

Some get more ‘bang for the buck’

Candidates share in \$7,000 refund of election expenses

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Just like some Westmount tax bills, the most “expensive” votes in the November elections turned out to be generated by campaign costs in District 1. This is the area located mainly north of The Boulevard.

According to candidates’ authorized expenses released recently by the city, Patrick Martin’s campaign spent \$7.96 per vote cast for him. His opponent, Julia Carbone Gold, spent \$8.57 per vote.

The amount of money spent by candidates also did not necessarily correspond to winning or losing.

Incumbent Cynthia Lulham in District 7 got the biggest bang for the buck, it seems. She won by spending \$626, or only

– relatively speaking – \$1.85 per vote. The votes for her opponent, Mavis Young, “cost” \$8.79 each, the second most expensive recorded by any candidate (see table p. 16).

Most of the 12 candidates are now expecting to receive reimbursement from the city for a portion of their expenses, tallying a combined total of slightly more than \$7,000, according city assistant treasurer Dominic Agostino, the election’s treasurer.

Under the law, candidates who obtained at least 15 percent of the vote in their district – and all did – are entitled to a reimbursement of 70 percent of their campaign expenses up to the amount they personally contributed to their campaign, a maxi- continued on p. 16

Westmounters get into the spirit of St. Patrick’s



Everybody from Westmount who turned out for the St. Patrick’s parade downtown March 16 was green and Irish for the day. Accompanied by patrollers from the Public Security Unit, a delegation from Westmount braved the unseasonal cold to take part in the parade.

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City accelerates treat-and-plant strategy

136 trees to be treated in fight against emerald ash borer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city plans to accelerate its treatment of ash trees this spring against the deadly emerald ash borer, Public Works officials said last week. Targetted are 136 trees at a budgeted cost of some \$30,000. Last year, 25 were treated for the first time.

The ash borer, a small green beetle from Asia, has not yet been found in any of the esti-

mated 500 ash trees in Westmount on either public or private land.

It has, however, made it way to other parts of Montreal Island since being detected in the area in 2011 after destroying millions of trees in the US and Ontario.

“We’re lucky so far, but we’re not immune,” said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

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Cold penetrates below usual frost line

Extreme temperatures cause 40 water entry lines to freeze

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

This winter's longer colder temperatures and melt-freeze cycles have caused some 40 water service entry lines to freeze and more could still be expected this month, Public Works officials said last week. This is almost double the average number.

The frozen lines were scattered around the city "at random" and were detected after residents called Public Works to complain they had no water, said city water and sewer engineer Cristian Sipos.

These water services that lead from the water main in the street to the home are generally buried at a depth of five or six feet that protects them from freezing, he explained. "But this winter has pushed the frost line even deeper, which is why there have been so many frozen water services."

Many factors

Other factors to be considered include soil type and how often the water is circulated in the pipes.

The calls for frozen pipes began December 22 and continued during consecutive cold days.

When the temperature rose above zero in January and February, Sipos said, snow mounds melted into cracks in the street, causing the subsequent freezing to occur even deeper. This resulted in more problems in February and March.

While the city is responsible for the portion of the water line that goes from the property line to the water main in the street, the part leading from the property line to the building is the property owner's responsibility.

Sometimes when one side is frozen, the other side, or a portion of it, might be too, Sipos explained. A frozen line is gen-

erally thawed from the surface using specialized equipment eliminating the need for excavation.

Leave tap running

To help residents prevent the freezing of water lines, some 200 reminder notices were sent by Public Works December 10 to addresses whose water services are on record as being susceptible to freezing during periods of low temperature.

"To avoid this, we suggest that you leave a tap constantly running at a low flow during these periods," the notice reads.

Since moving water tends not to freeze, leaving a faucet open slightly is one preventive measure. Another is to keep basements heated and insulate the water entry, Sipos said.

"If people are away, they may not want to leave the water running but they could ask someone checking the house to run the water for a while. Everything will help."

Forgotten dog returned to owner

An employee of the Metro grocery store called Public Security March 8 at 10:54 pm to report that the store was closed but a little dog remained tied to a pole at the Victoria Ave. entrance where it had been for an extended time. Officers responded and checked out the city data base to find two dogs living in the neighbourhood matched the appearance of the spaniel-poodle mix. The owner was located and stated he had left the store by the Sherbrooke door and had forgotten the dog. It was returned to its home on Winchester. The owner was given 10 business days to obtain a current dog licence.

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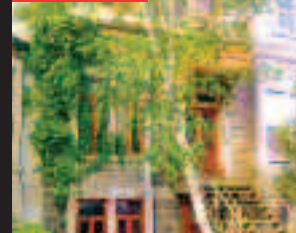
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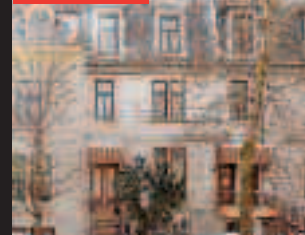
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Permit modified for work on Sherbrooke facade

Work on the building façade at 4920 Sherbrooke St., just east of Claremont, was found March 4 at 8:01 am to be taking up more of the sidewalk and roadway than permitted, Public Security officials said. The Public Works permit was subsequently modified to allow for one lane of traffic to be maintained eastbound along with a protected passage for pedestrians. The workers were also allowed to take up the space of six parking meters.



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Quebec ‘stressful,’ headed for Detroit Reverend Kenneth Near retiring as St. Matthias’ rector

By MICHAEL MOORE

Reverend Kenneth Near is hanging up his clerical collar and retiring after six years as rector at Westmount’s St. Matthias’ Anglican Church.

“I’ve been seriously considering where I want to spend my energy and how I want to carry out my ministry. I love this parish. I think I’ve had a very successful ministry here. It’s been a wonderful experience for me,” said Near, who arrived at the church in November 2008.

Going home

This summer, the 62-year-old Michigan native will be moving back south of the border with his wife, Karen. The couple has purchased a house in Grosse Pointe, a suburb of Detroit, the city they called home over four decades ago.

Near says he wants to be a part of the ongoing recovery efforts in Detroit, which is in what he calls a “tragic state.”

Detroit’s population has plummeted to its lowest levels in over a century and last year it became the largest city ever to file for bankruptcy.

“At this point, I don’t do what I do for



Reverend Kenneth Near

money. I do it because I love it. I want to be [in Detroit] because I want to be a part of the conversation of what is going on in Detroit at this point,” said Near.

A self-professed “ardent federalist,” Near also admits Quebec’s political unrest and the policies of the Parti Québécois government played a secondary role in his decision to leave the province.

“You cannot live in Quebec without realizing you’re living in a stressful place,”

he said.

Near will host his final service as St. Matthias’ rector on June 8’s Feast of the Pentecost, which is also referred to as the “birthday of the church.” He’ll then take a month-long vacation before departing for Detroit with his wife in early July.

Near hasn’t set any definite plans for his retirement in the United States, saying only that he would “freelance” while writing and blogging.

His successor at St. Matthias’ will be chosen at a later date after a consultation between the Anglican diocese of Montreal and members of church’s congregation.

Avalanche kills father and son

Selwyn House student Oliver Mironov, 11, died in an avalanche at Lake Louise, Alberta, reported the CBC March 17, at press time. His father, Gabriel, also died.

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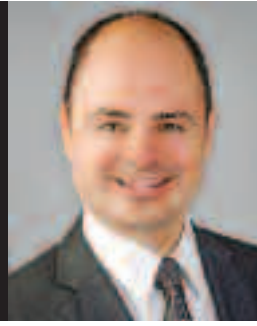


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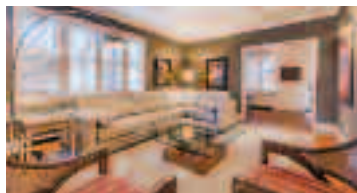
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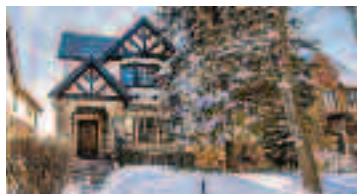
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SENIORS, CAR-LESS NOT FORGOTTEN

Your reader Maya Khankhoie points out I may have forgotten in my March 4 column to comment on how ending home postal delivery will affect non-car owners and seniors.

Having got rid of my car in 1977, I am a certified member of both categories. And I did not mention the effect on seniors simply because the same sentiment was expressed in Westmount council's March 3 resolution: "Whereas there is a growing number of elderly citizens amongst the population of the city of Westmount, many of whom are limited in their mobility and who will be directly affected by this reform of an essential service."

There is only so much you can squeeze into a short column and still make it readable (and writable).

MAYOR PETER F. TRENT

MUHC NEEDS 24-7 PHARMACY

A recent edition of your sister paper, the *Free Press* (February 11), contained an article entitled "MUHC seeks retail tenants" describing the MUHC's intention to call for interested parties to apply to occupy the 25 to 30 commercial outlets that will be available at the new hospital on the Glen site.

For at least seven years, the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has been

recommending to MUHC officials that this new hospital should have a pharmacy, on-site, that is open 24/7.

The WMA is of the opinion that providing convenient, round-the-clock pharmaceutical services to patients, their families, caregivers and staff would be an invaluable public service whilst making it easier for people to adhere to prescribed health care regimens. The WMA envisions that only the portion of the pharmacy that provides prescriptions, OTC medications as well as medical accessories, devices and supplies need be available 24/7.

The WMA would like to ensure that the request for proposals (RFP, Appels d'Offres) for retail pharmaceutical space at the Glen site include the mandatory provision that services be provided 24/7. We encourage the public to support the WMA's position by making their wishes on this matter known to the MUHC.

To make your concerns known, please contact Ms. Julie Paquet, communications manager, New MUHC, 2155 Guy St., #200, Montreal, Qc H3H 2R9. E-mail: julie.paquet@muhc.mcgill.ca

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DOG RUN BACK TO LANSDOWNE, PLEASE

Here are my reasons to support the Lansdowne dog run. I have used it for many years for my two dogs that need

space to run and other dogs to be social with. The same goes for me.

There are street lights by the sidewalk so it is much safer than the middle of the park, especially at night.

Also I'm sure there will be a barrier blocking the view of the pool area from St. Catherine St. Why not hedges that could also surround the dog run?

As for Westmount Park, it needs a rest from the constant use. For people not familiar with the cement islands and treed area that is being considered there, it is one of the few quiet areas where people can sit and talk. Instead, a dog run there would face the soccer field where there are lots of kids playing and spectators just a few feet away. Also, there would be a high fence, further closing off another area. The cost of removing the cement and the trees will certainly be a lot more than \$100,000, and the park will be in demolition and construction with all the equipment and noise. It would probably take a year or two to set it up and repair the damage to the park.

As for another location proposed inside the park, the peninsula behind the rest station is a great place for the Sunday concerts facing the slopes where people sit. A dog run there would discourage anybody sitting near the pond and put an end to the concerts.

Please put the Lansdowne dog run back

near where it was. It gives Westmount Park a much needed break. It's safer and there is no access to the park so no foot traffic.

MERYLYN WILK, SHERBROOKE ST.

KUDOS TO CITY ON BIKE PATH CLEARING

I am writing so as to send kudos to Westmount for having finally, after years of neglect, cleared the winter cycling path in a timely fashion.

The effort by active citizens to have their cycle path cleared on an equal basis with that of sidewalks has come to fruition. Our sidewalk is usually cleared at least twice a day during snowfalls. As the city now realizes clearing 2 km of cycle path is a piece of cake compared to the 100 km or so of Westmount sidewalks.

I was able to use that cycling path on my way to a concert by the Orchestre Métropolitain in complete security. No longer was there a continuous ploughed snow bank sitting within the path days after a snowstorm, no longer were there mountains of snow blocking the path across from Dawson. Now if only Montreal would clear its de Maisonneuve path in as timely a fashion as Westmount, we would be on the road to encouraging active transport year round.

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE.

Housefather, Trent look ahead to a different election



Westmount mayor Peter Trent voiced strong support for Côte St. Luc mayor Anthony Housefather in his bid for the federal Liberal Party nomination in the riding of Mount Royal. Officially announcing his plans at a press conference at Côte St. Luc's Yeh! Yogurt on March 14, Housefather was surrounded by municipal, provincial and federal politicians. Housefather, a 44-year-old corporate lawyer, has been in municipal politics for over 20 years after being elected to Hampstead's city council at the age of 24.

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Rhee wins seven medals Small Barracudas contingent mighty in results at provincials

Five Westmount Y Barracudas swim team members attended the Championnat provincial Aquam groupe d'âge at the Gatineau sports centre February 21 to 23.



Yonje Rhee.

Photo courtesy of Jayoung Kim.

Yonje Rhee, 11, won seven medals (three gold, two silver and two bronze) and, in the under 11 category, ranked number one in Canada in the girls' butterfly (31.10). In a press release, Rhee said, "I love swimming

because I get to be a team player on my team and I get to interact with different people. Swimming also builds confidence in myself!"

The Barracudas were 12th out of 67 clubs in the medal count, although the team was certainly small with only five swimmers, compared to the other swim teams that had between 10 to 60 swimmers.

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Richard Lord (1929-2014) – the end of an era

By MARILYNN VANDERSTAAY

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called to tell him the Hillside Armoury had been vacated. Richard, who did not understand the meaning of the word “impossible,” asked me in typical Richard Lord style, “Marilynn, do you want me to raise the funds so you can buy it to convert it into artist studios?”

I knew he could do it. Shortly after I joined the Rotary Club of Westmount, the board gave each of the four groups of new members \$5,000 to invest in a community-based project. My group decided to use our funds as seed money for repainting the interior of Westmount High School. As president *emeritus* many times over of the Westmount High Old Boys Association, an organization he would later make me the first female member of and later the first female board member of, Richard went to the alumni and raised the balance of the \$19,000 required without spending a penny of WHOBA’s money.

Richard Lord became part of my family when my mother was operating her catering business out of the officers’ mess at the Hillside Armoury, a place where Richard and cohorts like Nick Auf der Maur frequented. They became close friends and, after he married Carol Spence

in 1995, they became a threesome at community events and on bus trips. Richard was there for her when I went through the cancer years, and was there for me when she passed away two years ago.

Mentor and organizer

Richard and I enjoyed a mentoring relationship. Under his tutelage, I learned about organizations he was actively involved in and around Westmount: the Atwater Library, the Montreal Press Club, the Canadian Bible Society, and the list goes on and on. Other than Allan Aitken, I have not met anyone who had such a vast knowledge of Westmount history, which he gladly shared with any and all. “Richard was a devoted member of the Westmount Historical Association and served on the board of directors for two years,” said WHA president Doreen Lindsay.

Doreen and I visited Richard and Carol on February 24. Always the gentleman, in spite of the weakness, he was “on” as “Richard Lord” in a suit and tie. We listened to him share stories as we enjoyed sandwiches and coffee, wine and his favourite, brandy. I kissed him goodbye until next time. But that next time came



Photo: Doreen Lindsay.

sooner than any of us anticipated. My friend Richard Lord passed away and went to be with his Lord, early Sunday morning, March 9.

As I helped Carol in the couple’s unostentatious lower duplex home on Clarke Ave. assemble a montage of photos for the visitation last week I really understood who Richard Lord was. This unassuming “first black man to” was there with Princess Margaret, with his friends past mayors Jean Drapeau and Pierre Bourque, with Robert Bourassa and other notable dignitaries from politics to royalty, to churches to the St. Patrick’s Day parade and the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, his Harry Jerome Award for Community Service and his most recent plaque from Westmount High School renaming the physics lab the Richard Lord Physics Lab, and so many more.

We ran out of picture frames. And I sadly realized that, like the passing of Sally Aitken and Stanley Baker, Westmount had lost another dynamic person who made, and makes, Westmount the city it is.

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Role as speaker means no campaigning

Chagnon opens campaign office with Kelley, Trent in attendance

BY RALPH THOMPSON AND STAFF

Provincial legislator Jacques Chagnon opened his electoral office for the riding of Westmount-St. Louis March 11. A group of about 50 enthusiastic supporters and volunteers, including Mayor Peter Trent and city councillor Victor Drury, gathered for the event.

The event was presided over by Adam Lukofsky, president of the Westmount-St. Louis Liberal Association. Chagnon and Geoffrey Kelley, provincial legislator for the Jacques Cartier riding, gave presentations.

Due to Chagnon's role as speaker of the legislature, Kelley will speak on behalf of Chagnon in the riding of Westmount-St. Louis during the campaign. As the speaker, he plans to remain impartial and will not campaign for his own seat or for the Liberal Party of Quebec.

Chagnon's staff told the *Independent* later that no specific electoral or speaker-related legal provision governs campaigning by a sitting speaker and that Chagnon looks to section 1.3 of the regulations governing the legislature for guidance. It imposes strict neutrality on the speaker.

"I was elected by members of the National Assembly to be the speaker and it is the first time in Quebec's history that a member of the opposition has taken this role," said Chagnon. "I never give interviews because of my position of neutrality. I remain the official speaker until May 6, 2014. I am returning to Quebec City tomorrow (March 12) to organize the new legislature." Asked what is it like managing such a large group of strongly opposing views, Chagnon said, "It's a bit like going in a cage with lions on your right and leopards on the left. They're looking



At his campaign kick-off, Chagnon talks and Kelley listens. Due to his role as speaker, the roles will be largely reversed in the campaign.

at each other. You think they will eat you...[laughs]...but if you have the confidence of the house, then it is possible to do it with a certain panache. In my experience, the question period in Quebec is quieter than in Ottawa."

Kelley answered questions on how to stimulate the economy in Quebec by stating, "We have to improve productivity and employment. Compared to the rest of Canada, the recovery that other provinces are enjoying is not being seen here. Our economists Carlos Leita and Martin Coiteux have said that we need an input of stimulus money in the short term. The Liberals had a plan that would have achieved a zero deficit this year. The PQ is going in the opposite direction and their proposed budget would have increased the debt. We need to create a climate of confidence in Montreal. Private sector finance is not coming. Plan Nord is on hold. I have

a friend running a helicopter company out of Kuujuaq, who is being kept busy in Labrador. For the first time in years, he has no work in Quebec."

Moving to a question on Bill 60, Kelley responded, "We do not support the PQ's proposed charter. Men and women are equal, the idea of a dress code in hospitals,

of firing a nurse for wearing a hijab, we are against it. This is the contentious part of the bill. The idea of reasonable accommodation, maybe we can develop stronger guidelines, but at the end of the day, accommodation is a case-by-case issue. The Liberals' position is clear. We would abolish Bill 60. We do not need a Charter of Values. Some people support Bill 60, but when it comes to minority rights, you cannot manage them through public opinion polls. Minorities are often unpopular, that's why we need the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, to protect minorities. This is a sideshow, it's the politics of division, it divides our society, that is something we cannot afford."



From left, Chagnon, Mayor Peter Trent and city councillor Victor Drury.

Not in Westmount, still targeted

Mandy's investigated by Quebec's language police

Quebec's language police, the *Office québécois de la langue française*, have been investigating Mandy's, a salad shop on Sherbrooke St., reported CJAD radio, Global TV and the *National Post* newspaper last week.

According to its website, the *Office* celebrated 50 years "*d'action et de passion*" in 2011. It was created on April 1, 1961 by the Liberal government of Jean Lesage. It is most known as the enforcer of the sign provisions of Bill 22, passed by the Liberal government of Robert Bourassa in 1974, and Bill 101, passed by the PQ government of René Lévesque in 1977.

At issue in Mandy's case are the store's vintage English-language signs (used as décor, not actual advertising) and its bilingual menus with same-size English and French text.

CJAD, Global, the *Post* and one of the store's owners in an interview Global identified the store as in Westmount. The *Post* even speculated that its location in the iconically anglophone city might be a reason for the targeting. In fact, the NDG store is 12 paces west of the city's western border.



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Thibodeau works on first TDH dinner/concert

Westmounter Liana Thibodeau is a part of the organizing committee of first dinner/concert charity event of Terre des Hommes (TDH) Canada, to be held Sunday, April 13 at the Rialto Theatre. Soprano Georgia Fumanti will sing.

TDH Canada works to alleviate the suffering of children and provide them with food, shelter, medicine and parental care. The Quebec branch of TDH, TDH pour les enfants, focuses on arranging international adoptions, including that of Thibodeau's own daughter, who left Ukraine 18 months ago and is now eight.

Funds raised will support children in orphanages with HIV/AIDS, a school in Honduras and transition programs for orphaned teenagers in Ukraine.

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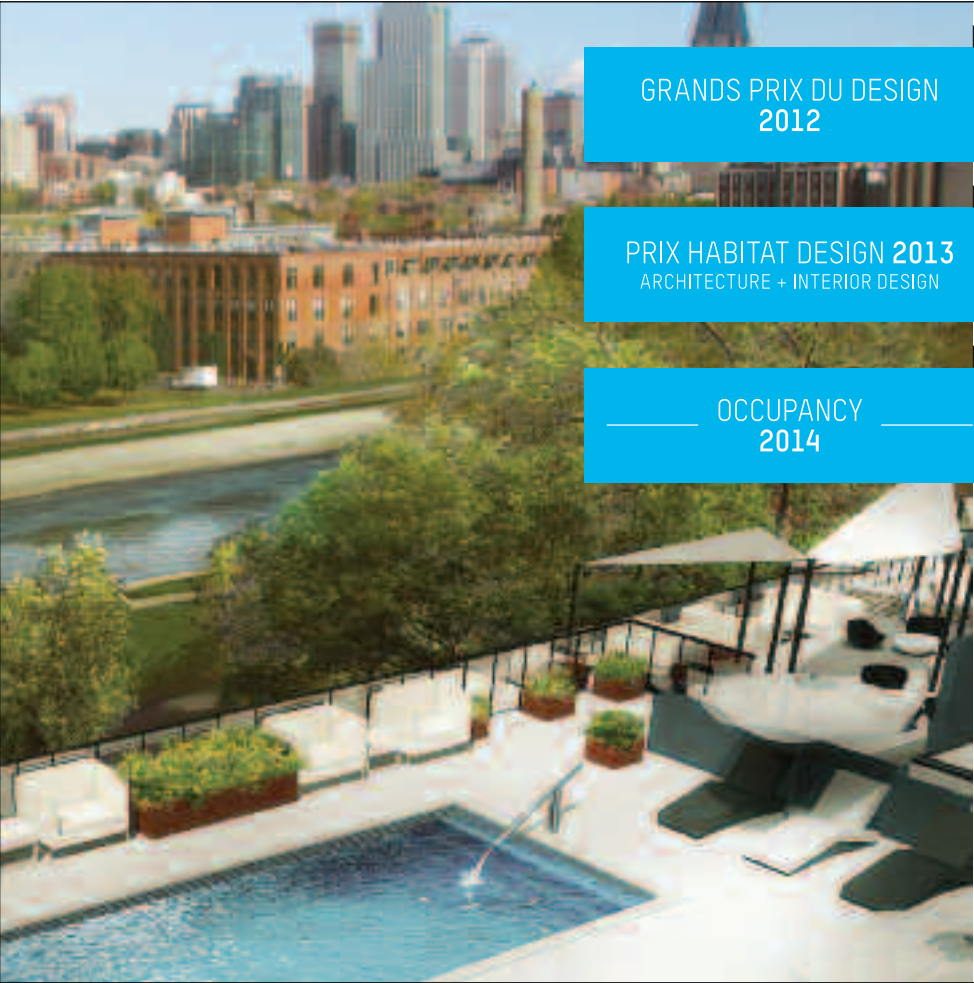
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Snow clearing starts too early at 2 big buildings

Snow clearing contractors at 1 Wood were told March 5 at 5:40 am to stop their work until 7 am because the amount of falling snow was not over the 10-cm level allowing for a 5 am start, Public Security officials said. When the contractor stated he was supposed to have his work finished by 6:30 am, officers later followed up with the building management to explain the by-law.

On March 10, however, officers were called back to the building by the same complainant who lives nearby. This time it was 6:09 am. The contractor was reported to have explained he had cleared only the west side driveway ramp since it was less apt to disturb the complainant and was waiting to do the east side. The building security was informed that tickets could be issued.

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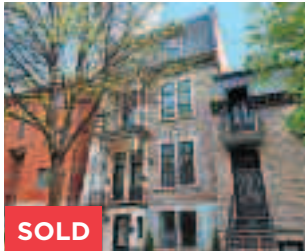
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Police Report

Armed robbery victim late in reporting incident to police

BY MICHAEL MOORE

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

A Marianopolis College student who was robbed at knifepoint while walking through Westmount on February 28 waited a week before contacting police about the incident, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

"There's only so far and so fast that suspects can go, so time is critical in these types of situations," he said.

The 18-year-old victim was walking north on Claremont near Sherbrooke when he was allegedly shoved to the ground by the suspect, described as a 25-year-old black male roughly 5'10" tall and weighing 180 lbs., with black hair with a touch of grey and two tear-drop tattoos on his face.

The suspect reportedly pulled out a knife and demanded the victim's wallet, from which he stole \$50 in cash and a Marianopolis student ID card before fleeing south on Claremont.

The victim retrieved his discarded wal-

let but only contacted police about the incident the following week when he filed a report at Station 12 on March 7, said Pimentel.

Pimentel applauded the victim for not further escalating a dangerous situation, but believes the delay in reporting the crime squandered the police's best opportunity to catch the thief.

"The No. 1 thing we recommend is that you don't fight, you stay calm. If they want your money or your wallet, your safety is No. 1. But once that's established, if you have a cell phone, you call 9-1-1 right away," he said.

"In these types of crimes, time is an important factor. This is a Priority One, so police cars are dispatched right away to the area where the incident occurred. Therefore, if we already had a direction where [the suspect] fled, we can have our officers try to box them in, depending on the situation," Pimentel explained.

However, the detailed physical description provided by the victim could still prove useful if the suspect is spotted or attempts another crime in the area, said Pimentel.

Graffiti – black and white – reported

Fresh black graffiti was spotted March 1 at 6:16 am on the Sherbrooke-facing wall of the apartment building at 400 Lansdowne, Public Security officials said. More graffiti at 410 Victoria, the building occupied by Hogg hardware, was believed related.

The following day, white paint was found sprayed at the entrance to the dépanneur at 4843 Sherbrooke adjacent to the Royal Bank.

Sidewalk blocked by work at 215 Redfern

Pedestrians on St. Catherine St. were forced out onto the street March 4 when the sidewalk was blocked by a truck and a boom truck working at the condo development at 215 Redfern, Public Security officials said. Patrolters, who were called to the scene by a nearby resident at 8:02 am, found a permit had been issued allowing for occupation of the public way but workers had failed to create a protected pedestrian corridor.

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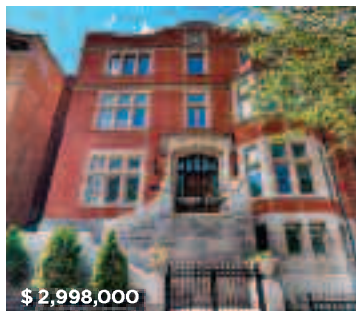
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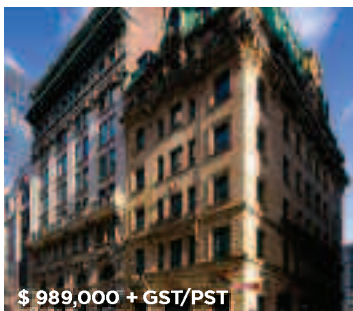
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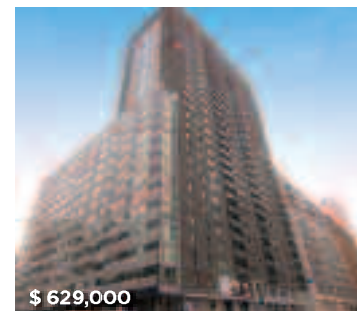
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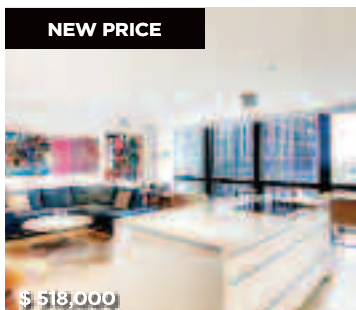
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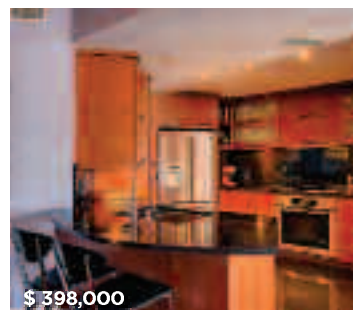
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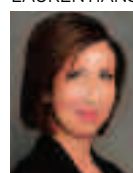
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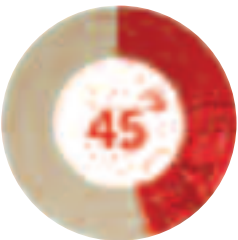


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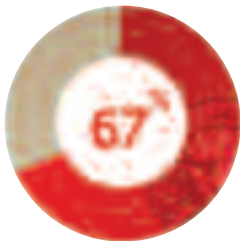
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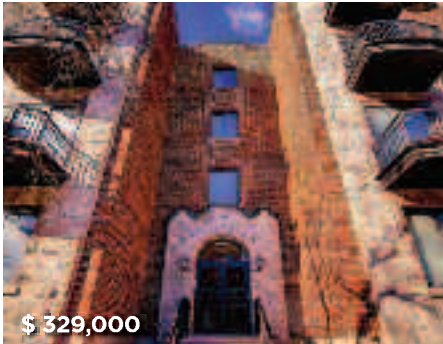
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Expenses, cont'd. from p. 1

mum of \$1,000, Agostino explains. As well, anyone who contributed to a candidate's campaign, including candidates themselves, can claim an income tax credit, Agostino said. Contributions are capped at \$300 per calendar year.

'Complicated, confusing'

The entire financing system, however, was described last week by some candidates as "complicated and confusing," despite assistance from city officials. Two, at present unknown, candidates financed their campaigns from the contributions of supporters rather than through

Table of authorized election expenses

Elected	Name	District	\$ allowed	\$ spent	Vote	%	\$/vote
X	Julia Carbone Gold	1	2,370	2,357	275	48.25	8.57
	Patrick Martin	1		2,349	295	51.75	7.96
X	Philip Cutler	2	2,359	1,474	301	57.88	4.90
	Peter Starr	2		2,229	219	42.12	10.18
X	Rosalind Davis	4	2,434	2,094	349	60.91	6.00
	Kathleen Duncan	4		496	224	39.09	2.21
X	John Fretz	5	2,437	1,212*	289	44.19	4.19
	Christina Smith	5		1,327	365	55.81	3.64
X	Cynthia Lulham	7	2,442	626	338	56.90	1.85
	Mavis Young	7		2,250	256	43.10	8.79
X	Andrei Jones	8	2,407	338	65	19.70	5.20
	Theodora Samiotis	8		1,116	265	80.30	4.21
Total			28,898	17,868	3,241		5.51

*Incurred without authorization (see story)
Table compiled using city sources

their personal contribution and as a result don't qualify for the 70-percent reimbursement, Agostino said. Neither does another, John Fretz in District 5, whose expenses were not authorized because that was the option he had checked off while filing his nomination papers, explained city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza.

"It appears I made a mistake," he told the *Independent*. "It was very confusing. None of the options seemed to apply to me. "I wanted to be an 'independent candidate not wishing to open a bank account.' I did not want to receive any contributions or apply for expenses related to contributions." An example of an expense, he said, would have been a fundraising party that might have been held for him.

Barking dogs had no vaccinations, no licences

A dog owner on Columbia was told to find a solution to his barking dogs when public safety officers were called to the home March 7 at 11:48 pm, Public Security officials said. After verifying city records the next day, the owner was also told to obtain licences for the dogs but said he had tried but did not have the required certificates of vaccination against rabies and had made an appointment with a veterinarian to obtain them.

Councillor Patrick Martin said he also found the process confusing and complicated, despite three meetings with city officials and the financial expertise of his official agent.

"In theory, it's very simple," Agostino said of what he calls a step-by-step process. "It's like opening a mini-company for three months." But there are details and different regulations such as those applying to candidates using debt financing. In general, candidates are limited to contributing a maximum of \$1,000 to their own campaign. But if they spend more, they have to make up the difference through contributions or debt financing or a combination. As of April 1, eligible candidates can expect to receive partial reimbursement with the balance expected after the city receives final approval from the office of the director general of elections (DGEQ). This is not expected before the April 7 provincial election, Agostino said.

Dog walker issued another ticket

A man walking his dog off-leash March 8 on Côte St. Antoine near Lansdowne was issued a \$76 ticket, Public Security officials said. He was spotted at 6:34 am by a patroller who reported the man did not even have a leash with him. He was known to the officer as the recipient of previous tickets for the same offence.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, due to the Quebec General Election to be held on April 7, 2014, Council adopted a resolution at its special sitting held on March 17, 2014, to reschedule the April regular sitting scheduled for that date to **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.**

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Bees, geothermal heating, summer farming camp

Earth Hour program offers new features, view of Jupiter

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The harmful effects of climate change on urban bees will be one of the new attractions presented this year as part of the city's 6th annual Earth Hour program, organizers said last week. The event takes place March 29 at Victoria Hall from 6 to 10 pm.

Specialists in geothermal heating and grey water systems are also expected to be among a number of new participants

along with some two dozen groups and experts providing information on energy conservation and light pollution.

Information will also be available on a summer farming camp for girls, the relationship between blue light and breast cancer, and farming internships at the Concordia greenhouse project.

Theme: energy

Under the event's theme of "Energy," the Can-Bike organization, which teaches

bicycle riding, will be involved for the first time. So will the city's Urban Planning department with advice on storm water management, said astrophysicist Tony Moffat of Westmount's Healthy City Project, the organizing committee.

"Hydro Westmount will also be bringing one of its Washingtonian lamp standards so we can examine the impact of its light," Moffat said. The utility will also have tips on electricity savings.

In keeping with the overall goal of Earth Hour, to bring attention to climate change and the value of a dark sky at night, a contingent from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada will set up 10 telescopes in Westmount Park during the actual Earth Hour from 8:30 and 9:30 pm.

Hoping for clear skies

"If we have clear skies this year, people will be lined up to view Jupiter," Moffat said. "It's beautiful." Weather permitting, the Great Orion Nebula and other celestial "delights" may be seen "up close."

It's during this hour-long period that Westmounters and participating communities around the world will be asking citizens to turn off their lights as a symbol of energy savings.

Guest speaker Rémi Boucher from the Mount Megantic park will explain meas-

ures needed to retain that world-renowned dark sky region.

He will follow a short opening presentation at 7 pm by Mayor Peter Trent, Westmount's MP Marc Garneau – Canada's first man in space – and provincial legislator Jacques Chagnon.

In the spirit of energy savings, residents attending are asked to bring their own cup for beverages that will be for sale along with hot soup and snack food. Bringing your own cup will also translate into a discount on coffee, said city Community Events coordinator Virginia Elliott.

Fire alarm reported to resident at airport

Firefighters were called twice to check out a fire alarm ringing at a house on Upper Roslyn March 4, Public Security officials said. The first time it sounded, the homeowner was notified around 8 am at the airport by a neighbour who was requested to call the fire department. An external verification of the house indicated no cause for the alarm. But when it went off again around 9:10 am, the homeowner was again advised and this time arranged for someone to check out the problem.

Leak stopped when tap turned off

An outside water tap was found leaking March 9 on Clarke north of St. Catherine St., Public Security officials report.

Dispatched to check out a complaint about the water at 1:41 pm, patrollers were able to stop the flow by turning off the faucet since the leak came from only one portion of a "splitting" connection that enabled more than one hose to be connected to the main tap.

Dog walks off-leash, woman ticketed

A Westmount woman was issued a \$76 ticket March 8 for walking her German shepherd off leash along The Boulevard near Aberdeen, Public Security officials said.

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Retail Round-up: In and around Victoria village

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

New Boutique Céline, Sherbrooke St.

Open since early March, Boutique Cé-

line sells chic, European style women's clothing, jewellery and accessories so unique you literally can't find the same thing twice. Owner Céline Sahinyan says after working 26 years in the fashion busi-

ness and creating her own jewellery, she wanted to open her own shop. Sahinyan said she travels the world to carefully select handmade jewellery that's 100 percent silver, top-quality leather clothing and bags, and silk and cashmere blouses, scarves, tops and cardigans.

Coming Soon La Canadienne, 4920 Sherbrooke St. W.

Famous for its hand-crafted, Montreal-made boots, the La Canadienne brand is adding another store to its flagship store on Laurier Ave. The company has bought the building at 4920 Sherbrooke St. and the city of Westmount has issued permits for work currently under way, including structural work, a rear addition, interior renovations and a front façade. Judy Park, the manager of Must Boutique, located across the street at 4909 Sherbrooke St. said she's looking forward to La Canadienne's opening. Park said she's watched a number of businesses open and then shut their doors in that section of Sherbrooke St. and storefronts in that section have been vacant "for too long." La Canadienne did a beautiful job of restoring the façade of its building on Laurier Ave., Park said.

Possibly Closing Artizan, 4928 Sherbrooke St. W.

Though there's a For Rent sign in the window, Artizan, which sells unique and high-fashion accessories for women, may or may not be closing. It seems owner Robin Barré put the sign up to test the market and closing the store is not a *fait accompli*. "It's not 100 percent," an employee told the *Westmount Independent*. "She (Barré) is going to see how it goes." Artizan has another store in Pointe Claire, airport locations in both Canada and the United States and its own YouTube channel.

Moved Bella Boutique

Bella Boutique has left its longtime space at 4923 Sherbrooke St. and in late January opened in "an amazing location to serve you better," at 1228 Greene Ave., Bella's Facebook page proclaimed. The boutique sells a wide collection of fashions, including designer prom and special occasion dresses but also plenty of "after-prom" styles as well.



Future site of La Canadienne, former site of Select Bakery.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

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For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series award-winning author and historian Tim Cook gives an illustrated talk on Sir Arthur Currie, Canada's World War I general and later principal of McGill University. Free, donations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Senior participants in the Atwater Library's Mentoring with Music project share music made and/or recorded with digital technology, displaying their mastery of skills recently gained. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1:00 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Earth Hour at Victoria Hall. 6 to 10 pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

The Atwater Library, in collaboration with the The Couchiching Institute and the Inspirit Foundation, holds a public conversation, moderated by Trisha Islam, on the question, "Do you express your

spirituality through art?" Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 6 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Meet the provincial candidates. Victoria Hall, 7 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series sociologist Brian Webb gives a talk on "The Life and Times of Brother André." He will probe the man responsible for the construction of St. Joseph's Oratory who rose from humble origins in rural Quebec to be named a saint in 2010. Free, donations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

The Atwater Poetry Project, led by poet Darren Bifford, presents readings by poets Nyla Matuk and Chris Jennings. Free admission. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Avenue. 7 pm.

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BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmounters with marriage on their minds got a glimpse of the various wedding services that are available locally during the first Westmount Wedding Atelier held at Annie Young Cosmetics on Sherbrooke St. on March 13.

Among those who contributed to the event were the make-up artists at Annie Young, the cake makers at Les Glaceurs, the dressmakers at Astri Prugger, the artisans at Trink Jewelry, the floral arrangers at Flore, and the gift consultants at both

Wilfred and Adrienne and Ben and Tournesol.

"We had a beautiful evening," said Sharleen Young, co-owner of Annie Young Cosmetics, adding that it was the first of similar events planned for the future.

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Ash borer, cont'd. from p. 1

the issue was attended by Jayme Gerbrandt, Westmount's arboriculture and horticulture inspector, who said the focus was on seeking a common approach to the problem.

Westmount, however, will be "going forward on our own to protect our own resources," Zalzal said.

In 2010, the city initiated and began developing its own prevention program against the anticipated arrival of the beetle and last year implemented a strategy to treat ash trees and plant new species nearby as potential replacements.

This year's exact treatment costs have yet to be approved by city council, Zalzal explained.

Trees being targeted are located in parks and along some streets, Gerbrandt said. Those in groupings in Summit Woods are considered to be less vulnerable since the beetle is attracted to trees in open areas, she said.

The city's approach is to use a costly injectable systemic insecticide called Tree-Azin. This is the only known treatment to

prevent an ash borer attack other than removing all ashes, she explained. The application is temperature sensitive and must be repeated every second year.

It involves the insertion by a certified contractor of vials of the substance spaced one centimeter apart around the entire base of tree so the substance can be drawn up by the tree as it brings up water, Gerbrandt explained.

The process requires drilling holes into the tree and is considered environmentally safe since the vials are inserted directly into the holes without coming in contact with the surroundings.

The city's accelerated inoculation program takes place in conjunction with strict federal government regulations that prohibit the transport of wood out of specific zones in an attempt to localize the spread of any infestation (see April 30, 2013, p. 1).

Inventory taken

Westmount is one of the only municipalities in the Montreal area to have an inventory of ash trees on private as well as public property, Gerbrandt said.

This was initially prepared by forestry

engineer Luc Nadeau over the winter of 2010-2011 without the benefit of leaves on the trees. As a result, the number of trees was much greater than follow-up surveys a few months later revealed.

The bark of the ash resembles that of the Negundo maple (known to many as the Manitoba maple, a "weed" tree), Gerbrandt explained.

More realistic totals of 354 ash trees have been identified on city-owned property along with 74 on private property and additional groupings in Summit Woods.

Since that time, 40 city trees have been tested after showing signs of general decline. One was also taken down, but none

showed signs of the telltale beetle.

The beetle tends to sense a vulnerable tree, Gerbrandt explained. This might be one that stands alone or with a canopy of branches already weakened by 25 percent.

Private trees

Though the city has not adopted an official policy regarding action on privately owned ash trees, a topic discussed at the March 10 conference, Zalzal said "should we find one that's vulnerable, I think we would like to get the tree tested. We would diplomatically work with the owner and try to help in any way we could because it could affect other trees."

Costumed up for Purim at Chabad Westmount

Westmount resident Michel Bensoussan reads attentively from the Scroll of Esther, a Biblical text read for the Jewish holiday of Purim, during a celebration held at Chabad Westmount on the evening of March 15. He and his three-year-old son, Benjamin, dressed up as a surgeon and a police officer respectively for an occasion that is traditionally popular among children.

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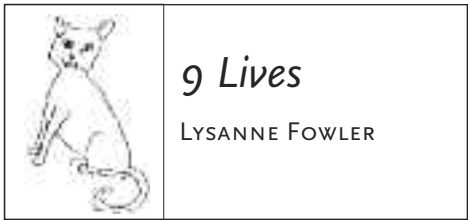
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Starla is a 6-year-old Yorkie that was one of 85 dogs to be rescued by the SPCA Annexe last year from a horrid puppy mill. Since September, all of the seized dogs have now been adopted except for Starla.

She is the most traumatized dog from that particular mill, and is often overlooked by potential adopters due to her frequently depressed and scared state. This unhealthy state of mind was recently amplified when the last of her Yorkie mates left for their new home.

Starla spent the first six years of her life in a cage, used solely for breeding purposes, and had very little human interaction. Because of this, she is extremely timid and it will take some time to gain her trust.

She is good with other dogs and cats, but a household with submissive dogs is recommended. Starla also requires house-training but has no major medical issues. Due to her traumatized state of mind, the shelter does not recommend a household with children under the age of 16.

Although Starla is quite damaged psychologically, she is not beyond repair. Once you get her into your arms, she is quite comfortable being held. She had her very first outdoor experience just last week, and every step was a new adventure.



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Shelter workers have already witnessed short glimpses of these happy moments, and are sure that with the proper gentle guidance, she will be able to regain a constant state of happiness.

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111 Lewis Ave.

From 19th century bankruptcies to early real estate development

History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The elegant rows of houses on Lewis Ave. – not to mention Blenheim Place, Irvine and Abbott avenues – appear to have been the vision of a company called Canada Investment Agency Company Ltd., which snapped up the land from various bankruptcies and sheriff sales and then sold it off in portions to homeowners and builders.

One of the principals was Andrew Allan, who with his brother, Sir Hugh Allan, owned the Allan Steamship Line and was involved in various banks and railways.

Railway arrives

Lot 1434, which ran along the south side of what was then Dorchester Blvd. (now St. Catherine St.) between Abbott Ave. and Bethune St., became part of the bed for the new train line running out of Windsor Station in the late 1880s, with a local station at the foot of Abbott Ave.

The Allans subdivided the land for construction of homes alongside the railway, anticipating a high demand given such easy access to western Montreal.

In 1889, the company sold off individual lots to David Ferguson and Henry Plow, and groups of subdivided lots to James Smith, who bought up the west side of Lewis for \$2,929.60, and George Francis Phelps, described as a “fishmonger and poulterer,” who bought most of the east side for \$3,333.40.

After five years of speculation and negotiation, the land was turned over to Edward Riel, a contractor, who undertook to build the townhouses on the east side of Lewis in 1894, opting to build 19.5 feet wide houses on 25-foot lots, so he could squeeze in eight houses on six lots – a practice not uncommon in those days in Westmount. Apparently he got into some trouble as the houses went up, and he was forced to sell the three houses under construction at the bottom of the street to Ed-

ward and Rickson Outhet for \$10,500 in February 1895, with the stipulation that they were to complete and furnish the properties.

Having completed them, the brothers rented out the houses until 1909, when Edward, now living in Pennsylvania, sold 111 and 113 Lewis to Norman William Jordan, who assumed the leases for two years but finally sold 111 Lewis in 1912, all by itself for the first time, to John F. Shaw, a bank clerk, for \$4,200.

He held it for only a year and turned it over to Angus Loynachan in April 1913, for \$5,400.

Three generations of Loynachans

Angus Loynachan was an accountant who lived there with three children and his wife, Christina Ford.

In fact the property passed through three generations of Loynachans before the house was finally put on the market by four of the grandchildren in 1956 (their grandmother died in 1943), when they sold to Amy Warr, widow of Arthur J. Nicholls. The sale price was only \$6,000, some 10 percent more than Angus Loynachan paid for it in 1913.

It took a decade for that price to roughly double, to \$13,500, when the unmarried widow finally sold to Aarne Kytola, a Finnish-born carpenter who was highly regarded in Montreal's Finnish and Lutheran communities.

Barry Biglow, an electrical engineer, purchased the property in November 1980, for \$86,000, then tried to sell it two years later for slightly less – \$85,000 – and was forced to sell in December 1982 for \$68,000.

It was picked up by Maryse Perraud who lived there and made minor improvements before finally selling to a renovation firm Tektopol Construction, represented by Diran Loris. With the mar-



ket having run up steadily from 1982 to 1989, she was able to sell for \$185,000. The firm carried out extensive renovation and resold it in February 1990, for \$269,500.

A referendum loss

The buyer, Margaretha Zuurdeeg, wife of Stephen D. Morse, held on to the property for six years as the market sank again through the 1990s and the provincial referendum.

Finally, in March 1996, she was forced to sell for \$210,000, almost \$60,000 less than she paid for it.

The new owner was Ralph Lloyd Harris, a well-known professor of metallurgical engineering at McGill University. It appears he had moved back to his native Australia before he passed away in July 2007.

The estate sold to Donald Lovell two years later, who continues to live there.

HISTORY OF 111 LEWIS (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
9 Mar, 1909	Norman William Jordan (109 and 111 Lewis)	\$7,300
26 Apr, 1912	John Fletcher Shaw, bank clerk	\$4,200
15 Apr, 1913	Angus Loynachan, accountant	\$5,400
25 Jan, 1956	Amy Emma Louisa Warr-Nicholls, widow of Arthur J. Nicholls	\$6,000
1 Feb, 1967	Aarne Kytola, engineer (married in Finland)	\$13,500
7 Nov, 1980	Barry A. Biglow, electrical engineer	\$86,000
20 Dec, 1982	Maryse Perraud, assistant en administration	\$68,000
19 Jan, 1989	Tektopol Construction	\$185,000
16 Feb, 1990	Margaretha Zuurdeeg, wife of Stephen D. Morse	\$269,500
25 Mar, 1996	Ralph Lloyd Harris	\$210,000
15 Jul, 2009	Donald A. Lovell	\$478,500

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HEATHER BLACK

Exhibitions by artists Ludmila Armata at Galerie D’Este and Michel Daigneault at the McClure Gallery illustrate the many pictorial possibilities of contemporary art. Although their work is abstract, suggestive forms and use of space alludes to known imagery and convey transformation. Yet each style is unique and each exhibition is distinctive.

Armata at Galerie D’Este

Montreal printmaker Ludmila Armata’s series *One Side Better* features illusive yet memorable images. Combining aquatint with drypoint, she creates distinctive prints with a mix of black soft and hard-edged shapes. Although nonfigurative, these compositions evoke nature, objects and even street maps, and suggest continual transformation.

In *Forecast*, rounded forms convey the leaves and petals of flowering plants. A pale lemon background contributes to the image’s organic quality.

In contrast the subtle blue-grey compo-

Armata and Daigneault: Redefining abstraction

sition, *Assemblage for Landscape*, conveys a river bank with wildflowers. Fine diagonal lines enliven the image and suggest waving grasses.

Other images are more graphic. The black brushstrokes of *Aperture* evoke the powerful simplicity of a Borduas painting. A hat-shaped form is repeated in *Post Factum* to create a visual urgency. In *Rendered*, a bold red background stands out among the many monochromatic prints.

Armata’s unique technique and imagery evoke the creative process in both nature and art. Her prints are shown with Peter Harris’ photorealistic paintings until March 23 at Galerie D’Este, 1329 Greene Ave.



Forecast by Ludmila Armata.

Daigneault at the
McClure Gallery

Michel Daigneault’s unique use of perspective is evident in the series *Some Reflections on the Naked Mountain*. Painted in acrylic on canvas, three-dimensional geometrical forms or organic shapes combine to create movement.

In *Illusion*, an angular black window frame advances and recedes like an Escher staircase. This sharp-edged form creates a three-dimensional effect against a pastel background. A red disk within the frame suggests a sunset view through an open window.

In *Shangri-La* recognizable motifs evoke the Orient. Yellow flames and coral disks combine with abstract shapes to create a lively and intricate pattern. Suggesting meditation and mysticism, these forms are harmoniously balanced against a flat grey background.

In contrast, *Vue de près* is a



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stark geometrical composition of three-dimensional shapes. Painted against a strong blue and green background, the resulting optical effect suggests constant mutation.

Daigneault's three-dimensional forms twist and turn within a flat surface. This continuous movement leads to an exploration of every detail. *Some Reflections on the Naked Mountain* continues until March 29 at the Visual Art Centre, 350 Victoria Ave.

Transformative power

Both Armata and Daigneault create abstract images that imply rather than define. Ambiguous forms and lines encourage the viewer to create associations and analogies. And in this work, whether printed or painted, visual styles converge to create familiar yet novel imagery that commands attention.



Illusion by Daigneault.

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Social Notes
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) has created the Young Philanthropists' Circle (YPC), made up of young working people between the ages of 25 and 45 who enjoy culture and philanthropy.

At the end of each of the MMFA's exhibitions, the YPC holds a fund-raiser. Guests not only enjoy a delicious cocktail, but tour the last day of the exhibit. Recently the evening was held at the close of *Splendore a Venezia*, the sensational show curated by **Hilliard Goldfarb**. Tickets were \$65.

Masked 'educ-tainers' discussed the art

Masked young people support MMFA



Marissa de Miguel and Geneviève Burdon.



Thomas Bastien and Geneviève Blouin.



Marc-Antoine Saumier.



Hilliard Goldfarb.



Jean-Pierre Aubé and François Rochon.

with partygoers, explained **Danielle Champagne**, MMFA Foundation director. In keeping with the Venetian theme, gold masks were given to arriving guests at the door. The sold-out gathering was organized by **Marc-Antoine Saumier** (chair YP committees); **Charles Assaf** (chair, fund-raising and sponsorship) with committee members **Simon Touchette**, **Janie Chartier**, **Rachel Biberian**, **Jean-Sébastien Bock**, **France Leclerc**, **Marissa de Miguel**, **Philippe d'Etcheverry**, **Mélissa Hébert**,

Marijo Meunier, **Annie-Pier Laplante**, **Brigitte Lacroix**, **Dominique Hamel**, **Olivier Perron-Collins**, **Christine Blais**, **Geneviève Blouin**, **Alexandre Borduas**, **Geneviève Burdon**, **Cherif Habib**, **Tina Montreuil**, and **Dominique Perron**.

Chicly-clad guests enjoyed prosciutto (Fino Gourmand); biscotti (Heavenly Taste); Italian coffee (Caffè San Simeon), and – the crowning celebratory touch – bubbly Prosecco (Zonin).

Amidst the minglers were Westmoun-

ters **Amanda Cohen** and **Sebastien Dolan**, as well as **Laurence Paek**, **Matthew Thornhill**, **Alison Neill**, **Alik Angaladian**, **Judy Doyer-Rochefort** and the museum's PR guru **Thomas Bastien**. The same night in another room at the MMFA, art collector **François Rochon**, founder and head of wealth-management firm Giverny Capital, presented artist **Jean-Pierre Aubé** with the \$10,000 Giverny Capital Prize, awarded bi-annually by his firm.

Police ticket 80 for distracted driving, speeding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Police handed out 80 tickets March 12 on Sherbrooke St. in Westmount in a two-hour crackdown on driving distractions and speeding, according to Constable **Stephan Laperrière**.

It was the second rendition of Operation CHOC, which is designed to improve safety for all users of the road, including pedestrians and cyclists.

The blitz was carried between 9 and 11 am at the intersections of Sherbrooke with Atwater and Kensington, he said. Driving distractions include texting, the use of cell phones and other actions considered to take drivers' attention off the road. These include dogs sitting on drivers' laps.

"We plan to be conducting this operation every month as part of the station's Plan of Action to provide better security on the road," he said.

Laperrière, a former member of the station's bike patrol, was recently named to the position of community relations officer working with constables **Adalbert Pimentel** and **Caroline Gauthier**.

The tickets were handed out by police from local Station 12 in conjunction with the Montreal traffic squad. The launch of Operation CHOC in Westmount on February 20 resulted in 135 tickets issued on Sherbrooke over a one-day time period.

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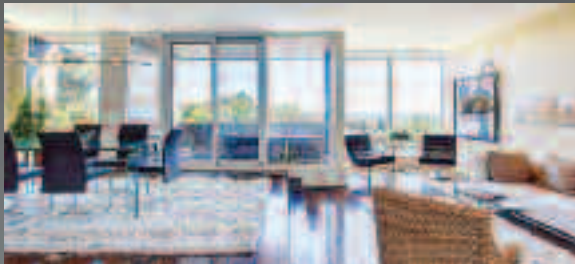


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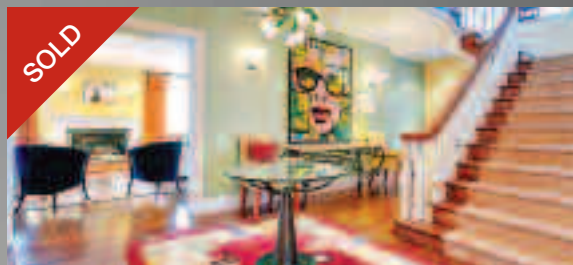
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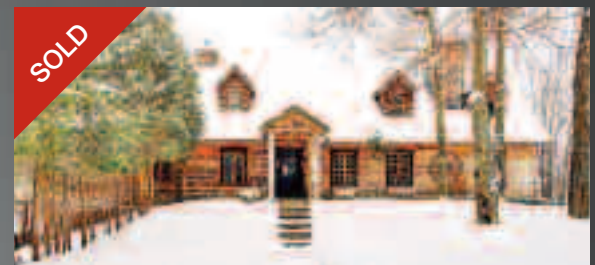
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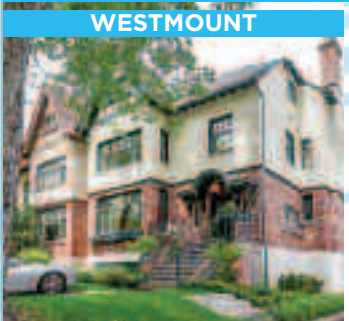
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