

Demo of Richelieu warehouse continues

Turcot work to wipe out Westmount's mini industrial park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Demolition to pave the way for lowering the Ville Marie expressway as part of the Turcot project is expected to wipe out Westmount's little-known "industrial park" bordering St. Henri.

This is a narrow strip of east-west land wedged between the backs of buildings on Richelieu St., one block north of St. Antoine, and the expressway, which cuts it off from the rest of Westmount.

The first building to go, now 50 percent demolished, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier, has dominated the strip that is virtually hidden from street view between Lacasse and Laporte, just east of Home Depot.

Long known as the H&H warehouse, the four-block-long building in its heyday

had been entirely occupied by a steel company that made nails, among other things. Later it was characterized by other manufacturers such as Lofa Sofa, Orion Packaging, Yuletide artificial pine trees and Holt Industries, makers of moulded plastic.

But abandoned and derelict over the last 20 years, it had come to be associated with fires, squatters, graffiti writers, rave parties and a failed condo development project.

"It used to be a good industrial building, representative of its era," Poirier said last week.

Its dismantling started January 7 but as of April 8 had encountered delays related to the discovery of asphalt on top of concrete, she explained.

The work had been announced by the Quebec *continued on p. 24*

St. Andrew's 'juniors' visit St. Margaret's seniors



As a sign of the sort of intergenerational support that is being seen more often these days, children who attend the St. Andrew's Early Childhood Centre on Hillside Ave. spent part of their day April 16 drawing and coloring Easter pictures with residents of the nearby St. Margaret's senior citizens' retirement home. The event was organized with the help of Westmount Public Security. Apart from the two children from St. Andrew's at the bottom of the picture, seen from the left are resident Lola Taylor, volunteer Corinne Bury, resident Thi Nga Dang, PSO Zachary Sobkojak, resident Beatrice Dalgleish and Natalia Kos, a volunteer student.

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Resident trapped in a tree rescued by PSO, firefighters

A man became stranded in a tree on Belmont Ave. April 11 when the ladder he had been using was knocked to the ground, Public Security officials said.

The property backs onto King George (Murray) Park.

The resident was rescued after a public safety officer patrolling the park heard him call out at 4:08 pm and summoned the fire department.

Public Security director Greg McBain said the man was found sitting in the tree where he had been cutting a branch. As the branch fell, it broke a wire and then

knocked the ladder to the ground.

Firefighters and Hydro Westmount were called and the wire was confirmed to be one used by Videotron.

The man was safely back on the ground by 4:34 pm.

"It's always good to have a second person with you when you use a ladder in case something happens," McBain explained.

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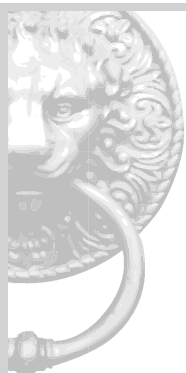
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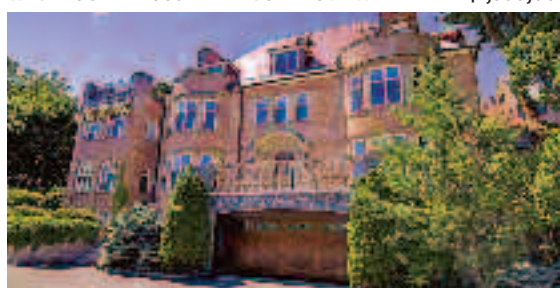
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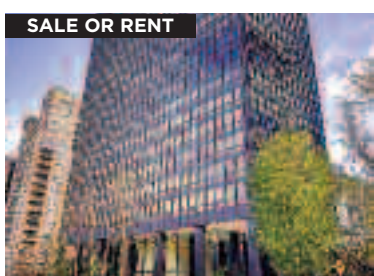
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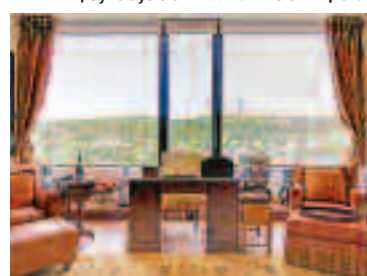
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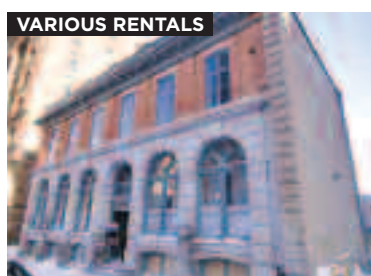


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Council approves \$306,000 for Pomerleau in new WRC 'extras'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of \$306,000 in "extra" costs for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) was approved April 8 by city council. The amount, excluding tax, includes a number of items offset by a credit from the contractor, Pomerleau Inc., said Councillor Patrick Martin. The after-tax figure of \$351,000 was used in the council's resolution.

The new items now bring the net total of approved items to \$409,210 over the design-build contract of \$33.5 million. This excludes the million-dollar 15-foot extension of the second rink for which funds were raised separately.

The credit relates to the replacement of crushed stone with sand under the rink slab, he explained.

The lion's share of the new "extras" was \$226,000 for additional excavation required for "unstable" material found in the area of the new pool and replaced by more appropriate fill, Martin explained. This had required deeper and more extensive excavation than had been foreseen. It is the area of the old stream bed over which the old arena had been built.

Also unexpected at the time of signing the Pomerleau contract was work related to the discovery and capping of the deep century-old drainage pipe beside Westmount Park Church (see November 12, 2013, p. 2).

Also over-and-above the original contract, the city decided it would be more expedient to allow Pomerleau, while controlling the site, to install 13 light standards and a fire hydrant on the newly created rooftop park. These would otherwise have been installed by Hydro Westmount and Public Works.

Another extra expense was the addition of a counter-type shelf or ledge for holding

Approved arena extras

	Approved previously
11,792.79	Asbestos removal, old rink
8,361.21	Asbestos removal, old pool changing rooms
42,000.00	Upgrade ceramic tile in washrooms
39,000.00	Upgrade to architectural concrete blocks in public areas
2,508.00	Upgrade finish in elevator
103,662.00	Sub-total previously approved
	Approved April 8
25,800.00	drain pipe from church property
225,607.00	additional excavation
19,000.00	shelf along viewing area
50,686.41	installation of 13 light standards
7,380.00	installation of extra fire hydrant
2,074.96	outlets for vending machines
(-25,000.00)	credit for material under rink slab
305,548.37	Sub-total, approved April 8
409,210.37	Total

Excludes tax and rink extension.

Source: Councillor Patrick Martin.

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The cost of additional electrical outlets for vending machines was also approved.

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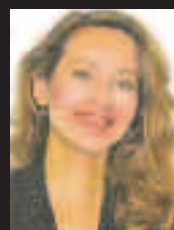
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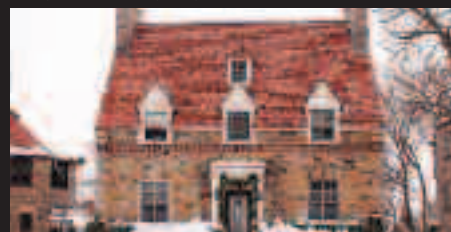
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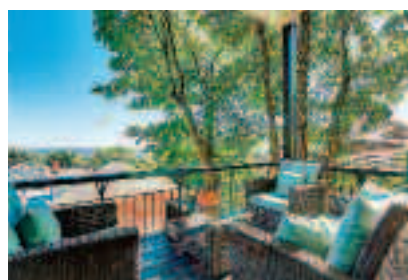
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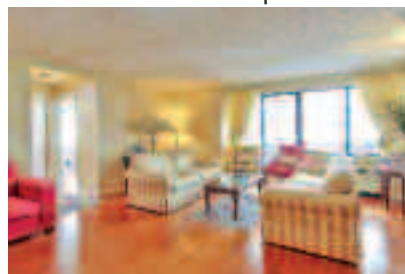
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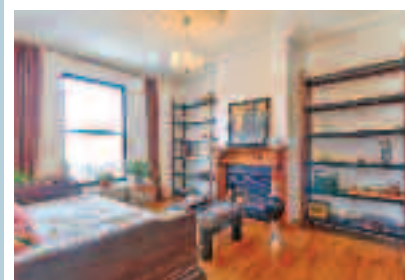
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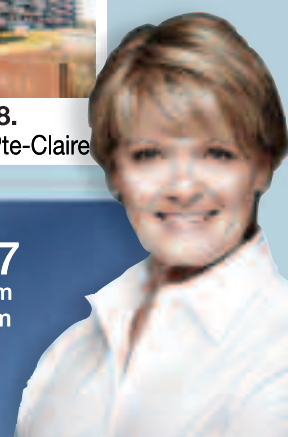
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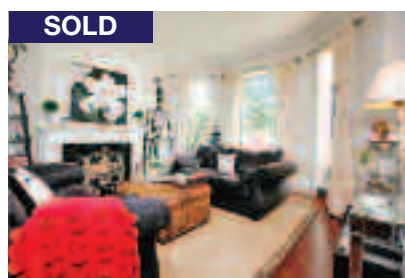
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Council votes \$42,000 for sound barrier study

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A feasibility study regarding a proposed sound barrier along the Ville Marie expressway east of Hollowell continues to move ahead with city's council's approval April 8 of \$42,000 as the city's equal share with the Quebec Transport ministry (MTQ).

The section to be studied is where sound levels are found to exceed the government's permissible level of 65 decibels and where the highway will not be lowered as a result of the Turcot project.

City director general Duncan Campbell

said last week this section is expected to extend east to just east of the first property on Prospect St. but not continue behind Weredale Park.

The study is to be conducted for the MTQ by its consultants.

It results from a meeting with the MTQ June 27, 2013, when the city agreed to move ahead with sharing the cost 50-50 though it had been holding out since June 4, 2012 for total provincial funding of the updated study (see August 20, 2013, p. 8).

Expropriations and demolitions are now under way to prepare for the start of the Turcot project (see stories p. 1 and 25).

Pink day at Royal



Members of the RBC team at the Royal Bank in Westmount Square marked the International Day of Pink on April 9. It is designed to "celebrate diversity and raise awareness to stop homophobic, transphobic and all forms of bullying," according to a branch press release. From left, branch manager David Cristofaro with Vickie Lavranos, Jeffrey Hall, Andreia Santos, Kelly Cooney, Andra Covaciu, Valeria Fargnoli, Terrence Ishmael, Alex Vlasov and Alex Finkestein.

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Man wanders off during fire alarm

A resident of Place Kensington described as "disoriented" wandered off shortly before 8 pm when a fire alarm was activated April 11 at the seniors' residence, Public Security officials said.

All was reported in order until the man was discovered missing from the residence on St. Catherine at Kensington.

A police patrol spotted him at de Maisonneuve and Redfern at 8:32 pm and brought him back safely.

Dinner-hour 'blackout' caused by short circuit, weather

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A power outage April 9 affected residents and shoppers along Sherbrooke from Victoria to Kensington just as the city's Sports and Recreation banquet was getting under way at 6 pm at Victoria Hall, Public Security officials said. Because it was still daylight outside, the event was allowed to continue for the 150 to 200 attendees but the microphone was non-functional as a result (see coverage, April 15, p. 24-25).

After more than 30 minutes, a decision was made to close the library and public safety officers continued to patrol affected areas until power was restored – first to residential buildings by 7 pm and for all by 7:55 pm.

A 15-KV circuit was affected. It feeds various areas scattered along Sherbrooke, The Boulevard and Côte St. Antoine, according to Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise.

The outage was caused by a short circuit near a transition joint in one of the manholes. The combination of freezing and thawing "is very demanding on our underground network and can unfortunately

cause these situations," he explained.

"There is always some water accumulation in any underground network and the freezing-thawing period does not help."

Shepherd walking off-leash costs \$76

A Westmount woman was issued a \$76 ticket April 9 when she was spotted walking her dog off leash on The Boulevard April 9, Public Security officials said. The German shepherd was seen walking beside its owner near Aberdeen at 5:42 pm by a passing patroller.

Cars collide at Belmont intersection

Two cars had to be towed after colliding at Westmount and Belmont avenues April 9 just before 4 pm, Public Security officials said. An NDG woman driving west at the time was reported to have had the right-of-way but was unable to stop her car in time when the other, going south, pulled out in front of her. It was driven by a Westmount resident. No injuries were reported.

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Just For Kids' G!EE event raises \$351,000



The Just For Kids Foundation's first G!EE 9-5 Edition raised \$351,000 on April 3 at Théâtre St. Denis.

Eight corporate teams battled it out for top honours, which were won by the Spector & Co. team. Funds went to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Sharleen Young of Westmount's Annie Young Cosmetics worked on make-up.

Photo courtesy of Just For Kids Foundation.



From left, Dr. Renee Schiff, who was a member of the Clinique Medistat team, with G!EE 9-5 co-chair Jill Aberman. They are both Westmounters.

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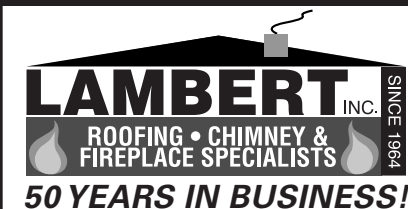
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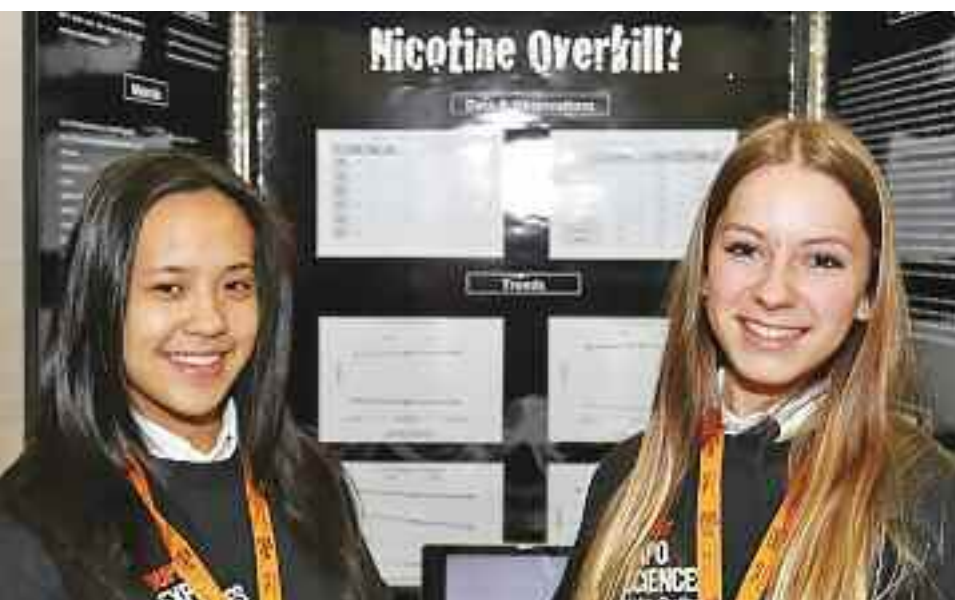
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Science fair news

Study, Marianopolis to send students to nationals



From left, Tiffany Mach and Catherine Boisvert.

Given their performance at the Quebec provincial science fair in Terrebonne, which ended on April 14, Tiffany Mach and Catherine Boisvert of The Study and Steven Kong and Yu Chen Hou of Marianopolis will be attending the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Windsor, Ontario May 10 to 17.

Students who qualify past the provin-

cial level attend an international or national science fair, but not both.

Mach and Boisvert's project was "Nicotine Overkill?" and Kong and Hou's was "Geographical Data I/O."

Nivatha Balendra of Marianopolis College and Deschanel Li of The Study won specific provincial awards.

Nicotine Overkill?

By Catherine Boisvert & Tiffany Mach

What are the effects of nicotine on the proliferation of MCF-7 breast-cancer cells compared to the human mammary epithelial cells?

This project tested the hypothesis that if nicotine could stimulate excessive cell proliferation, as it is known to do, then it would do so in MCF-7 breast-cancer cells to a greater degree than in human mammary epithelial cells.

The results of this project refuted the hypothesis as neither cells proliferated more in the presence of nicotine, leading

to conclusions that nicotine does not appear to be the agent that causes excessive cell proliferation in MCF-7 breast-cancer cells, nor human mammary epithelial cells.

Yum! Bugs!

By Deschanel Li

This project is about the Venus flytrap (*dionaea muscipula*). This plant is known for its traps that close to catch insects, arachnids and invertebrates. For this project, several aspects of the Venus flytrap will be tested, such a growth, trigger hair timing and digestion time.

Source: The Study.

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Online Storage and Retrieval of Geographical Data

By Steven Kong & Yu Chen Hou

Due to the constantly accelerating pace of society, people today are required to process an exorbitant amount of information on a daily basis. Nowadays, with the proliferation of mobile technologies, access to that information can be greatly enhanced and rendered more efficient.

For our project, we wanted to code a system to help users locate amenities around them that are often overlooked. The system consists of an application that runs on the Android mobile operating system that will feed information regarding

the user's location to a server containing information on the features and facilities around them, and pull the necessary points of interest to orient the users.

In addition, the server can amass additional information through crowdsourcing by allowing users to dynamically submit additional points of interest to the online database.

This project covers utilizing GPS-locating services available in modern smartphones to relay user's positional data, communicating with online databases in the form of XML data formats and handling of third party API's such as Google Maps and OpenStreetMaps to effectively access third-party software features. The long-term implications of this project involve applications in city maintenance and mass location accessibility.

Source: Marianopolis College.

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Music on Belmont upsets neighbours at 3:21 am

Music coming from a house on Belmont at 3:21 am April 12 was toned down after two complaints were received from nearby residents, Public Security officials said. While the level of sound was found to be relatively low when officers arrived outside the house, it was reported to be much louder as soon as the door was opened. This was reported to have been the source of the problem since guests were frequently going outside to smoke. The daughter of the homeowner was warned if another complaint was received a ticket would be issued. The music was reported to be turned down "substantially."

PSO: Leave means leave

A Public Security patroller in King George (Murray) Park caught two young men smoking marijuana near the basketball court, April 11 at 4:20 pm, department officials said.

They were told to dispose of it and leave the park. While they appeared to be co-operating, they were found shortly after in the children's playground and ordered to leave and not return. One was an 18-year-old Westmounter. The other's identity was not recorded.

Batshaw Children Needing Homes

Musical May needs a permanent home, loves dress-up

A long-term foster home is being sought for four-year-old May – a shy, energetic child who enjoys music, loves to play dress-up and seems to be more comfortable in the company of adults.

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May has suffered much instability throughout her young life and has shown significant progress in adjusting to rules and routine in her present environment.

History of neglect

May has a history of neglect and lacking in activities to stimulate her development, resulting in developmental delays in speech, thus it is sometimes difficult to understand her as she has a difficult time with expressive language.

May is presently receiving services in the community where she is progressing in her expressive language.

May's parents are unable to take care of her.

Thus she needs a family that can make a long-term commitment, as well as being

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THURSDAY, MAY 1

The Dawson Professional Theatre Program presents *Les Belles Soeurs* by Michel Tremblay, directed by Carolyn Guillet. \$12. 2000 Atwater Ave. \$12, box office: 514.931.5000. 8 pm. Also May 2 and 3, plus May 3 matinée at 2 pm.

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, authors Adam Leith Gollner and Jennifer Quist discuss their latest books: *The Book of Immortality* and *Love Letters of the Angels of Death*. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

"First Fridays" family Shabbat service and birthday celebration. Special Oneg Shabbat and cake for children celebrating birthdays. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 5:45 pm.

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MONDAY, MAY 5

City council meeting 8 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, McGill University's department of Jewish Studies and Concordia University's department of Religion launch *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality* edited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, Le Groupe MusiArt, the choir of the MUHC department of Psychiatry directed by Dr. Marie-France Boudreault, performs a variety of choral music in English and French, including songs written by members of the group. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

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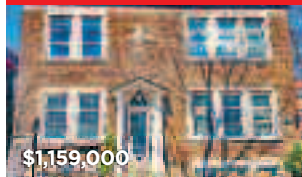
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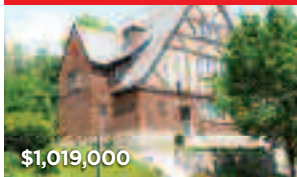
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Photo: Independent.

BUILDING PERMITS 🏠 What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting April 8.

4 Surrey Gardens: to build a new detached single family residence;

4753 The Boulevard: to build a two-storey addition on the east side of the dwelling and a new two-door garage accessible from Victoria with roof deck, converting the existing garage into a family room;

3767 The Boulevard: to demolish the garage and build a new one in front partly underground adjoining the house; to rebuild the solarium, balcony, steps and portico over the front door;

4343 Montrose: to landscape in the front yard including relocation of the stairs and introduction of a new rock garden; extend the rear deck and replace patio pavers;

4636 St. Catherine: at a Category I house, to restore front and rear balconies;

69 Prospect: to replace some basement windows and rear storms;

12 Inglestide: to build a two-storey rear addition with a balcony on each floor;

342A Victoria: to install a sign for "Petit Lapin Pâtisserie";

627 Victoria: to build a small second-floor rear addition on top of an existing one-storey addition;

4857 Sherbrooke: to build a roof top terrace and privacy screen on the rear portion of the one-storey building and replace the second storey windows and doors;

4306 Montrose: to convert some rear windows into doors to give access to a new balcony; replace some windows;

4120 St. Catherine: to install two signs for "Clinique de l'oeil Ocularis";

614 Belmont: to modify the rear ground floor openings to introduce a patio door and build a new bay window;

468 Mountain: to replace some windows;

365 Clarke: to replace some of the windows and reopen a side one;

4250 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to replace a garage door;

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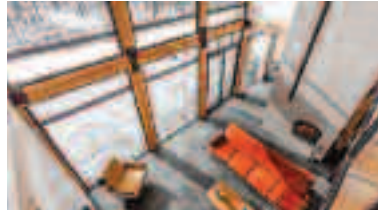
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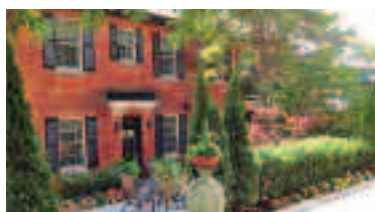
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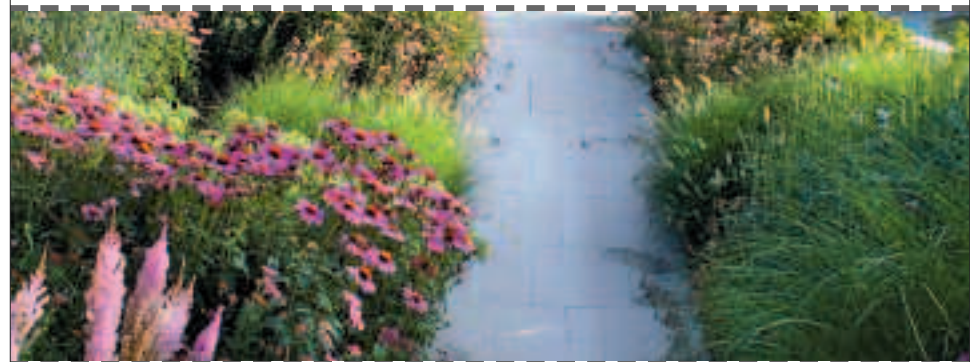
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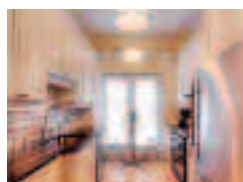
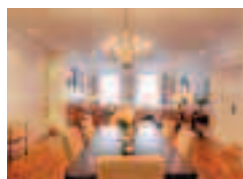


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March 29



Lea Gauthier on Greene Ave. after having had her nails done on March 29. It was chilly, but she beat the next day's snow.

March 30



Patricia McKinley put on a brave face on Greene Ave. March 30 as she headed to the advanced polls for the provincial election. Why was she so happy? She was off to the Dominican Republic the next day.

Photos: Ralph Thompson.

April 17



Sophie Bowie, left, a McGill student studying elementary education and Gabriela Pantin, a Concordia student in child studies, on Greene Ave. April 17 at 3:30 pm. The Independent was too late to catch the morning's snow in a photo, but the -2°C weather felt like -5°C . "Wow, it's cold," said Pantin.

April 18



Sandra Kapstick, who works in the area, and Westmounter Lee Grey Feather, enjoyed the warm afternoon weather of April 18 by having a seat in front of Les 5 Saisons.

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Police Report

Laperrière: Another car break-in, but problem getting better

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.

Despite another incident last week, Westmount's Station 12 has been receiving fewer reports of cars being broken into after the city witnessed a string of automobile robberies in March and early April, according to Constable Stephan Laperrière.

The latest incident occurred on the afternoon of April 14, when a thief reportedly stole a Louis Vuitton briefcase from a car parked the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria.

"The suspect probably saw the victim leave their car and then, boom boom, thank you very much, they are gone with the briefcase," said Laperrière.

The automobile break-in epidemic had come to a head last month, when five cars were reportedly broken into in as many days between March 17 and 21.

According to Laperrière, the rash of robberies caught the eye of Station 12's

Module d'action par projet (MAP) task-force, which began devoting more attention to the areas of Westmount that seemed most at risk.

The unit currently has a primary suspect for multiple break-ins who is under police surveillance, according to Laperrière.

"[The MAP unit] is currently following this person and hopefully we'll be able to catch them red handed so we can close all of these files," he said.

Laperrière says "it's a possibility" that most or even all of the break-ins have been committed by a single person.

"It's not a crime that takes a long time to do. You look, you smash, you take and you're gone," he said.

After the rash of break-ins, Station 12 officers increased its awareness campaign about limiting car break-ins, stressing that residents should not leave belongings in car, and if they do, to leave them out of sight, two tips the victim of the most recent break-in reportedly failed to heed.

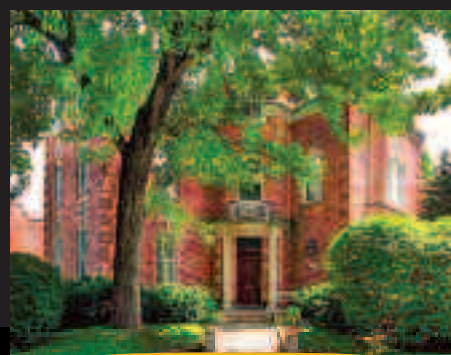
With the belated arrival of warm weather, Laperrière

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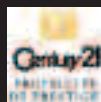
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Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 22 avril à 19 h. *The Book Thief* de Markus Zusak. Info : 514 989-5299.

Réception – Journée mondiale du livre

Le mercredi 23 avril à 18 h, Salle Westmount. La Bibliothèque invite les membres de ses clubs de lecture à une réception vins et fromages. Info : 514 989-5386.

Poésie, papier, et pâtisseries pour les enfants

Le samedi 26 avril à 14 h. Atelier de poésie avec Carol-Ann Hoyte pour les jeunes de 9 à 13 ans pour célébrer le mois de la poésie. Info : 514 989-5229.

Poésie et pâtisseries

Le dimanche 27 avril à 14 h. Célébrez le mois national de la poésie en savourant des petites pâtisseries tout en écoutant des poètes locaux. Info : 514 989-5229.

Festival des enfants TD-Metropolis bleu

Le samedi 3 mai à 14 h. Atelier d'écriture avec Andrew Katz pour les jeunes de 9 à 13 ans. Info : 514 989-5229.

Rencontre d'auteur : David O'Keefe

Le mercredi 7 mai à 19 h. Venez rencontrer David O'Keefe, auteur de *One Day in August: The Untold Story Behind Canada's Tragedy at Dieppe*. Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

La galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

Du 24 avril au 16 mai. Œuvres de Jennifer Goddard. Info : 514 989-5521.

Art Westmount 2014 : invitation aux artistes

Date limite : le 30 avril. Les artistes de Westmount sont invités à participer à la cinquième édition d'Art Westmount les samedi et dimanche 27 et 28 septembre. Obtenez le formulaire de participation au artwestmount@westmount.org, au Victoria Hall et au www.westmount.org. Info : 514 989-5521.

Concert pour enfants : mes dix petits doigts

Le dimanche 27 avril à 14 h, Victoria Hall. Chansons interactives avec Alexandra Delgado pour les jeunes de 6 ans et moins. 10 \$ pour adultes et 5 \$ pour les enfants de moins de 10 ans. Info : 514 989-5226.

Espace danse au Victoria Hall

Le dimanche 27 avril à 14 h, Salle de concert. Pour les amateurs de la danse sociale : swing, valse, rumba, chachacha et plus. 5 \$ à l'entrée. Info : 514 989-5226.

Danse avec l'orchestre Ballroom Blitz

Le samedi 3 mai à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Musique swing, avec Rock & Roll, latine, valse et surprises. DJ sur place entre les prestations. Billets : 15 \$ pré-vente ou 20 \$ à l'entrée. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dolce Musica : la musique de l'Europe de l'est

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Salon des métiers d'art : appel de soumissions

Le vendredi 9 mai de 15 h à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Le Salon des métiers d'art 2014 aura lieu les 8 et 9 novembre prochain. Les artisans sont invités à apporter leurs échantillons pour le jury au Victoria Hall le 9 mai et les récupérer le lendemain. Info : westmount.artisans@videotron.ca.

Échange de plantes vivaces

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SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Bois Summit : période migratoire des oiseaux

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TRAVAUX PUBLICS

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Collecte de résidus domestiques dangereux

Le samedi 3 mai de 9 h à 17 h. Stationnement de la bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5390.

Remise de compost gratuit aux résidents

Le samedi 10 mai à compter de 9 h, ateliers municipaux, rue Bethune. Apportez un contenant et une pelle. Info : www.westmount.org / 514 989-5390.

LIBRARY

English Book Club

Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Info : 514 989-5299.

World Book Day Reception

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m., Westmount Room. The Westmount Library invites all book club members to a wine and cheese reception. Info : 514 989-5386.

Poetry, Paper, and Pastry for Children 9 to 13

Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Celebrate Poetry Month in this workshop by Carol-Ann Hoyte. Info : 514 989-5229.

Poetry and Pastry

Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. Celebrate National Poetry Month by sampling sweets and listening to local poets. Info : 514 989-5229.

TD-Blue Metropolis Children's Festival

Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. Join Andrew Katz for a writing workshop (9-13 year-olds). Info : 514 989-5229.

Author Reading: David O'Keefe

Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Meet David O'Keefe, author of *One Day in August: The Untold Story Behind Canada's Tragedy at Dieppe*. Info : 514 989-5299.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

April 24 to May 16. Works by Jennifer Goddard. Info : 514 989-5521.

Art Westmount 2014: invitation to artists

Deadline April 30. Westmount artists are invited to participate in the fifth edition of Art Westmount, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28. Participation forms are available at Victoria Hall, artwestmount@westmount.org or at www.westmount.org. Info : 514 989-5521.

Children's Concert : Ten Little Fingers

Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Interactive songs by Alexandra Delgado for children 6 and under. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dance Session at Victoria Hall

Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Try out your social dance steps : swing, chachacha, rumba, waltz etc. \$5 at the door. Info : 514 989-5226.

Swing Into Spring with Ballroom Blitz

Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Swing music with Rock & Roll, latin, waltz and special surprises! Live dj between sets. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dolce Musica : Music of Eastern Europe

Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. The Westmount Youth Orchestra's Dolce Musica ensemble presents its

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, May 5

spring concert. \$10; free for children. Info : 514 989-5226.

Artisans' Festival: call for submissions

Friday, May 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. The 2014 Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place November 8 and 9. Artisans are invited to bring samples of their work to Victoria Hall on May 15 for the jurying and to collect them the following day. Info : westmount.artisans@videotron.ca.

Perennial Plant Exchange

Thursday, May 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Westmount Conservatory. Bring perennials from your garden and obtain coupons that can be exchanged for other plants. Exchange at 6 p.m. and plant sale from 7 p.m. Info : 514 989-5213.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Summit Woods: bird migratory period

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library parking lot. Info : 514 989-5390.

Free compost for residents

Saturday, May 10 beginning at 9 a.m., Municipal Yard, Bethune Street. Bring a container and a shovel. Info : 514 989-5390 or www.westmount.org.

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Grade 6 Priory students take on toony/health challenge

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

As the McGill University Health Centre Foundation gathered elementary and high schools together on April 8 to share the results of their Toonie Challenge fundraisers, one of standout schools was The Priory School. The event was held at the "Glen Hall" on de Maisonneuve, near the new MUHC hospital.

During National Nutrition Month in March, grade 6 student ambassadors from The Priory held a Health Challenge as their Toonie Challenge.

The Priory students were inspired to do a health challenge after seeing Jonathan Di Tomasso, a dietician with the MUHC, give a popular interactive talk about healthy eating at the MUHC's Toonie Challenge results event last year.

"The five kids that came last year from The Priory told their headmaster they wanted to do it and he said 'Yes, if it fits with the curriculum but we shouldn't [just] be raising money, we're not about that,'" said Jill Hugessen, a population representative on the MUHC Board of Directors. "The students said they would only do it both ways," Hugessen said. "So they raised money and they did the health

(challenge). So to me, that's a star component of participation. They got it, all these grade 6 kids and they were in grade 5 last year."

Hugessen said The Priory's head of school, Tim Peters, invited Di Tomasso to their school to launch the health challenge. During his January visit Di Tomasso "gave an assembly based on some of his great nutritional tricks, like how many Oreos equals a donut and ... because of his inspiration wrote out their own health contract," she said.

"In assembly we told our school that we were going to be making a pledge form and that we'd be happy if you gave up an unhealthy habit for the week or start eating more healthy for a week," said student ambassador Aidan Price-Gallagher. The challenge? "Every time you get rid of a habit or start a new one, your parent or sponsors would give you two dollars," Price-Gallagher said. "By the end of the week everyone had handed in the amount of money they'd made from their sponsors."

While money was collected after one week, anyone who signed up was expected to do the routine for two weeks, said student ambassador Chloé Lee-Gauthier.



The Priory's grade 6 student ambassadors Chloé Lee-Gauthier, Aidan Price-Gallagher, Mary Roper, Natasha Ryan and Sophie Manning with head of school Tim Peters on April 8.



MUHC dietician Jonathan Di Tomasso quizzes students on sugar content in food at the MUHC Toonie Challenge event April 8.

The student ambassadors organized the event, collected the pledges and toonies and distributed bracelets to students to remind them of their "new, healthy, habits," said Peters. The ambassadors led two school-wide assemblies to sustain the event and a total of more than 100 Priory students, teachers, parents and the principal participated, he said.

As an incentive, the class that pledged the most new healthy habits won the school prize, "an activity where they get to make edible fruit faces and other healthy food creations," said Peters. "Everyone found it really fun so this year that was the healthy prize," said Lee-Gauthier.

"There have been four new grade 5 Priory MUHC ambassadors appointed so they may continue the tradition in their senior year next year," said Peters.

"They approached me and I was more than willing," said Di Tomasso, whose kiosk at this year's MUHC Toonie Challenge results event drew crowds of curious students. "Healthy eating for kids, it's an important thing to get out there. It's really nice to see (kids) getting involved in their own health and they're rubbing off on their parents. It's nice when it goes the other way around. They're happy, healthy kids and it's for a great cause too."

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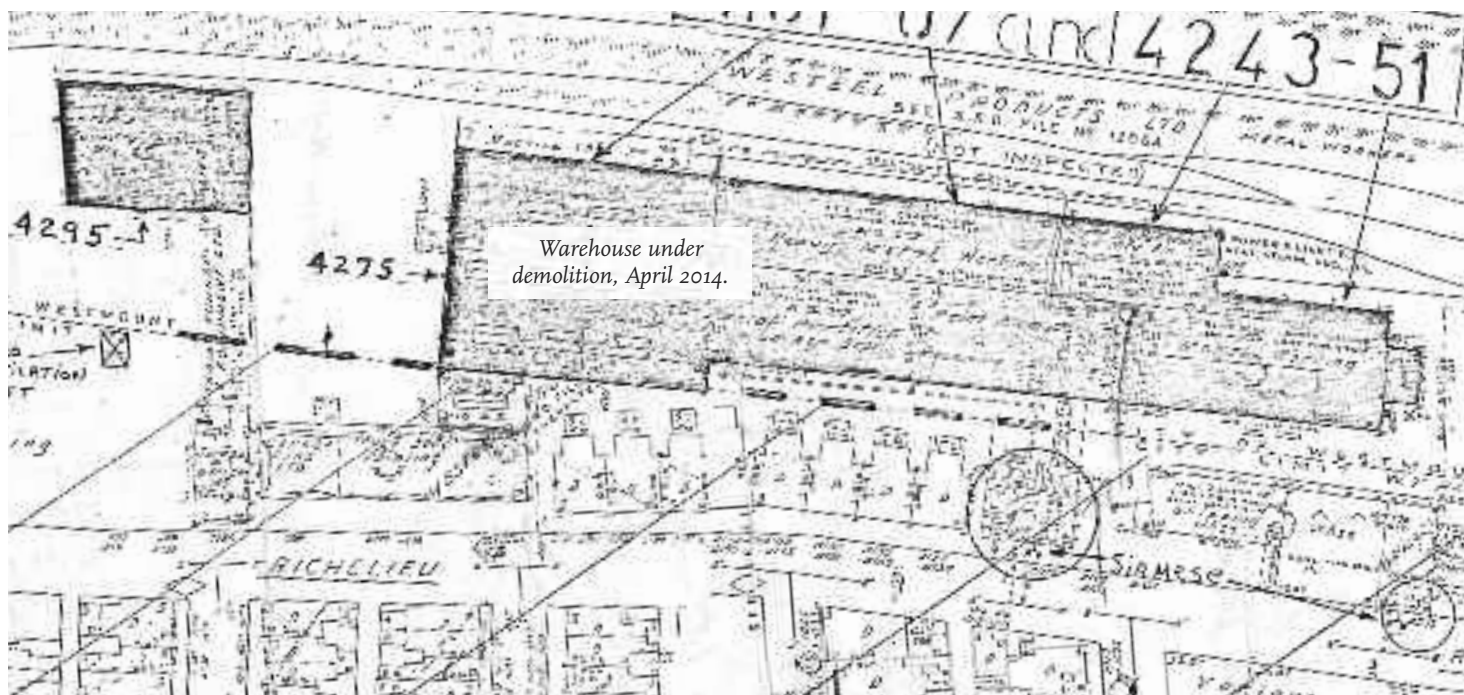


Turcot, cont'd. from p. 1

ministry of Transport (MTQ) as a six-month process. Building materials are slated to be recycled, some providing fill for the Turcot project.

The only other significant building on the Westmount strip remains in operation. Duquesne Réfractaire, a cement refractory that formerly operated under the name Canadian Foundry Supplies and Equipment (CFS), has been there for many years at 4295 Richelieu.

Its distinctive blue silo-type towers have long gone and the building is also believed to be scheduled demolished, "possibly in



A pre-1980 firefighters' diagram of part of Westmount south of the Ville Marie expressway. The industrial buildings in question are behind houses on Richelieu, which are in St. Henri.

December," a worker told the *Independent* on a visit to the area last week. Poirier, however, said she had not been so notified.

Hive of activity

In 1988, the H&H warehouse was a hive of activity. It was here that Yuletide Christmas trees – the only manufacturers in Quebec of artificial pines – was turning out 60,000 for local use and export as far away as Australia.

Here also Lofa Sofa was making futons and sofa beds while Orion was manufacturing plastic wrap and other products.

Even in the building's heyday, however, tax revenue to the city was described as almost negligible compared to what is collected by larger industrial areas.

In 1992 as activity began to wane, a fire at the Holt Industries occupancy April 6 burned into the roof of the warehouse. Preliminary damage estimates of \$250,000 were expected to soar if supplies used for stuffing by Lofa Sofa sustained smoke



The former Canadian Foundry Supplies building/plant at 4295 still houses a cement transforming business, Duchesne Refractaire, as seen on April 8. This building is the next to be demolished.

damage.

The paint shop where the fire started had been vacant for some time but workers had been using acetylene torches to re-

move a large industrial smoke pipe from an oven area once used to dry paint on equipment such as tool boxes.

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generate confusion, but its addresses on Richelieu bore no logical relationship to each other and were hard to find for customers and emergency responders alike, including numbers 4101, 4103, 4107, 4243, 4247, 4249, 4251, 4255, 4259, 4263 and 4275.

Potential for trouble

In its derelict state, the warehouse was considered by city officials to present a potential for illicit activity and major disaster.

In 1994, when the building was under trusteeship and vacant – except for an artist living in an apartment there – it was targeted for what was publicized as a “massive” overnight rave party expected to attract thousands of party-goers.

To prevent a leasing company from staging the event, the city managed to obtain an emergency court injunction only hours before on September 29. Nevertheless, police, firefighters and the city’s Civil Protection Unit remained in emergency preparedness all night in case the order was disregarded.

The warehouse had a list of fire code violations “an arm long,” the city’s director general Bruce St. Louis was quoted as saying at the time. The sprinklers were clogged with the residues of foam and other material and there was a lack of emergency lighting.

“It’s like renting a big cave,” he had said.

In the early 2000s, a redevelopment project was submitted to the city, Poirier recalls. It called for substantial demolition of the vacant warehouse and the creation of 400 residential units, which the city considered too high in density.

In the meantime, the owner received an initial expropriation notice a few years ago.

And what might have been a new lease on life for the warehouse in the Westmount strip came to an abrupt end.

Right, the recessed warehouse’s entrance off Richelieu showing some of its manufacturing occupants during a fire April 6, 1992.

Westmount aspect of Turcot project started

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Hydro Westmount equipment stored on its property beneath the Ville Marie expressway could be relocated as early as this week due to Turcot interchange roadwork and expropriations, city director general Duncan told the *Independent* last week.

The strip of Hydro Westmount land is to be expropriated as soon as possible by the Quebec Transport ministry (MTQ) as part of the project to lower the expressway.

A new storage location is being provided by the MTQ in a secured area west of Glen Rd.

Expropriation of a few feet of city-owned land at the south end of the Public Works yard, which is located north of the expressway, is a separate issue but not imminent, Campbell said.

The update comes as demolition of the former H&H warehouse progresses in the Richelieu industrial sector of Westmount (see story p. 1) and triplexes on Selby St.

await demolition. These were owned by, and home to, former longtime city councillor John de Castell.


The relocation of Hydro Westmount equipment takes place during a period of negotiations regarding the expropriation and the MTQ’s takeover of the joint pumping of contaminants by the city and the Montreal transit commission in the area (see story February 25, p. 1).

The MTQ postponed a March 28 meeting with the city but set no new date, Campbell said.




A view of the former H&H warehouse in Westmount looking east. It is 50 percent demolished, revealing graffiti on the former interior walls, April 8. To the right, staircases at the rear of houses fronting on Richelieu St. in St. Henri.





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History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

One of the oldest still-standing houses in Westmount, at 70 Rosemount Crescent, is located at the corner of Rosemount Crescent and Mountain Ave., the former gatehouse to the huge Rosemount estate.

The tiny house was built in 1870 to house caretakers for the former mansion constructed by John Young, the first commissioner of the Port of Montreal and member of parliament for Montreal West. Rosemount Ave., it appears, started as the driveway to the Rosemount estate, which has now been divided into two properties fronting on what is now Severn Ave.

The gatehouse heralded the entrance to the huge mansion, which by the late 1870s was in the hands of Robert James Richie.

He sold much of the land – gatehouse included – to Thomas H. Hodgson, who subdivided several lots south of the Rosemount estate and planned to develop them. Apparently he got into trouble with the Bank of Montreal and in 1886 the property was taken over for a cost of \$18,000 by two prominent lawyers, Norman William Trenholme and Archibald Dunbar Taylor.

The two lawyers split the property between themselves and in 1914 Trenholme, by then a judge, transferred his property, including the gatehouse and the lot just below it, to his son, George A. Trenholme, who was described as a real estate agent. By January 1920, George Trenholme had built 68 Rosemount Ave. (to become Rosemount Crescent) and sold that off to Cecil McDougall, then sold off the 70 Rosemount house to James L. Weir, a machinist, for \$7,250.

Weir died in 1931 but his widow held on to the house, which by now had its own lot number, until 1945, when she sold to



Frederick Richard Mulligan, who owned it for 20 years, paying \$6,500. He sold to Gertrude Audrey Thorne, wife of Arthur Edward Stanger, in June 1965, for \$48,000, starting a series of fast turnovers that lasted for the next 30 years or so.

Stanger held onto it for only two years before selling to Elizabeth Ballantyne Hall, widow of Wilfred Horace Clark, for the same \$48,000. Five years later, in September 1972, it went to Jennifer Elizabeth Oland, wife of Donald Gordon Paterson, for \$60,000. Only one year passed before the next sale, to Robert Hackett, a lawyer, and Daria Buczko for \$65,000. They held on to it for five years before selling to Ada Virginia Murray, wife of James Robert Humphreys, for \$78,500 in May 1978.

Value doubles

The house had been upgraded over the years and continued that way in the 1980s, selling to Peter O'Brien, another lawyer, in August 1982, for \$145,000, almost double the price of four years earlier. We find a listing in 1986, when he sold it. He was

able to get \$220,000 from Peter Charlton, who kept it for only nine months.

Here, the fast-rising market of the 1980s started to slow down. In March 1987, Peter Charlton sold to a trust account looking after the interests of William Blanchard Baskett Scully for \$265,000. Three years later, in October 1990, the trust account got only \$10,000 more in a sale to Don Newman. The market fell back in about 1992 and did not recover until well after the 1995 Quebec referendum. Even at that, in April of 1997 Newman was only able to sell it for \$272,000 – \$3,000 less than he paid for the house – when he sold to Monique Chabot, a television personality and the widow of Guy Sanche, who died in 1988.

Very little renovation took place during the next two decades – it appears it was rented in later years – until finally Maxime Vandal, an architect, purchased it for \$750,000 in January 2009. He gutted the house and dug out the basement (which had originally only been half-excavated), reusing some of the wood and transforming the kitchen and bathrooms.

Still, it was only a one-bedroom house (with upstairs office and dressing room) but its charm and history attracted Danny Ritter, a financial manager at RSM Richter in Alexis Nihon Plaza, who paid \$1,350,000 in 2009.

The house proudly *continued on p. 30*



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount

AVIS DE PRÉSENTATION D'UN PROJET DE LOI D'INTÉRÊT PRIVÉ

Avis est donné que la Ville de Westmount s'adressera à l'Assemblée nationale, à la prochaine session ou à une session subséquente, afin de présenter un projet de loi d'intérêt privé ayant pour objet **LA DÉSIGNATION DES MEMBRES DE SON COMITÉ CONSULTATIF D'URBANISME QUI ONT DES COMPÉTENCES PARTICULIÈRES EN MATIÈRE D'ARCHITECTURE ET D'URBANISME, SANS ÉGARD À LEUR LIEU DE RÉSIDENCE, POUR UN MANDAT D'UNE DURÉE D'AU PLUS QUATRE ANS ET RENOUELABLE.**

Toute personne ayant des motifs d'intervenir sur ce projet de loi d'intérêt privé doit en informer la directrice de la législation de l'Assemblée nationale, édifice Pamphile-Le May, bureau 3.55, 1035, rue des Parlementaires, Québec (Québec) G1A 1A3.

Donné à Westmount, ce 22 avril 2014.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Westmount will petition the National Assembly at the next session or a subsequent session, to introduce a Private Bill concerning **THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF ITS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO POSSESS SPECIAL SKILLS IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING, REGARDLESS OF THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, FOR A TERM NOT EXCEEDING FOUR YEARS AND RENEWABLE.**

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BARBARA SILVERBERG

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

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I often notice local res Barbara Silverberg. She is hard to miss. On grey Westmount streets, she is always dressed in something interesting: a huge great brooch, fun glasses or colourful coats that stand out against a sea of black hooded parkas.

I learnt that she produces art maps annually in Toronto and Montreal. She also works in art – and will be curating a photography show at Westmount's McClure Gallery on April 25, at which artist Marcel Pinchevsky is donating all proceeds to LOVE, Paradis Urban and the McClure. She is also working on a wearable art show on May 16. And years ago, I learnt she had a very popular gallery featuring fun, bright ceramics. So no wonder she has great style.

What is your favourite way of dressing this spring?

I have always loved colour, so this season is perfect for me! I mix the brights and the patterns for funky combinations. And some of the new shapes fit my casual lifestyle.

This season, many prints were shown on the runways, and many worn together.

What do you think of this trend?

I love them! They make everyone look so individual, and to me, like art.

You travel a lot. What did you pack for your recent trip to Arica?

I was a wise traveller. Mostly wash-and-wear and mix-and-match items, and – above all – comfortable shoes. Curiously, I took lots of socks, although I wore flip-flops on the lovely beaches.

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

I exercise and walk a lot, so I love the easy clothes that move with you.

Now companies make them in great colours and styles, as well as flattering fits. I live in them all weekend long, sometimes just adding a fun jewel to go out at night for dinner.

Who are your favourite designers?

Right now it is Ted Baker. He is very appropriate for my age and body. I love his looks.

Your favourite artists? What do you collect? Glass? Ceramics? Paintings? Photographs?

My favourite is Picasso. He was so talented in so many areas: glass, ceramics, paintings. He was a genius. I love Lucien Freud's work as well. I collect mostly Canadian artists in ceramics, glass, fibre and photographs. The art in our apartment is always changing, so – sadly – often my pieces are in storage.

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

Probably on a beach near Cape Town. The weather is wonderful, and the flowers are enormous.

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

Just Pablo Picasso and me. That would be some dinner!

What is your favourite flower?

Do you have flowers in your home?

I love flowers, and usually have tulips and lilies in my home. I love the way that tulips' stems bend when they start to fall a little. Their lines are very Art Nouveau. Then the petals fall, and they are so lovely lying on the table.



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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount's **Astri Prugger** of Astri Prugger Design, the charming shop on Victoria Ave., and **Tracy Gartner** (of Trink Jewelry, which is based at the same location) organized a fashion show to raise funds for the Centre for the Arts in Human Development at Concordia University.

Since 1996 the centre has been offering a clinical program of creative art therapies to adults with developmental and related disabilities and provides internships for graduate students.

Truly a fund-raiser, all the models were volunteers, including **Anna Plesovskikh**, **Violet Pask**, **Audrey Jenner**, **Marcy McCrudden**, and **Polina Minatcheva**. Astri and Tracy spearheaded the concept and the organization, calling on their networks for the cause. Held at the W Hotel, renowned for its cool factor, the show started with two songs from talented **Lisa Walsh**, a Montreal singer who benefited



Maria Pak, Jan Kaluza, Milica Vachon, city councillor Rosalind Davis, Ewa Scheer.

from the therapeutic programs at the centre.

She was accompanied by Westmount's **Moondog Duo**, which also played during the cocktail hour. The first model was Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter **Jennifer Gasoi**, the "lady in red" – to borrow from the famed Chris de Burgh song – who not only spun happily around



Jennifer Gasoi, the lady in red.

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the room, but picked up her ukulele and sang a song.

The evening was supported by Westmount businesses **Westmount Florist**, **O-Way coiffure spa**, **Conference Direct**, and **Annie Young Cosmetics**, which provided a lovely loot bag.

Hair by O-Way Coiffure Spa, and make-up by **Charlotte Marie Flannery** made stars of the models, which included Astri's daughters **Katrina** and **Anna McGaughey**.

Westmount attendees included **Esther Frank** and her daughter **Marcy Frank**, **Deanna Barwick Wall**, **Marilynn Vanderstay**, **Katie Pothier**, **Pamela Bridges**, **Rosalind Davis**, **Milica Vachon**, **Janet Brais**, **Gerard Fellerath**, **Sarah Fellerath**, city councillor **Rosalimnd Davis**, **Jan Kaluza**, **Kathryn Lund**, **Charleen Young**, Astri's husband **John McGaughey** and **Ruth Gesser**, board member of the Centre for the Arts in Human Development.

The cocktail evening raised \$10,000 for the centre, which was represented by **Lenore Vosberg**, and her advisory board, all of whom worked tireless to help support the successful – and fun! – soirée.

Priory, cont'd. from p. 23

Proceeds from such fundraisers go towards completing the MUHC's Best Care for Life campaign and the event's volunteer organizers plan to continue the Toonie Challenge as an ongoing project, said Hugessen. "The Toonie Challenge will go on every year with the schools and grow. What it is, is a way that the schools will become friends with the MUHC."

"I don't see why we would stop it because every year there will be new students," Hugessen said. The long-term fundraising goal is to raise 69,000 toonies, enough to circle the entire Glen hospital facility site. "The kids in kindergarten now might see the Glen circled and that's why we have that overall concept, to circle the Glen because each year these students go back and they tell their class, you know you've got to do it next year because we're almost around," she said.



Anna Plesovskikh, Audrey Jenner, Marcy McCrudden and Polina Minatcheva.



Katrina McGaughey, Astri Prugger and Anna McGaughey.

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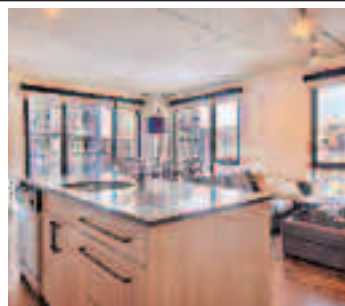


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sports an award granted in 2010 from the Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign and has a Category I designation from the city's 1994 Character Areas Survey, but because it is so small and an auxiliary building to the Rosemount mansion, it did not receive the same recognition as the much larger Rosemount.

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15 Jul. 1880	Thomas H. Hodgson (Various lots)	\$4,539
20 May 1886	Norman W. Trenholme & Archibald Dunbar Taylor (Various lots)	\$18,000
2 Nov. 1914	George A. Trenholme, real estate agent (two lots)	donation
7 Jan. 1920	James L. Weir, machinist (one lot)	\$7,250
21 Mar. 1945	Frederick Richard Mulligan, accountant	\$6,500
30 Jun. 1965	Gertrude Audrey Thorne, wife of Arthur Edward Stanger	\$48,000
29 May. 1967	Elizabeth Ballantyne Hall, widow of Wilfred Horace Clark	\$48,000
15 Sep. 1972	Jennifer Elizabgeth Oland, wife of Donald Gordon Paterson, stock broker	\$60,000
30 Aug. 1973	Robert Hackett & Daria Buczko	\$65,000

15 May. 1978	Ada Virginia Murray, wife of James Robert Humphreys	\$78,500
31 Aug. 1982	Peter O'Brien	\$145,000
2 Jun. 1986	Peter Charlton	\$220,000
20 Mar. 1987	Vincent Gladstone Scully & Dorothy Margaret Harper and Martha Kirtley Baskett "in trust"	\$265,000
23 Oct. 1990	Don Newman	\$275,000
24 Apr. 1997	Monique Chabot	\$272,000
29 Jan. 2009	Maxime Vandal, architect	\$750,000
25 Nov. 2009	Danny Ritter	\$1,350,000

Police report, cont'd. from p. 21

rière also cautions that car owners need to be more vigilant, as more people on the streets equals more potential thieves.

"You have more people outside biking, more people walking on the street, thus more chance of people looking into their cars and trying to spot your things," he said.

Furthermore, Laperrière and fellow Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel have also been going on daily two-to-three hour patrols in the affected areas, speaking to shop owners and residents while also adding an increased sense of police presence to deter potential thieves.

Mod's celebrates 25 successful years

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

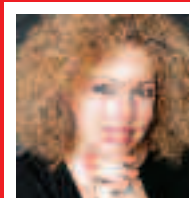
While there are more and more *à louer* signs appearing along Westmount's Greene Ave., one iconic building is celebrating. Mod's Hair Westmount, a franchise from Paris, France, is continuing into its 25th year. The beautiful building with its lead glass windows is well located on the corner of Greene and St. Catherine. But although owners Christophe Astruc and Stéphane Laveur understand the famed "location, location, location" mantra of real estate, they attribute their longevity to the salon's friendly atmosphere. "And we listen," explains Stéphane. When their clientele, whether "elegantly courtly and fiercely contemporary," discuss a change, "we understand it has to also fit into their lifestyle," adds Christophe.

Both hailing from France, they understand the importance of little "refreshments" said stylist Claude Abitbol. This does not mean a cup of tea, but a "look." The salon was just completely re-painted so that the art always displayed would shine. Not only is Stéphane Laveur an artist, but also one of the staff, Leila Labelle, is exhibiting her work on May 7 for Mother's Day. The cocktail evening is free



Christophe Astruc and Stéphane Laveur.

and open to all. A percentage from the sale of Leila's art will be donated to Oxfam-Québec and other women's rights programs. Local businesses Marie Dumas and Les 5 Saisons are supporting the event, as are NeeNah and Vitamine & Sea. "We thought this would be a wonderful way to celebrate our 25 years – by giving back," said Laveur. (Reservations can be made at 514.935.5608.)

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BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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Emmanuel Mavridakis at school.

Although he suffered severe head and spinal cord trauma, a collapsed lung, broken bones and had virtually no feeling from his waist to his toes, he has progressed quickly since then and last month resumed classes.

With his eyes opened by the accident and determined to make a difference, Manny is now fundraising to purchase a Lokomat, which provides robot-assisted walking therapy to help improve a person's ability to walk after a spinal cord injury.

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Working in conjunction with the Fondation Melio and St. Justine's Hospital, as well as family, friends and LCC classmates, Mavridakis has managed to raise \$157,000, which is nearly half the money needed to buy the Lokomat for the hospital.

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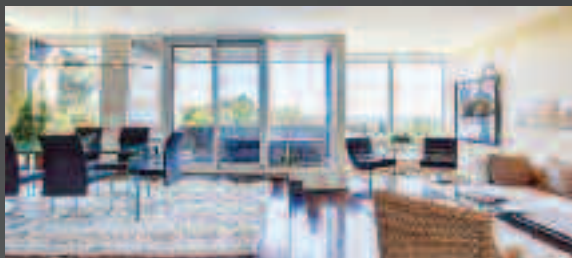
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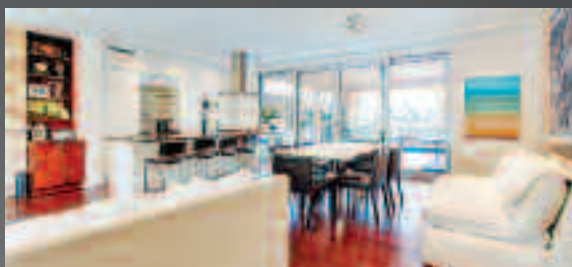
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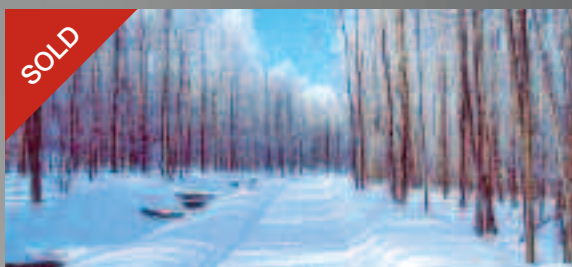
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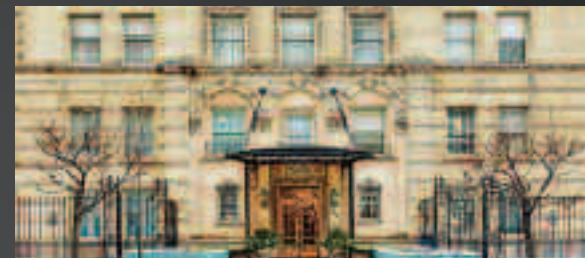
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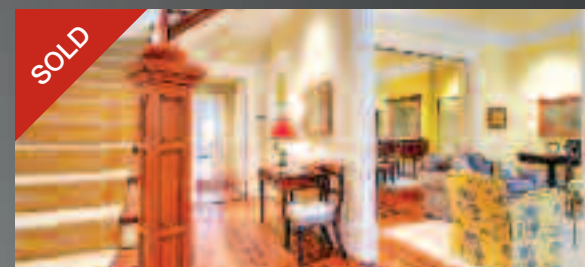
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