 6 to 8 pm.

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The regular SPCA adoption centre is located at their main building, 5215 Jean Talon St. West. You can call them at 514. 735.2711. Their second emergency adoption shelter, which they call The Annex, for the pets saved from seizures and hoarding situations, is also open every day between 11 am and 5 pm, and is located only a block away at 7314 Mountain Sights (south of Jean Talon West). Their email is adoptions.spca@gmail.com.

Your neighbour,

Lysanne

'Illegal' stand on The Blvd?

A resident of The Boulevard near Murray Hill Ave. called Public Security August 18 to say several taxis had started parking in front of the house while awaiting calls. The dispatcher called the taxi company in question to report the "illegal" taxi stand.

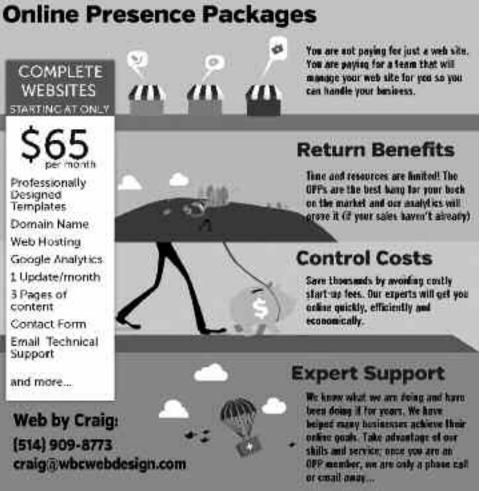
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"Palmarès des vraies bêtes de sexe!" dans *Québec Science*, Août-Septembre, 2013, pp. 30-39. C'est la jungle en folie! Alors, parmi les animaux, qui sont les plus romantiques, les plus affectueux, les plus déterminés? Notre sélection – pas naturelle – des bêtes les plus hot.

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son in *Scientific American*, August 2013, pp 74-79. Being active is good for us for so many reasons beyond the old familiar ones.

Adult Fiction – Icy stories

The Age of Ice by J.M Sidorova. Cursed with longevity and an immunity to the cold, a lovelorn 18th-century Russian noble traverses 200 years of history while investigating the truth about his strange physiology and encountering such historical figures as writer Mary Shelley, the Russian empress Elizaveta and English explorer Joseph Billings.

Curiosity by Stephen P. Kiernan. After discovering the body of a man buried deep in the Arctic ice, Dr. Kate Philo and her team bring him back to life in their Boston lab, igniting a media firestorm that forces them to decide how far they are willing to go to protect their experiment.

Adult French - The world's hot spots

Aux origines du drame syrien: 1918-2013 by Xavier Baron. The author argues that although Bashar al-Assad has a large responsibility in the Syrian conflict, it also has roots in the country's troubled past. The absence of a democratic tradition, religious conflicts and meddling by outside countries are all significant factors at play.

De Séoul à Pyongyang: idées reçues sur les deux Corées by Kim Joo-no, Pascal Dayez-Burgeon. Written by an ex-diplomat and a Korean journalist, this essay on North and South Korea aims to go beyond the usual clichés about these two countries.

DVDs

The Flat. As filmmaker Arnon Goldfinger cleans out the flat that belonged to his grandparents – both immigrants from Nazi Germany – he uncovers clues pointing to a complicated and shocking story.

She Wolves: England's Early Queens.

Hosted and based on the book by Dr. Helen Castor, an accomplished historian, and filmed on location in England and France, this captivating BBC series explores the lives of seven English queens who challenged male power, the fierce and fiery reactions they provoked, and whether, in fact, much has changed.

For Children: GO! BON VOYAGE!

Bon Voyage Lucy! By Elizabeth Dennis Barton. Lucy, Kitty and her family travel by automobile, plane and train to a surprise destination. Die-cut pages offer fun peeks at what's to come as the trek continues.

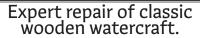
Le gout des voyages: cartes, idées et conseils pour jeunes globe-trotteurs par Geneviève Clastres. Full of interesting facts and photos, this book gives children a taste of cultures all over the world.

Reference

Palmarès des carrières 2013.

One party, two complaints

Two public safety officers had to attend a house on Upper Roslyn twice due to a noisy party August 14, officials said. Following the first complaint from a neighbour at 11:50 pm, many voices could be heard from the back yard where the owner's son with friends was found in the back yard. Responding on a second complaint 15 minutes later, the guests were in the throes of leaving in taxis.





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Soskin stepping down as Persephone artistic director

By Michael Moore

Persephone Productions founder Gabrielle Soskin is handing over the reins of the Westmount-based theatre company, stepping down as artistic director after 13 years and 20 productions.

"I decided it should be led by somebody else, a young person with new ideas and new energy. Theatre is a developing art, so it should have different ideas and different initiatives," she said.

A former acting teacher at John Abbott College, Soskin founded the non-profit company in 2000 with a production of *Anna Karenina*, providing a stage for the city's young theatre professionals, including those behind the curtain, to showcase their abilities.

"I've always felt that we had so much talent here, but there was precious little opportunity for them to showcase it," she said.

Soskin retired from John Abbott in 2003 to dedicate herself full time to the company, expanding to two shows a season and then three to provide as many opportunities to the theatre professionals as possible.

After a dozen years leading the com-

pany, Soskin made the decision to step down as artistic director last year, a move that became official in July. Stepping up to replace her will be one of Soskin's former John Abbott students and a Persephone acting alumnus, Christopher Moore.

"Almost everything I know is due in part to Persephone and Gabrielle. I certainly wouldn't be here if it weren't for Gabrielle and her insights, even in my first year of acting. I wouldn't have gone on if it weren't for her," said Moore.

Soskin may be dropping the artistic director title, but she remains determined to play an active role in supporting the company, both on stage and behind the scenes. Soskin will be co-directing alongside Moore for Persephone's fall production of the Tony Award-winning rock musical *Spring Awakening*, which open Oct. 17 at Calixa Lavallée theatre.

"I didn't want to abandon my baby," said Soskin.

Soskin will also remain with the company as founding director and chair of the board, using her contacts within the theatre community to help fundraise, a constant concern for Persephone, which is heavily reliant on donations from patrons.

She believes stronger support from the



Gabrielle Soskin (left) will be replaced as Persephone Production's artistic director by Christopher Moore, seen Aug. 16.

anglophone community in smaller theatre companies is crucial to preserving English culture in the city.

"I feel like the anglophone community is being sidelined," said Soskin. "Without

a culture, you can't have a great city. You can't be just an empty shell. If we were to lose the culture, it would be a great shame."

Station 12 Reports

Mechanical failure leads to collision on Sherbrooke St.

By Isaac Olson

The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

It is rare that police determine the cause of an accident to be a mechanical failure but, says Station 12 constable Adal-

bert Pimentel, that is exactly what happened near all the construction at the corner of Strathcona Ave. and Sherbrooke St.

It was about 2:15 pm on August 16 when traffic stopped abruptly, said Pimentel, but one car, a 1998 Dodge failed to stop and collided with the rear of the car it was following. The collision was at a slow speed, said Pimentel, but an occu-

pant of the lead car, a Côte St. Luc resident, complained of neck pain and was brought to the hospital by ambulance for an evaluation.

Upon investigation, officers discovered that the brake line had actually snapped and, without that line, the brakes did not operate properly, said Pimentel. Because it is 15 years old, police have ordered the ve-

hicle pass an inspection before returning to the road, as is standard procedure, said Pimentel.

"Statistically speaking, most accidents are human error and weather," said Pimentel. "It is rare that it is caused by mechanical error. This is out of the ordinary."

In another incident, a- round 1:30 am on August continued on p. 26

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Paper on show at PAPIER 2013



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmounters enjoyed a red carpet evening when PAPIER 2013 opened its doors last spring. The launch reception (\$135) was held once again under a huge white tent, but this time at the old Spectrum Theatre location on St. Catherine St. near Place des Arts.



Christopher and Gwen Nacos.

The patrons of PAPIER 13, coutureclad Diane Vachon, a Westmount res, joined Alexandre Taillefer, chairman of the board, Musée d'art contemporain; Eric Bujold, president (National Bank Private Wealth), and Catherine Pogonat, spokesperson for the art fair, to welcome the 600 VIP guests as they arrived on a shivering eve.

Doors were only opened at 5 pm sharp, so stiletto-shod-short-skirted-clad gals gathered in a heat-seeking huddle as they waited in the wind.

PAPIER is the annual fair celebrating works of art on paper. Galleries from across the country were pleased with sales, which totaled \$700,000 for the three-day fair, attended by 11,000 art-lovers.

At the premiere party, champagne greeted one and all, along with passed platters by Fou d'Ici catering. Maka Kotto, provincial minister of Culture and Communications, was guest of honour.

Noted in the crowded alleyways between gallery stands were Westmounters Nancy Cleman, stylishly suited; Gwen Nacos, in a shimmering silver satin jacket, and her son Chris Nacos; Julie Couture, picture-perfect in black and white, and hubby Victor Salvaggio, as well as gal-



Alexandre Taillefer, Julie Lacroix, Éric Bujold, Maka Kotto, Diane Vachon, Catherine Pogonat

Photo courtesy of PAPIER 13



Victor Salvaggio and Julie Couture.

lerists René Blouin, Donald Browne, Hugues Charbonneau, Joyce Yahuda, Rhéal Lantier and François St-Jacques (Art Mûr), Antoine Ertaskiran, Pierre François Ouellette – to name only a few of the 42 who leased space.

Also seen were artists Michael Flomen,



Earl Pinchuk and Nancy Cleman.

Richard-Max Tremblay, Paul-Émile Rioux, and André Cornellier, as well as Pointe à la Callière director Manon Blanchette, chicly warm in black leather and a cashmere shawl; Julie Lacroix, director AGAC, sharp in black and white; Danielle Sauvage, and Earl Pinchuk.

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16, an Edgehill Rd.'s home alarm went off and the next morning the owner noticed a window screen was removed, said Pimentel. So, Pimentel continued, the owner replaced the screen and went down to the police station to report the crime.

"He came to the station, but he was told that an officer was going to have to visit the house to look for evidence like fingerprints and speak with neighbours," said Pimentel. "When he got back to his house around 11:30 am, he noticed that the screen was again removed."

Pimentel said the homeowner spotted

a man in the area and confronted him, asking him what he was doing. The man, however, didn't respond and left the scene. Officers went to verify that the event was actually an attempted burglary.

Upon investigation, it was verified that the suspect forced the screen out of the window, but failed to open the window itself so "nothing was stolen." Officers determined, by looking at the damaged sill, that the screen was removed more than

Fingerprints were found on the scene, but came up negative, said Pimentel, who noted the investigation is ongoing.









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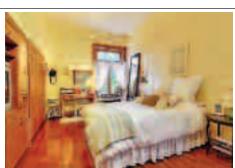


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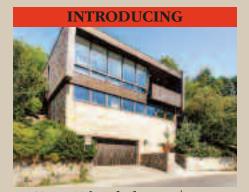


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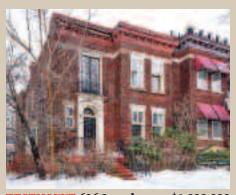


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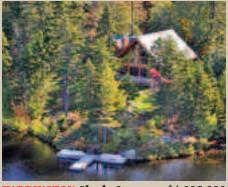
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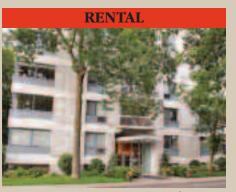


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