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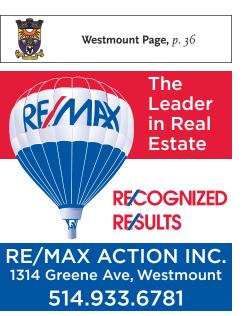
# Merchants ready for Victoria village sidewalk sale

#### By Martin C. Barry

Despite one of the hardest years for retailers in recent memory, Westmount's merchants remain upbeat about the strength of the local economy as they prepare to stage the Victoria Village Sidewalk Sale and Festival on June 6, 7 and 8.

Boutiques, convenience stores, restaurants, as well as fitness and wellness services within the Victoria village are collaborating more than ever to make the annual event a success. The merchants are encouraging those attending to play an active role by participating in the special events.

"I feel that the merchants' association is doing a great job this year," says Annie Young Cosmetics co-owner Sharleen Young. "I feel that I am part of a new feel-



ing on the street. I feel that the changes that the merchants' association is making are really exciting for all of us."

On Saturday, June 7, there will be an Art Walk on Victoria Ave. A bigger stage than in past years will be built at Prince Albert Ave. and Sherbrooke St. At 10:30 am, people will be able to warm up in the stage area with help from the Running Room, then take a jog through the area for a sidewalk sale preview.

At 11 am, they will also be able to get in shape while trying Victoria Park's live fullbody circuit training on stage, or do ballroom dancing at noon. Those walking around on the streets will be able to tour the restaurants and choose a lunch or early dinner.

At 1 pm, people will ..... also be able to take part in continued on p. 24



Westmounter Shana Rotstein, in Super Girl costume, hangs over the side of Place du Canada on de la Gauchetière downtown as she prepares to rappel down the building's 28 storeys on May 30. She and approximately 40 other participants were raising money in Montreal's first Rope for Hope event, which benefits Make-A-Wish Canada. Rotstein personally raised \$4,019. The total raised exceeded \$94,000 by the evening. Make-A-Wish works to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. See other photo, p. 26. Photo: Ralph Thomp

# 2016 goal: use 20% less water **City installs first water meter** at city hall, others to follow

#### By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Water meters are starting to come to Westmount as part of a water reduction strategy, though timelines are still unknown for metering of all houses and other buildings, city officials said last week.

"We're starting with municipal buildings," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. And the first of the city's buildings to be retrofitted with a water meter was city hall a few weeks ago during kitchen renovations.

For "quite some time," the city has also been asking that any new construction be made meter-ready, said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. This would prevent the opening of walls for future meters.

Among these structures is the Westmount recreation centre, which was taken one step further with the actual installation of a meter during the building process. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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# Maislin happened to be passing by Cyclist and van collide at NDG and Westmount avenues

#### By Laureen Sweeney

Another in a recent rash of accidents in the Montreal area involving the collision of cyclists and trucks occurred May 20, and

# Falling branch smashes through windshield

A large branch of a tree smashed through the windshield of a car parked May 27 on Mount Pleasant just north of Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. Officers responded after receiving a call from 911 at 1:07 pm and said it was very fortunate no one had been inside the car at the time.

The owner, a resident of Lansdowne, was traced through a parking permit. The owner of the tree was told to have it inspected and pruned.

# A new kind of noise complaint

Public safety officers were dispatched May 21 at 3:14 am for yelling and noise behind 4962 Sherbrooke, a commercial occupancy, Public Security officials said.

On arrival they found a 20-year old woman naked from the waist down along with a man identified only as a resident of NDG.

Both dressed quickly on the arrival of patrollers and were told to find "a more private location" for sexual activity. this time in Westmount, Public Security officials said.

A 57-year-old NDG woman was reported to have hit the right side of a roofer's panel van travelling east on NDG Ave. as it made a right turn to go west on Westmount Ave. around the triangular island across from Marianopolis College.

The van's windows were painted over, resulting in the same blind spot noted on larger trucks, though in this case the van was understood to have already started its turn when the cyclist came alongside it.

"She was visibly upset and talking about a sore foot," said city of Westmount sports coordinator Andrew Maislin, who was driving by just before 8:30 am on his way to work and stopped to help her while awaiting public safety officers and other emergency workers.

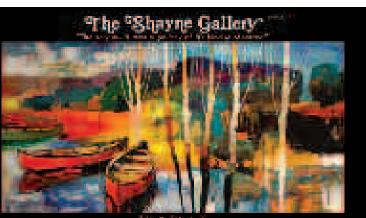
#### 'Lucky'

"She was very lucky," Maislin said. "It could have had another outcome." The woman was on her way to work, he said. Her bicycle was under the right wheel of the vehicle.

She sustained pain in the ankle and some small scrapes on the hands and knees, said Public Security director Greg McBain. She was wearing a helmet, was conscious and able to answer questions from emergency personnel.

He said on receiving the call from Maislin that public safety officers were dispatched and 911 was called, bringing Urgences Santé, firefighters and police to the scene.

In an effort to prevent such accidents, Westmount has been outfitting its Public Works trucks with cameras that enable drivers to see the blind spots at the rear and right side (see May 20, p. 8).



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# Who said dogs don't have nine lives, too?



This disoriented Dachshund was seen running ahead of motor traffic heading north on Claremont just south of de Maisonneuve on May 23. The passing bicyclist tried to coral the lost pooch towards the sidewalk and out of traffic, but it headed up the middle of Claremont. The hound was later seen on a leash being walked along Burton Ave.

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# Rotarians ready for auction/garage sale



From left, Westmount Rotarians Jim Griffin, James Bouchard and Haagen Kierulf pause during pickups on May 28 in upper Westmount. The Rotary auction and garage sale will take place this Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 at the RMR Armoury, 4625 St. Catherine St.

# Public Security hires summer cadets for parks, fire inspections

Three Public Security cadets began training last week to patrol parks over the summer while two fire prevention students were hired to carry out the city's smoke detector inspections.

"The cadets will be on special lookout for cyclists riding in Westmount Park off the bike path, for dogs walking off-leash or

### New tickets issued at 215 Redfern

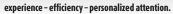
Three tickets totalling \$565 were issued May 27 at the 215 Redern work site for construction in progress prior to the 7 am permitted start-up time, Public Security officials said. A public safety officer standing by at the condo development site at without up-to-date licences and for problems that might arise in Stayner Park following the closure of Cabot Square," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

Patrollers issued a warning to one cyclist found riding in Westmount Park May 20, he said.

6:44 am reported hearing "metallic noises" and found workers using a fork lift to hoist a load of metal. The two workers were each ticketted \$148 and the subcontractor was given a ticket for \$269.



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# Food Network signs Westmount chef Antonio Park

#### By Martin C. Barry

After turning down several offers to appear on televised cooking programs, Westmount chef Antonio Park has signed a multi-year agreement to serve as a judge on *Chopped Canada*, the Food Network's top-rated Canadian cooking show.

For its second season, which airs next year, *Chopped Canada* episodes will feature 10 experienced judges and four competing chefs. The format has the chefs cooking in front of the judges for a \$10,000 prize.

Chef Antonio, who works from the Park Restaurant on Victoria Ave., is one of three new judges added to the roster for the 2015 season.

According to a press release issued by the show's executive producer Shaw Media, *Chopped Canada*'s first season achieved record-breaking audience numbers, making it the highestrated Canadian original premiere in the

Concrete falls from chimney, lands two feet from woman and dog

A large chunk of concrete fell off a chimney May 24 and landed two feet away from where a Westmount woman was walking her dog, Public Security officials said. The concrete was reported to weigh as much as 50 pounds. Three other pieces fell close by also from the apartment building at 3033 Sherbrooke at Vignal.

"She was very, very lucky," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

The fire department removed whatever other loose pieces remained on the chimney of the large Checkers apartment building located at the side of Vignal, he said. The area was blocked off by Public Works until an inspection could be carried out.

This is second time in two weeks that a passer-by narrowly missed being hit by pieces of a building falling onto the sidewalk. The previous incident occurred May 11 when a granite panel fell from the façade of the building at 1357 Greene (see photo May 13, p. 9 and story May 20, p. 8). Bricks also fell recently from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (seep. 30).



Chef Antonio Park of Park Restaurant on Victoria Ave. has signed a multi-year contract to appear on Food Network's top-rated and nationally-viewed cooking program, Chopped Canada, starting in 2015.

network's history.

"*Chopped Canada* has the biggest rating and viewership on Food Network right

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with the Wardens of

now," Park told the *Independent*. Although the show's producers sought him out, he didn't hesitate to accept, although he previously turned down offers from other food show producers.

"I've had a lot of people approach me for other cooking shows and I refused them all," he said. "I'm not interested in becoming a celebrity chef. I'm interested in sharing my ideas with other chefs. The reason why I accepted this offer was because I wanted to give them my knowledge when it comes to cooking.

For me, it's all about sharing ideas and showing that Canadian chefs can be among the best in the world."

Chef Antonio said his commitment to Chopped Canada, which is produced in Toronto, won't seriously impact his culinary duties at Park Restaurant.

"One day that I'm going we're closed anyway," he said. "I'll be here four or five other days during the week."



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# White stepping down as Westmount Y director

#### By Michael Moore

Long-time Westmount YMCA director Gary White is stepping down after three decades with the organization.

The YMCAs of Quebec are currently undergoing an organizational restructur-

ing, which includes shuffling the directors of some of its centres. Though White was offered a job as director of another YMCA, he elected to turn down the opportunity and leave the organization.

The decision brings to a close White's three-decade-long tenure with the YMCAs

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

of Quebec, first with a two-year stint with the YMCA Kanawana summer camp and then the next 28 years with the Westmount Y, including the last 11 as director.

White says he will take some to consider his employment options, but has offered to continue helping the YMCA with its future fundraising endeavours.

Christina Romero, the current director of the YMCA du Parc, will take over White's position at the Westmount YMCA sometime in early June.

#### Westmount Park School turns 100, with lots of friends

On May 29, Westmount Park School celebrated its 100th birthday. With the help of many past and present dedicated teachers, students and their parents, the celebration was a huge success.

There was a parade through the park, a ceremony for the centennial tree that was planted by Westmount, a magician, games, a barbecue lunch for students and teachers and fabulous dance and music performances by the students.

From 2:30 to 5 pm there was a reception in the library for teachers and administrators; past and present, students; past and present and family.

This would not have been as wonderful as it was, if it had not been for the kind generosity by Westmount vendors. The following deserve special mention:

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derful and giving community. Thank you! Deввie Beitel, Aввотт Ave.

#### **'TEMPORARY' FENCE** A MENACE

I was on the bike path cycling east on May 22, my dog beside me. A few yards from Melville Ave., he ran into a tangle of wires from the wood slat fence, causing me to fall.

A teacher from the elementary school

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Owned and published by: Sherbrooke-Valois Inc., 310 Victoria Ave., #105, Westmount, QC H3Z 2M9 Fax: 514.935.9241 came to offer help. Fortunately for me, I had fallen on the grass. Since the bike path was constructed very many years ago, I may say that the "temporary" green, wood slat fence has now become a permanent one!

Daily, children from the adjacent elementary school lean on and rock the fence causing its metal poles to fall across the path of cyclists. Strong winds often blow the fence down. In the dim evening lighting, a speeding cyclist colliding with a pole could be thrown head first onto the path.

How many accidents have happened that have not been heard of or reported?

Bicycles and cyclists can come in many varieties: children cyclists, cyclists with folded arms, a parent with a toddler on a carrier at the back or front, speeding cyclists, cyclists riding with music blaring, special cycles with long extensions for a child to paddle behind, cycles with side carriers, models with the rider almost horizontal, etc.

A couple of years ago, I had suggested to Westmount that a shoulder-high, green hedge sandwiching a permanent wire fence should be constructed from Melville, rounding off at the gazebo.

I was informed that an *ad hoc* committee would soon be meeting to settle the matter.

Had my suggestion been acted upon and the matter settled, my dog would not have run into the tangle of wires and I would not have fallen.

> Stephen Chin Sherbrooke St.

# *News item:* Neighbours continue to criticize access to McGill University Health Centre



At 12:24 am, offers were called to a

party on Braeside Place where the parents

of the host said their son was celebrating

his birthday with 30 other youths.

# Noisy parties bring many complaints to Public Security

#### By Laureen Sweeney

Five noisy parties over the May 23-25 weekend generated complaints from ticked-off neighbours, Public Security officials said. While most needed only one warning to tone it down, one resulted in the issuing of a ticket when the noise was rekindled and officers had to return.

The complaints began at 10:37 pm May 23, a Friday, when loud voices were reported at the rear of a house on Lansdowne south of Sherbrooke. A 19-year-old host told officers she had friends over and would lower the noise.

At 11:20 pm, complaints came in about another party on Cedar where many loud voices and music could be heard from the back yard. Guests were taken inside.

Then at 11:40 pm, officers were called

to an apartment at 225 Kensington where loud music could again be heard when officers arrived. It was turned down and the resident was told to close the windows.

But soon after, it was back to the Lansdowne party where another complaint came in at 12:07 am. This time, officers spoke to the homeowner who explained that her daughter's 50 guests could not be controlled. Officers remained at the scene for 20 minutes while the guests began leaving. Several congregated on the front lawn carrying open beer bottles, which were subsequently confiscated. On this follow-up visit, a ticket for \$148 was issued.

Two other noisy parties were reported the next night (Saturday into Sunday) starting with one on Lexington at 10:14 pm. Here, 50 to 70 young people were found inside and outside. Because of the large number, public safety officers called for police assistance but the noise was lowered.



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Dramatis Personae scores with The Good Doctor



The Good Doctor, an adaptation by Neil Simon of a selection of Anton Chekov's short stories, was presented by Westmount's community theatre group, Dramatis Personae, on May 28, May 31 and June 1 in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall. Biting satire, low comedy and even a little romance were on tap. "We have been sold out for every performance," longtime Dramatis Personae member Ann Elbourne told the Independent. "People really liked the play and we certainly had fun performing." Seen from left are Henry Nesvadba, Lauren Walsh-Greene, Karen Sauder, Bill Gilsdorf and Nadine Hennelly.

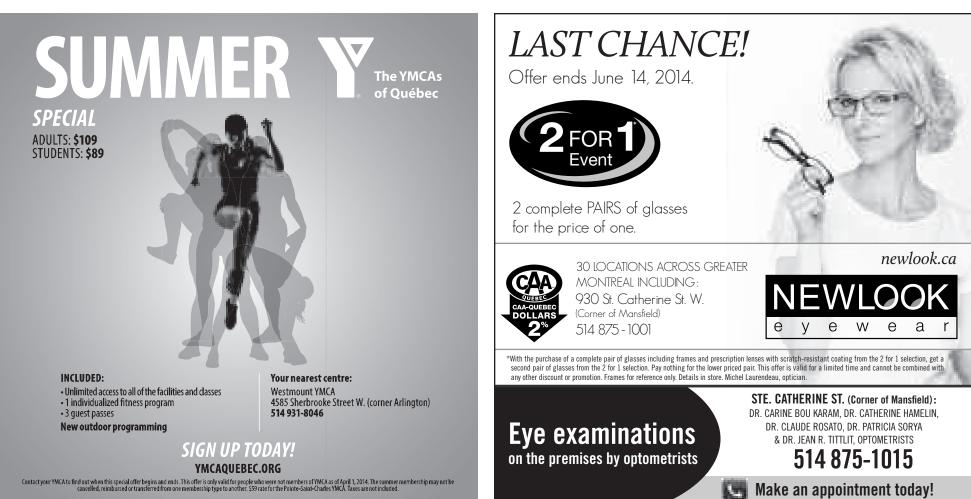
# It is open! Pool of the past, pool of the future

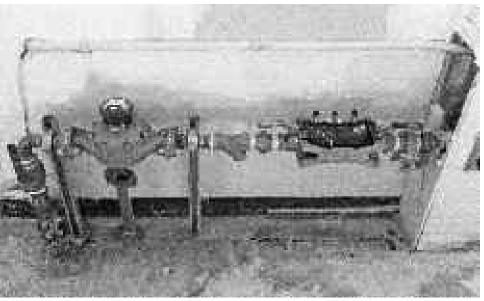


In circa 1966, Cathy Moore, left, and Suzie Lombard enjoyed the then-new pool, which had opened in 1962. Moore is still a Westmount resident.



The Westmount Recreation Centre's new swimming pool opened June 2 at 7 am. Longtime swimmer Lena Atlas was waiting to get in at 6:45 am. She has been swimming for an hour in the pool at the crack of dawn for more than 10 years. She was soon joined by seven others. The first to take to the water were: Atlas, Nancy Wilson, Devon Phillips, Andrew Sharp, Mark Randolph, Maureen Lafrenière, Daniel Turp and Jonathan Kaplansky. At 7:03 am, on the count of three from pool manager Skyler Wittman, they jumped in.





City hall's water meter was installed during renovations.

#### Water, cont'd. from p. 1

buildings to be retrofitted are the library, the Public Works building and Protective Services, in that order, according to Public Works building inspector Frank McMahon. These are among the 22 counted in a report on the management of drinking water tabled by city council May 5.

Other measures outlined by the city to prepare for provincial water-reduction targets of 20 percent by the start 2016 – now less than two years away - include the installation of water meters in institutions and businesses as well as on the distribution network at the limits of the city.

When will metering come to all houses and residential buildings?

"That's a big project," Zalzal said. And it is likely "quite a long way off."

She said it is not yet known whether the city will foot the cost of the meters in other than municipally owned buildings.

If the Hydro Westmount model were to be used, the meters would be purchased, owned and installed by the city but property owners would be responsible for preparing their building to accept them.

workshops related to hearing loss.

This requires a horizontal piping installation (see photo above).

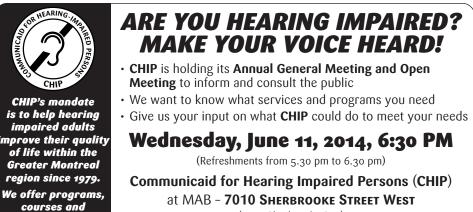
#### Water-based cooling systems

Not so far away, however, according to the city's By-law 1437 on drinking water that went into effect January 1, 2013, is the prohibition by January 1, 2015 on the use of water-based cooling systems in all buildings.

None are known to be in use in houses or residential buildings, Poirier said. "Not more than a handful" of commercial or institutional buildings may be using them though the city has no inventory as such, she said.

Urban Planning plumbing inspector Tom Souleles said he knew of one in a restaurant that is now closed. But should it reopen, it will be required to be replaced by one that does not use potable water. While using drinking water for these systems is a waste of treated water, these cooling systems are actually more effective than alternatives, he added.

Another water-based cooling system is known to be in use at Manoir Westmount. Provincial water reduction targets are



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based in part on studies showing that water consumption in Quebec is abnormally high, estimated at 35 percent higher than the rest of Canada.

This total includes actual use as well as water leaks.

Since Westmount assumed the ownership and maintenance of its water infrastructure from Montreal as part of the demerger agreement, the city has been updating the system, carrying out regular water leak detection and acting quickly to repair smaller leaks before they cause additional damage, said Public Work commissioner Patrick Martin.

### Mother's car runs out of gas, Public Security comes to the rescue

A car containing two children and their mother ran out of gas May 20 on Grosvenor outside Roslyn School at 3:32 pm, Public Security officials said.

It occurred just as school was getting out for the day. Traffic was already heavy and the stalled car restricted access to the passage of school buses. A public safety officer drove the woman to get gas while another stayed with the children and helped direct traffic.



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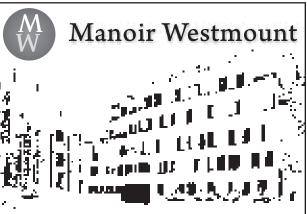
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# Adye remembers, 70 years later **D-Day represents hope – and disappointment**

#### By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Allies' D-Day landings on Normandy June 6, 70 years ago, has a very personal meaning to Westmounter Joan Adye.

At age 11 as a boarding school girl in England, she thought it meant that World War II would soon be over and at last she would be re-united with her widowed mother, who had remained in the Channel Islands, off the coast of Normandy.

The islands are the last remnant of the duchy of Normandy and are not a part of the United Kingdom but a dependency of the British crown.

They were the only part of the British Commonwealth to be occupied by German troops during the war.

"We erroneously thought D-Day would end the war and we would see our parents in a short while," she recalled last week on the approach of the 70th anniversary of D-Day, June 6.

As a result, D-Day has come to represent hope and disappointment to her all these years later.

She was one of hundreds of Channel Island children who spent the war years in England. The young Adye attended boarding schools in Shropshire near aunts and uncles.

When victory in Europe finally came on May 8, 1945, VE Day, "I remember holding my white underpants out the window," said. "It was only white thing I had to wave. I'll remember that to my dying day." No one saw the students waving, however, "Because we were right in the country."

#### Close to starvation

Meanwhile, on Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands, where her mother continued to live, there were periods during the occupation when the population was close to starvation. They were finally liberated on May 9, 1945, the date Channel Islanders celebrate each year as their own Liberation Day.

"I don't remember ever being hungry during the war," Adye said of the food rationing. "But we used to draw lines on top of the butter and divide it into little squares."

During the war, "All my aunts and uncles stepped up to the plate. Family was so important." Had she been sent to Canada during the evacuation, she would not have had this support.

And for Adye, who had been born in Bombay (now Mumbai), India in 1932, this family connection was especially important, considering she had already lost her father when she was less than a year old.

Hugh Mortimer Adve, an engineer with the Burmah-Shell company had died of



strep throat in India before she The cenotaph in front of Westmount city hall.

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was even a year old. Her mother had then moved to Jersey to be close to her own mother, though the family were British and did not have roots in the Channel Islands.

After the war ended, Adye completed her education at schools in England, travelling back and forth to Jersey during holidays. She never moved back as an adult, choosing instead to work as a nanny in Switzerland, Spain and Italy before immigrating to Canada in 1968 "to get a job with a pension."

The job turned out to be teaching shorthand and typing at Champlain College until her retirement some 20 years ago. She then moved from downtown to a house on Prince Albert that she had already purchased 20 years previous.

#### Council meeting attender

But even before moving there herself, Adye had become a familiar figure at

Westmount city council meetings, raising various issues as a property owner.

"It's a very British thing to do," she explained. "You always paid attention to what was going on and how the money was being spent. I think people should be more involved."

Adve comes from a British military family of many generations, "though, fortunately, we never lost anyone in war," she said.

Her great grandfather, army general Sir John Miller Adye was the son and grandson of military officers. He served in the Crimean War, as well in the Indian Rebellion and the expedition to Egypt in 1882. He became governor of Gibraltar in 1883, where he was noted for his paintings of military subjects and Gibraltar landscapes.

In turn, his son, Sir John Adye (Joan's grandfather), rose to the rank of major general.

Joan maintains an active interest in the Channel Islands where, she notes that an Allied War Cemetery was created in 1943 to include the remains of British sailors washed up on the Jersey shores after the sinking of a British warship as well as subsequent victims of D-Day.

And this connection provides a co-incidental link to her

own life that comes almost full circle with her move to Westmount. For, it was in Jersey's "Westmount Cemetery" that the bodies of servicemen had initially been interred.



Westmount cemetery on Jersey in the Channel Islands.



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# 14 struck in Westmount in 2013 Police: Highway Code requires pedestrians to wait for signals

#### By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A number of pedestrians in Westmount appear to be unaware they are required by the Quebec Highway Safety Code to obey pedestrian signals rather than the red/green traffic lights where both types are provided, police traffic officer Steven Goldberg said last week.

"People say they didn't know or were late and don't have time to wait. They think they're invincible. It's a behaviour.



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They're still focusing on the red-and-green cycle."

This, along with crossing between intersections, is the most common pedestrian problem he observes in Westmount where 14 pedestrian accidents were reported in 2013, including one fatality October 24.

Another risky pedestrian habit he notices – often among seniors and young children – is trying to cross on a pedestrian light when only a few seconds or so are left in the cycle. "You have to use proper judgment."

Westmount, he believes, has "the safest infrastructure," for pedestrians with so many four-way crossings with pedestrian lights as well as those protected by pedestrian-activated crossing lights.

Nevertheless, too many pedestrians fail to benefit from it, he said as Montreal police released pedestrian accident statistics for last year.

These show the Westmount fatality to be one of 12 on the entire island of Montreal in 2013. It occurred at de Maisonneve and Wood. In this case it was reported that an "on demand" pedestrian light was either not used or not obeyed (see story De-

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But these are only the accidents reported.

"How many near misses have we had?" he asks. "How many do we not know about?"

Because the Quebec Highway Code gives pedestrians the right-of-way, he said, doesn't mean they have *carte blanche* to cross between intersections, against red lights or ignoring pedestrian signals where applicable.

While some pedestrians blame cyclists for not adhering to traffic regulations, the fault lies with drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike, Goldberg said. "My problem with the pedestrian is that they don't respect the minimum."

Under the law, while cyclists and drivers must follow the traffic lights, pedestrians are governed by pedestrian lights where available. Otherwise, it is the pedestrian who has right-of-way at the green lights or stop signs.

Pedestrians are also required to cross at intersections if mid-block crosswalks are not indicated, and within the designated crosswalks at intersections.

In all cases, pedestrians can be subject to \$37 tickets, Goldberg said.

According to a pedestrian safety pam-

### Lying on ground, unable to get up

A Public Security patroller came across a man lying on the ground and unable to get up at Melville and St. Catherine May 25, department officials said. A red bicycle and six empty beer bottles were beside him. Urgences Santé and police were requested when officers were unable to communicate with him. He was found at 2:16 pm and identified as a 48-year-old man whose address could not be confirmed. phlet available from police, the main cause of pedestrian accidents is typically "distraction or carelessness."

"Establish eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you," it states along with the age-old advice to look to the left and look to the right before crossing.

# Pinpointing 2013 pedestrian accident locations

The 14 pedestrian accidents reported in 2013 in Westmount include one fatality, a woman who was hit by a turning car as she reportedly cut across the street at Wood and de Maisonneuve outside of the crosswalk and had either not activated the "on demand" pedestrian light or not waited for it (see December 3, 2013, p. 1).

Most of the accidents were identified by the nearest intersection.

The most accident-prone east-west artery for pedestrians appeared to be St Catherine St., which accounted for five accidents. These were at Wood, Metcalfe, Gladstone and Victoria (2), according to community relations officer Caroline Gauthier.

Sherbrooke St. recorded another three at Redfern, Metcalfe and Grosvenor.

Two pedestrians were hit on Westmount Ave. – at Carleton and at Sydenham – and another two on de Maisonneuve at Wood (including the only fatality) and outside 4000 de Maisonneuve (Alexis Nihon Plaza).

Locations counting single accidents were Lansdowne and Côte St. Antoine, and The Boulevard and Edgehill.

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### **Rainy Day Soccer**



Westmount Termite boys soccer players slog through the muck and rain on the main field during their game May 26 in Westmount Park. The park was full of young players who didn't appear at all bothered by the downpour and continued to play through it all with smiles. Photo: Robert J. Galbraith.

### Computer box a magnet to thieves

A rear passenger window was found smashed on a car parked outside 410 Victoria May 20, Public Security officials report. An empty box for a Mac laptop computer lay on the back seat. The damage was reported by a passer-by at 1:32 pm but when the car's owner arrived 15 minutes later, she reported nothing had been stolen after all.

The box had been empty and she had not realized that leaving it in plain view made it a magnet to thieves who did not know its contents had already been removed.



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# Veziga noodles

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (6 oz/170 g) package bean thread noodles
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) soy sauce

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

In a large saucepan, cover the noodles with hot water and soften for 10 minutes. Drain and cut into 4-inch (10 cm) pieces.

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil

### Contractor's disregard for rules costs \$1,250

A contractor doing renovations at 4626 St. Catherine, at Blenheim Place, May 20 was issued a ticket for \$1,250 when equipment he was to use was placed on the street and sidewalk without a permit, Public Security officials said. The cherry picker lift disrupted traffic and posed risks when discovered at 9:06 am. It was eventually moved onto the street into a no-stopping area. The situation showed a disregard for a number of city regulations, said Public Security director Greg McBain. I medium zucchini, slivered I medium bell pepper, slivered ½ cup (125 mL) snow peas, slivered Pepper to taste

**Garnish** Sliced green onions

over medium heat, add the onions, and sauté until golden brown. Crush the bouillon cubes into the onions, add the soy sauce, and simmer until the bouillon cubes are dissolved. Add the noodles and keep tossing until the noodles are coated (you might need

# Fall on sidewalk breaks dentures

A woman fell on her face outside 5015 Sherbrooke just west of Claremont May 26, according Public Security officials. She was found by a parking inspector who called for assistance.

She was reported to have broken her dentures but refused assistance from Urgences Santé. She was driven home to Longueuil by taxi. The woman's age was unknown but she was described as "elderly." She apparently tripped on a section of sidewalk at 2:55 pm.



more soy sauce). Add the zucchini, bell pepper and peas and toss three or four more times. Sprinkle with pepper to taste, garnish with the sliced green onions, and serve.

Yield: 12 – 15 servings.

### Contractor can't be reached, PSOs fix hoarding at 215 Redfern

A plywood panel used for security fencing at 215 Redfern was temporarily replaced May 17 by public safety officers to restrict access to the worksite. Public Security officials said two messages were left for the contractor who could not be reached on the Saturday at 9 am.

The plywood had been blown or knocked down.

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### Leaf blower extension expires

A gardening contractor was handed a ticket for \$148 May 23 when a patroller tracked the telltale sound of a leaf blower to work on Holton, Public Security officials said.

The worker, who had a city landscaper permit, was reminded that the use of blowers was no longer permitted now that spring clean-up period was over.

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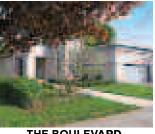


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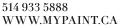












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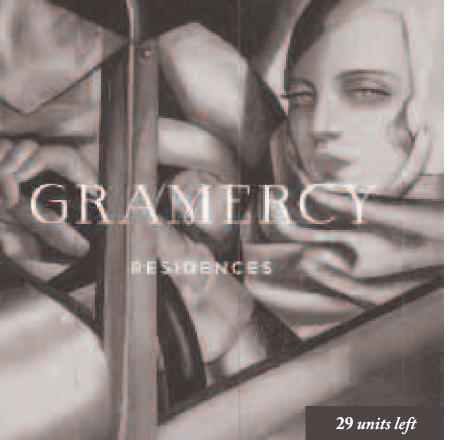




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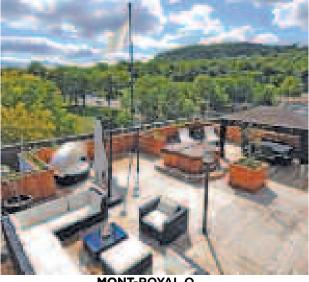
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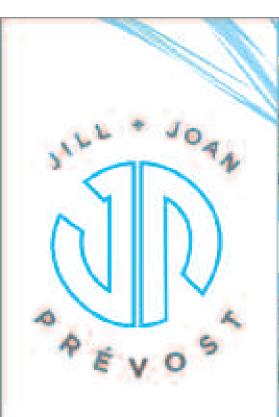


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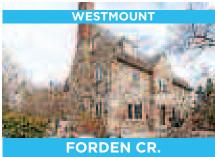


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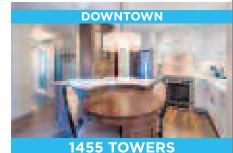
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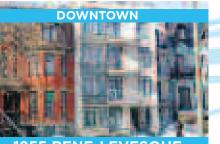
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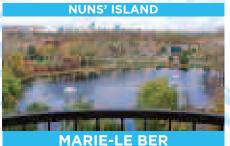
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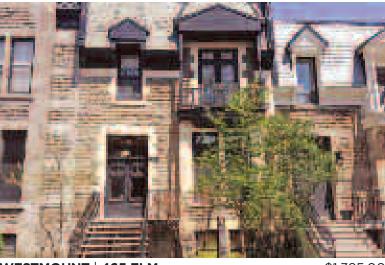
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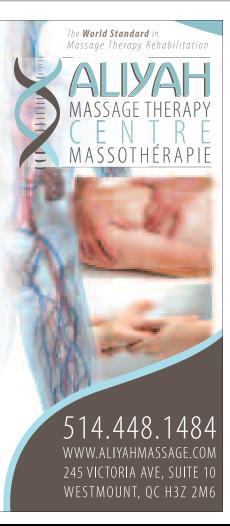
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Live music on stage will start at 3:30 pm. On Sunday, there will be a giant slide for children and a community picnic on Prince Albert Ave.

Local restaurants will be preparing sandwiches for families and visitors.

# Found Yorkie comes with \$76 ticket

A Yorkshire terrier was reported found without any collar outside 319 Grosvenor May 21 and was taken to the Public Security station. The SPCA was advised of its whereabouts but had no reports of the lost dog.

Two hours later at 4:25 pm, a resident of Victoria Ave. called to claim the small dog and was given a \$76 ticket for allowing it to run loose.

Public Security officials said the woman stated she was about to move to NDG. She was not ticketed for failing to have a Westmount licence.



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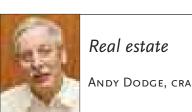
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**Note:** The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in March 2014, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 23.

The hesitation that marked the early 2014 real estate market found its way into the list of registrations for March, with only four single-family sales, the lowest monthly volume for any month in Westmount since March of 2009, the depths of the last recession.

On the other hand, all four of the sales had prices between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, the first time all of the sales in one registration period have been over \$1 mil-

# March transfers: All over \$1M

lion. The lowest price went to 550 Lansdowne Ave., a 1960s cottage just south of Côte St. Antoine Rd., at \$1,022,500. The highest price was for 4398 de Maisonneuve Blvd., between Kensington and Metcalfe avenues, which brought \$1,455,000. The latter was also by far the highest mark-up of the month, more than 75 percent, but that mark-up was cancelled out statistically by the sale of 4306 Montrose Ave. for an 18-percent mark-down. The average of the four sales was 13.3 percent above valuation, which is just about where the other two sales stood in relation to the 2014 municipal assessment.

All three condominium sales in March involved apartments in Westmount Park Towers, 4700 St. Catherine St. Units in the former POM Bakery building ranged from

The POM building, June 1.

Photo: Independent



\$513,000 to \$1,150,000, and all three sold under municipal evaluation. In the first quarter of 2014, seven condo units brought an average price of \$616,000 and had an average valuation of \$632,157, thus sold for 97 percent of their assessed value.

The only other sale involved a co-op apartment at 3457 St. Antoine St., just west of Greene Ave. The apartment is in one of the side-by-side triplexes that for years had been owned by Westmounter Walter Lloyd-Smith, who died in 2009. The buildings were picked up by Ryan Ludlow, who has been selling off individual co-op units in the past several months.

Most of the sales involved agreements made in the first few months of 2014 and which were closed rapidly. Volume of deed registrations usually picks up substantially in May, June and July, which are more conducive months for changing residences.

### **Rotstein rappels**



Westmounter Shana Rotstein rappels down Place du Canada May 30 to raise money for Make-A-Wish. See p. 1 for story. Photo: Ralph Thompson.



# Comin' Up

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 Public consultation on southeast plan-

ning vision, city hall, 7 pm.

#### Thursday, June 5

'Demolition' hearing re: 88 Church Hill, city hall, 6 pm.

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#### Tuesday, June 10

Westmount Horticultural Society hosts guest speaker Daniel Kneeshaw, forest ecologist. \$5. Westmount Public Library. 7 pm.

#### Wednesday, June 11

The Atwater Library Book Club, led by writer Mary Soderstrom, discusses *The Casual Vacancy* by J. K. Rowling. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 7:30 pm.

#### Thursday, June 12

Bloomsday Cabaret: "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby." Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. 12:30-1:30 pm.

Storytelling by Montreal Storytellers' Guild at the Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. Free. 7 pm

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# Tim Riggins almost visits Westmount!



Actor Taylor Kitsch was spotted at the old Forum just east of Westmount on May 15. He was promoting his movie The Grand Seduction, an English-language version of 2003's Seducing Doctor Lewis (La grande séduction). Kitsch achieved fame playing running back Tim Riggins in the TV show Friday Night Lights.

### Water mains break, even in spring



Another week, another waterline break. City workers repair a water main break on Argyle just below. Westmount Ave., on the west side of Argyle, May 22. A city foreman told the Independent that the water main was relatively new but a rock, moved about by thawing and freezing of the earth, punctured it, causing a near flood in a neighbouring home. The break was repaired by the evening. Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

# The Connoisseur and the Philistine Beer Review: Brasseur de Montréal

1483 Ottawa St. (corner Guy), Griffintown May 13 at noon

David Price, The Philistine: beer drinker and (aspiring) beer thinker Ideal beer: stronger-than-average lager, even it's commercial Canadian beer Favourite beer: Harp

Greg Dunning, The Connoisseur: beer drinker, brewer and hunter

Ideal beer: one that is manufactured by people who care more about the beer than the money

*Favourite beer:* Too many to mention

An impromptu birthday celebration for a certain person from the lost kingdom of Bohemia erupted into a lunch-time beer review at Brasseur de Montréal (est. 2008). Brewer Mike Harrison, after about 10 years at McAuslan, continues this brewery's model of crafting beer with unusual adjuncts (tea, herbs, etc) while creating brands that reflect the 'hood of Griffintown. It is strategically located within walking distance of a Bixi stand and thousands of new condos going up next to the Lachine canal. It offers a vast terrace for the perfect 5 à 7, which was just being prepared for opening day when we visited.

THE CONNOISEUR: We both started with what was listed on the 'east' chalkboard as the Kölsch (5%). I was impressed by Harphead's enthusiasm to begin with

On Mein Schatzy: "Just awful! I suffered through half of it and gave up. It was like a Blanche de Chambly left out in the sun."

an ale (sorry, no lagers here). This is the classic aperitif in Cologne, Germany and was the natural starting point in an "ale" house. Just awful! I suffered through half of it and gave up. It was like a Blanche de Chambly left out in the sun.

I quickly flushed my palate with La Rooibos (5%), a light, red-tea-infused ale that was really refreshing. I drink Rooibos tea at night sometimes and I think I will now drink this instead. Great aperitif with a pretty daring ingredient.

**THE PHILISTINE:** This is when it pays to be a Philistine. Greg approached his Kölsch with knowledge of what it should taste like. He's even had it in its hometown of Cologne. I, on the other hand, had nev-

er heard of it until t-minus-zero. It tasted to me like a summer beer, which Greg tells me it is. Unlike the other major summer beer that I know (Hoegaarden), it was not candy sweet. I remember having Hoegaarden in the late 1990s in Toronto when it was being introduced to that city by selling it at very low prices (usually a good start for me). It tasted like someone had mixed toothpaste with beer. I wouldn't drink it for free. This Kölsh tasted similar, but with the toothpaste left out, which is to say okay. It was like a lager, but with less of that distinctive lager taste

and a little lighter on the tongue (but not watery like a light beer).

By the way, I showed no courage by starting with an ale, that's all there was! Lagerheads are always being forgotten as aleheads forge ahead with all their damned variety.

THE CONNOISEUR: Anticipating my table d'hote, I moved into Black Watch (4.7%), a Scottish ale – not to be confused with a Scotch ale, which would be about 8% and way ahead of schedule. This was a classic rich-bodied brown with an almond aroma, and both balanced well with my soup, burger and fries. You don't want to ferment all the sugar out of the malt and raise the alcohol level this early in the session. By stopping fermentation early (less attenuation), brewer Mike gives us rich body and sweetness. Light-bodied beers, either low or high in alcohol (but usually low), are well attenuated in body. (Lite beer drinkers are familiar with this phenomenon in its most commercial context.)

THE PHILISTINE: I was expecting my second beer, London Ruby (a rousse), to also be sweet - not candy or toothpaste sweet like Hoegaarden, but brown sugar or maple syrup sweet. It was none of these, but it did have a bit of flavour. Chocolate? I liked it.



The 'west' chalkboard. Photo: Willem Westenberg

> Smith's Taddy Porter, which, on the Nigel Tufnel scale would rate, an 11.

standard, Samuel

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THE PHILISTINE: Next for me was Mein Schatzy (mein schatzi is German for "my treasure," which is used as an affectionate term for one's romantic partner). This beer was not for me! It left me looking for the nearest Hoegaarden concession, toothpaste be damned. Better dentifrice than the taste of citrus and soda pop in my beer. It even seemed (or was) fizzy. Our very attentive waiter asked me about it, whisked away what was left when I replied and brought me a Griffintown (5%), the most lager-like of their ales. It was much better.

(We later found out, after careful comparison of the pub's two slightly different chalkboards and an email to the operators, that Mein Schatzy and Kölsch were the same thing. Why did I like the first one and not the second? Possible explanations:

- 1) Greg's Rule. One arrives thirsty and is predisposed to like whatever is served first.
- 2) The beers came from different kegs.
- 3) The Philistine became less ignorant after 30 minutes or so with the Connoisseur.
- 4) David's Rule. David is an incorrigible Philistine and basically doesn't know

what he's drinking at any given time.

I am inclined to think #4 is the best explanation, but at least Greg and I now seem to agree, that Mein Schatzy Kölsch should be verboten.

I closed out with the Rooibos, which

On Vanille-Café: "I can't think of a better porter! Wow! Off the chart! It's like a chocolate cheesecake without the dairy."

did not overdo its added taste. It had a honey flavour, but more as an aftertaste than an upfront experience.

THE CONNOISEUR: Tempting fate, I went for Ghosttown (6.6%) – an absinthebased stout. Once again, brewer Mike gets the spice just right. My palate, earlier awash in vanilla, was now gently bathed in black liquorish. There is no basement distillery here secretly producing absinthe to be poured into a stout. "Absinthe-based" is clever marketing, given this spirit's reputation as a dangerously addictive psychotropic drug made from medicinal herbs, green anise and sweet fennel. For the beer, the essence of fennel is added after fermentation and your nose does the *tasting*. But I sort of don't care anymore.

THE PHILISTINE: I liked this venue a lot. It is located in a historic part of Montreal that is changing quickly and is interesting to visit. The food was good. Our waitress, on her first day of work (ever, I think), was very friendly and our waiter helped her out with the finer points. He was also quick to find brewer Mike Harrison when Greg expressed an interest. Mike was very generous with his time, and took Greg's barbs as graciously as he took his compliments. (Greg doesn't mince words.)

THE CONNOISEUR: You've got to hand it to these guys for brewing audacious beers with experimental adjuncts and really getting them right. One of the reasons I stay away from virtually every Unibroue beer is that I don't like their handling of coriander, cloves, orange peel, etc. If you don't want to Bixi over to Griffintown for the draft, all of Brasseur de Montréal's beers are now available in bottles (along with many other Quebec micros on the craft wall) at the Metro grocery store on Victoria.

Finally, no more excuses for bad beer in the room after hockey!

# Bricks fall from Seventh-Day church, repair work under way

#### By Stephanie O'Hanley

Workers were seen repairing brickwork May 29 in the area around the church dome of Westmount Seventh-Day Adven-



Security tape surrounded Westmount Seventh-Day Adventist Church at Victoria and Westmount avenues as workers replaced bricks and repaired masonry in the area around the church's dome.

tist Church after a number of bricks fell recently.

A voice mail message left on the church's answering machine went unreturned last week, as did an email to church communications leader Mary Perrotta. Church clerk Marcena Burnett's voice mailbox was full.

"We did issue a notice to this church for dangerous brickwork on April 17, 2014," said Joanne Poirier, director of the city of Westmount's Urban Planning Department in an email. "It was for instability of the brickwork."

Westmount Seventh-Day Adventist Church held a homecoming reunion event on June 28, 2013. A June 2013 newsletter promoting the event mentioned the church's need for urgent repairs and plans to restore the church's building. In the newsletter, Pastor Orlando Patterson said the much-used building "has aged and currently is in need of urgent repairs, especially the dome, which leaks when it rains."

> Patterson's list of repairs included masonry brickwork to correct water infiltration in the church's dome, repairs to the church's roof and a replacement of doors, windows and woodwork.

The estimated cost of the repairs was \$350,000, Patterson wrote. He said the restoration project would be done in collaboration with the Heritage Trust Foundation in Montreal, but the church needed to fundraise \$117,000 to pay its portion of repair costs.

*church's dome.* It is unclear whether the church reached its goal.

Unstable brick and stonework has been a concern in Westmount lately. On May 20, the Westmount *Independent* reported that a slab of decorative granite veneer fell from the building at 1357 Greene Ave. and reported in this issue (p. 7) that concrete fell from 3033 Sherbrooke.

Asked if the city was concerned about the general condition of brickwork and stonework in Westmount, Poirier said "there is no campaign launched by the city about the general condition of brickwork/stonework as a result of the fall of decorative granite veneer on Greene.

"We are being vigilant all the times and we work jointly with the Régie du Bâtiment du Québec to intervene quickly when there are hazardous conditions," Poirier said.



Tink the tortie



"Tortitude" is what they refer to when describing a tortoiseshell cat's big personality.

Maybe it's because tortoiseshell cats are always female, ensuring that their sweet princess ways are their hallmark. This personality must be genetic because most of them seem to have it!

True to her breed, stunning, multicoloured Tink may come off as a tad timid at the onset but, once she has your trust, she has just the right amount of feist and spunk to keep you enslaved by her affectionate and playful ways.

Tink is five years old, up to date with her inoculations and spayed. She is healthy and happy, ready to find a sunny spot in a windowsill in a new family home. If you would like to find out more about her, please email annexechat@spca.com or take a peek at their Facebook page Montreal SPCA Emergency Shelter. You would be welcome to drop by The Annex from Tuesday to Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm for a visit. It is located at 7314 Mountain Sights Ave. (south of Jean Talon West).

Also, if you would consider volunteering a bit of time to the shelter, training is provided. They are always grateful for the help of their volunteer group. For more information, please email them at spcaannexe@gmail.com.

#### Good news!

McGill was adopted before "his" column could come out. Here is his story:

McGill is absolutely glorious and exceptional in appearance with his stunning

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green eyes, beautiful two-toned marmalade markings and the softest of coats. His wonderful good looks are a complement to his engaging personality: he just lives to be loved and cuddled, offering quite flirty affection in return.

McGill and his companion came to the shelter because of illness in their adoptive family. His companion was adopted first so he was waiting for a new family to come for him. He was used to living with another cat so he should certainly be a good companion again. He is not dominant or dependent so there could be a good fit in a new home.

Handsome McGill is three years young, up to date with his inoculations and neutered.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



# BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the May 5 meeting of city council

**622 Sydenham**: at a Category I house, to replace windows in the rear bay window;

**21 Windsor**: landscaping in rear yard to include a new deck, terrace and new planting areas;

**73 Holton**: to modify openings in the rear façade to introduce a patio door and balcony;

112 Sunnyside: to redo the stairs, re-

place the railing and modify and replace bay window veneer;

**599 Lansdowne:** to replace most of the windows;

**330 Grosvenor:** to introduce a new rear door opening and balcony on the second storey and reduce the size of the ground floor balcony;

**627 Victoria:** to replace some windows; **3730 The Boulevard:** to replace front entrance railings;

**4450 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category I house, to replace a rear door;

389 Roslyn: landscaping to include a

## Hot weather effects

First aid was on hand at Family Day May 31 in Westmount Park after this man seemed overcome by the heat. See p. 32-33 for more photos.



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planting bed and new front walkway and a patio in the back yard;

**352 Kitchener:** rear landscaping to include a new pool, planting areas and fence;

**93 Columbia:** to reduce the size of a side window opening;

**15 Grove Park:** at a Category I house, landscaping in rear yard to include replacement of patio wood by stone, replacing fences and introducing grassed areas;

**4281 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category I house, landscaping to include panting beds for shrubs and perennials and a new terrace and fence in the side yard.

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The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the May 20 meeting of city council.

**502 Elm:** to build a two-storey extension in the backyard, replace windows and doors and landscape in the backyard to include a terrace;

**351 Roslyn:** to replace the front door and some windows;

**604 Clarke:** at a Category I house, to modify some openings on the north façade and reduce the overhang;

235 Clarke: to replace some windows;

**621 Belmont:** to replace the brick and windows as well as the front entrance canopy, remove the second floor balcony and the ground-floor sunroom in the rear yard and modify the rear deck and staircase accordingly;

**367 Kitchener:** to replace a rear door; **4836 de Maisonneuve:** backyard land-

scaping to include a pool and a fence; 728 Upper Lansdowne: landscaping in

the backyard to include rearranging the patio and converting the paved parking area reinforced grass;

**67 Stayner:** to rebuild the front steps and replace the rear windows;

**4354 Westmount:** at a Category I house, to replace the windows and a door.



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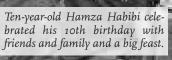


# Family Day in Westmount Park

Two very enthusiastic tug-of-war teams completely lift the referee off the ground.



Iwo-and-a-half-year-old Jonan Souweine, with a little support from his mum, had a great time atop a tiny pony. The line-up to take the pony ride stretched across the football field.







Four-year-old Davey Silver and his twoyear-old brother Robbie relax after a blast down the inflatable slide.

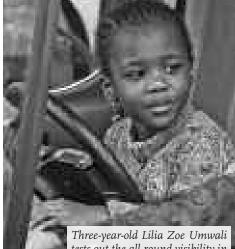




Seven-year-old Conrad Porteous demonstrates how to do forward and backward summersaults on the Euro Bungy.

# May 31, 2014: sun, sun, sun

Photos by Ralph Thompson.



Three-year-old Lilia Zoe Umwali tests out the all-round visibility in the electric police buggy.

By 11 am, Westmount Park was hopping with hundreds of children and parents enjoying the beautiful weather and the endless activities.

> Eleven-year-old Rory Krnjevic catches a raw egg thrown across to him by his partner Carl Heidemann in the highly competitive egg toss competition.

> > Two-year-old Zachary Beckerleg is comfortable and very popular amongst the goats.

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Markus Dancik was having too much fun in the electric police buggy while his popsicle melted in his father's hand.

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# **Culver launches memoir at Selwyn House**

#### By Veronica Redgrave

On an unseasonably chilly May 27, David Culver was guest of honour at Westmount's Selwyn House for the launch of his book Expect Miracles – Recollections of a Lucky Life, written with Alan Freeman. Culver is an old boy, class of 1939.

As the empty outdoor tent flapped in the wind, indoors guests listened to the recollections of the former CEO and chairman of Alcan, whose vision drove the creation of the iconic Maison Alcan.

The building, inaugurated in 1983, "stopped people asking 'Are we staying in Montreal?" according to Culver.

In his book, he recounts his interest in architecture, including Alcan sponsorship of free lectures on the subject in the early 1970s.

When Phyllis Lambert discussed her concept for the Canadian Centre of Architecture (CCA) and explained that she was funding \$70 million of the needed \$76 million, he presented the idea to the Alcan



Photo courtesy of Richard Wills/Selwyn House

board, which gave \$2 million to the project. Today, the Alcan Wing houses the CCA Study Centre.

Photos in the book include ones chronicling the 1984 presentation of the Alcan Challenger 601 airplane to the inaugural pilot; the Culvers' Murray Bay summer residence, Porte Bonheur, built by a granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1890; Maison Alcan; and many personal photographs marking moments in Culver's life.

Among those present at the cocktail were the book's publisher Philip Cercone, head of the McGill-Queen's University Press; co-author Alan Freeman, who was a journalist with the Wall Street Journal in Montreal when David Culver directed Alcan; Vincent Prager; Culver's son Mark; Doug Deruchie; Peter Morton; Janice Darrah; Brenda and John Norris; Paul Pathy; John Peacock; Charles Porteous; architects Julia Gersovitz and Gavin Affleck, whose father, architect Ray Affleck, designed Maison Alcan; and Cindy Morton and Minna Shulman from Selwyn House.

#### Police Report Bottle-hurling itinerants expelled from Atwater Metro Felling – Pruning – Stump Removal Installation of clothes line post. Free estimate, insured. ElagSecur

#### 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.

Station 12 officers expelled a group of itinerants from the area outside the Atwater Metro station on May 26 after a 911 call was lodged accusing them of hurling glass bottles at each other, according to Constable Stephan Laperrière.

The witness reportedly saw the roughly dozen-strong men, who were allegedly consuming beer and drugs, smashing the bottles as he was walking past the station's exit at the corner of Atwater and St. Cather-



ine, adjacent to Cabot Square, just before 7 pm.

The witness reportedly retreated a short distance away to call 911, but may have attracted the unwanted attention of some of the itinerants, said Laperrière.

According to the witness, who asked police to remain anonymous, a few members of the group noticed the phone call and began to follow him as he retreated south on Atwater.

Four minutes after the call was lodged, officers from Stations 12 and 20 arrived at the scene and after speaking to the witness, forced the group, which had dwindled to just a handful after the police's arrival, to leave the area immediately, said Laperrière.

No arrests were made.

Laperrière couldn't specify why, but said that in such situations it is often difficult to either catch the suspects in the act or to gather enough evidence to definitively prove the act took place.

"What often happens in that corner especially is that when cops show up with their sirens blaring and lights flashing, so they can be seen from a distance and the people causing the trouble tend to get really quiet really quick.

"We didn't see them throw the bottles. We have somebody else telling us that, yes, they did throw it, but it's still not enough for us to go to court and accuse them of vandalism. The burden of proof is very tough for us in these circumstances."

#### Area is a police 'hot spot'

The southeast corner of Westmount straddling the border with downtown Montreal, particularly around Cabot Square, has become a "hot spot" for similar infractions, according to Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

"It's become a kind of meeting place and unfortunately, if you're dealing with people with substance abuse problems, that's one of the spots where they drink. It's a very visible area," he said.

Laperrière and Pimentel routinely make foot patrols through the area and the station's bike and car patrols are instructed to give it more attention as well.

According to Pimentel, most calls concerning that area deal with reports of incivilities, the breaking of by-laws on issues such as public drinking, urination and noise levels, though he admits police do get of more violent behaviour like the smashing of bottles from "time to time."

The area could be in for an upheaval in June when Cabot Square is closed down for a year-long renovation, leaving local community and law enforcement groups preparing for the expected displacement of itinerants who sleep in the park (see May 6, p. 1).

### Westmounters attend Yaldei cocktail fundraiser



Westmounters Shauna Feehan, left, and Marisa Kelley, right, of Melville Ave. were among the guests who attended a cocktail dînatoire fundraiser on May 24 in Outremont for the benefit of the Donald Berman Yaldei Developmental Center for the treatment of children with special needs. They are seen here with event chair Olivia Monton. There was a guest appearance later that evening by Westmountborn rock singer-songwriter Sam Roberts.

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#### HÔTEL DE VILLE

#### Refonte de notre environnement urbain : sondage sur le secteur sud-est de Westmount

Suite à une étude du secteur sud-ouest (village Victoria), la Ville de Westmount veut se doter d'une vision pour le secteur sud-est. Les résidents sont invités à participer au sondage soit au www.westmount.org, soit en se procurant une copie papier à l'Hôtel de ville. Info : tsamiotis@westmount.org.

Horaire estival en vigueur à compter du 2 juin Entre le 2 juin et le 5 septembre, les bureaux administratifs de la Ville seront ouverts du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

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#### Cinéma en folie : Le film LEGO®

Le vendredi 6 juin à 18 h 30, Salle Westmount. 5 ans et plus. Entrée gratuite. Info : 514 989-5229.

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Le mardi 10 juin à 19 h. Cloud Atlas de David Mitchell. Info : 514 989-5299.

#### Conférences de 14 heures : Dickens for Today avec Ellen Clavier Roth

Le mercredi 11 juin à 14 h. Info : 514 989-5299.

Bricks4Kidz : des inventions étonnantes Le jeudi 12 juin à 16 h, Salle des activités. Viens découvrir des façons étonnantes

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#### Bloomsday en direct: les lectures publiques annuelles Bloomsday

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#### Panadream Theatre : atelier de marionnettes pour ombres chinoises

Le jeudi 19 juin, 16 h à 17 h 30, Salle Westmount. Découvre l'art des silhouettes pour ombres chinoises dans le cadre de cet atelier interactif avec un spécialiste des marionnettes. Info : 514 989-5229.

#### Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 7 juillet

Lancement du Club de lecture d'été TD Cet été, le Club de lecture d'été TD est à l'heure de la connectivité et de la créativité. Tout au long de l'été, la section des enfants de la bibliothèque propose une série d'activités conçues pour inciter les enfants à la lecture. Demande ta trousse à compter du lundi 9 juin au comptoir des enfants ; il y a des prix fantastiques à gagner !

#### ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

#### Galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition jeunesse

Du 23 mai au 13 juin. Un projet d'art communautaire organisé par le Centre des arts visuels, parrainé par la Ville de Westmount et réalisé en collaboration avec le Concours d'écriture littéraire McEntyre. Info: 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

#### Journée découverte pour les jeunes au **Bois Summit**

Le samedi 7 juin de 9 h à midi. Bois Summit. Découvrez les insectes qui habitent la forêt urbaine du Bois Summit avec l'enthomologiste Étienne Normandin. Gratuit; places limitées. Inscription obligatoire au Victoria Hall et au 514 932-5226.

#### Visite de jardins secrets de Westmount

Le jeudi 12 juin de 9 h 30 à 16 h. Westmount. Explorez quelques uns des plus beaux jardins cachés de notre communauté. Le billet de 35 \$ (membres de la SHW : 30 \$) inclut une carte de trajet et une boîte-repas. Les places sont limitées. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 932-5226.

Festival aquatique du CLW : retenez la date Le samedi 21 juin à la piscine de Westmount.

Soulignez le début de l'été et l'ouverture officielle de la nouvelle piscine avec une journée amusante au profit de la campagne de financement du CLW.

Fête de la Saint-Jean à Westmount Le mardi 24 juin de 16 h à 22 h, Victoria Hall et parc Westmount. Célébrez avec une soirée d'activités, de magie, de musique et de danse, couronnée par le feu de joie traditionnel. Info: 514 932-5226.

#### Fête du Canada à Westmount Le lundi 30 juin et le mardi 1ª juillet; parc Westmount

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#### CITY HALL

Reshaping our urban environment: survey on the southeast sector of Westmount Following the completion of a study on its southwest district (Victoria Village), the City of Westmount wishes to formulate and adopt a vision for its southeast sector. Residents are invited to complete a survey online at www.westmount.org or pick up a paper copy at City Hall. Info: tsamiotis@westmount.org.

Summer schedule in effect starting June 2nd Between June 2nd and September 5th, the City's administrative offices will be open Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### PUBLIC SECURITY

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#### Children's car seats : have them inspected Grandchildren in town for summer vacation?

Expecting an addition to the family? Make an appointment with Westmount's Public Safety team to have your child seat installed or verified by trained personnel. This service is free. Info: 514 989-5284.

#### LIBRARY

Family Movie Night: The LEGO® Movie Friday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m., Westmount Room. For ages 5 and up. Free admission. Info : 514 989-5229.

**English Book Club** Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series: Dickens for Today with Ellen Clavier Roth

#### Bricks4Kidz: Interesting Inventions

Thursday, June 12 at 4 p.m., Storytime Room. Come learn about some interesting inventions using LEGO bricks! Ages 6+; space is limited. Info : 514 989-5229.



Come out and hear Montrealers, wellknown and not, read from Joyce's masterwork Ulysses. Come for an hour, stay for the afternoon! Readings in multiple languages and styles. Info: 514 989-5299.

Panadream Theatre : Shadow Puppet Workshop Thursday, June 19, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Westmount Room. Learn about the art of shadow puppetry 10.000 at this interactive workshop with a puppet expert. Info : 514 989-5229.

**TD Summer Reading Club** This year's theme focuses on connectivity and

#### Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 7

creativity! Throughout the summer months, the Children's Department will host a number of events designed to inspire kids to read. Ask for your Reading Kit starting Monday, June 9 at the Children's Desk - you'll earn great prizes this summer!

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Gallery at Victoria Hall: Youth Exhibition

May 23 to June 13. A community art project organized by the Visual Art Centre, sponsored by the City of Westmount and undertaken in collaboration with the McEntyre Creative Writing Competition. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

#### Ecology Discovery Day for children in Summit Woods

Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Summit Woods. Join entomologist Étienne Normandin and discover the insects that live in Summit Woods! Free. Places are limited and registration is necessary. Sign up at Victoria Hall or at 514 932-5226.

#### Secret Garden Tour of Westmount

Thursday, June 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Westmount.

Explore some of the most exceptional gardens in our community. \$35 (\$30 for WHS members) includes a route map and a box lunch. Tickets on sale at Victoria Hall. Places are limited. Info: 514 932-5226.

#### WRC Aquatics Festival: save the date

Saturday, June 21st at the Westmount Pool. Celebrate the first day of summer and the official opening of the new swimming pool. All proceeds go to the WRC Capital Campaign.

#### Fête de la Saint-Jean in Westmount Tuesday, June 24 from 4 to 10 p.m., Victoria Hall



and Westmount Park. Celebrate with an evening of activities, magic, music and dance, ending with a traditional bonfire. Info: 514 932-5226.

#### Canada Day in Westmount

Monday, June 30th and Tuesday, July 1st; Westmount Park and the Recreation Centre. Celebrate our country's 147<sup>th</sup> birthday with activities for everyone: camping and pancake breakfast in Westmount Park, and BBQ lunch and Splash Bash at the Pool. More details soon. Info: 514 932-5226.

#### Summer Concerts in Westmount Park Every Sunday at 2 p.m. from July 6 to August 24,

near the Gazebo. Hear live jazz, classical and popular music in the park. Free. Info: 514 989-5226.



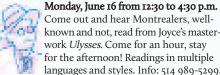






Wednesday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Bloomsday Live: Annual Bloomsday Readings





#### Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

Once again the biggest "Cinderella" gala in the city – the annual Daffodil Ball – did not disappoint. Indeed, this year, On the Wild Side, the 21st edition, was one of the best ever.

Attending with hubby Gilles Coulombe, Sun Life Financial Quebec pres Isabelle Hudon wore a fabulous floral big skirted gown; media star Virginia Coossa wore beige by Très Chic Styling as did anchor Karima Brikh, whose dress was turquoise lace; event planner Alison Silcoff wore emerald green satin by Monique Lhuillier; ball committee member Katia Piccolino wore Missoni, and Isabelle Lê wore a oneshoulder fuchsia dress by Marchesa.

Guests were greeted by five exotic parrots and a 6-foot ostrich aptly named Princess who had her own red carpet -



Norman Steinberg and Renée Kessler.



At 21, Daffodil Ball explores its wild side

Susan McPeak and Charles Sirois.



Alison Silcoff, Isabelle Lê and Anne-Marie Withenshaw.



Robert Hattem, Jon Fairest and Nick Loporcaro.



Gilles Coulombe and Isabelle Hudon.

and attitude!

The theme was creatively presented even at dinner, with the main dish of wapiti being "delivered" in an airmail envelope, complete with African stamps, thanks to chef Armando Arruda and his Fairmont Queen E catering team.

Co-chairs were Sanofi Canada president and CEO Jon Fairest, there with his wife Helen; president and CEO of UAP Robert Hattem with his wife Hélène Bourassa; and McKesson Canada president and CEO Nick Loporcaro with his wife Claudia Marra.

Westmounters seen included CTV's Mose Persico, Elaine and Calin Rovinescu (Air Canada); doctors Meryl and Sheldon Elman (Medisys); and Dominique Bertrand and husband Jacques Maurice of Jacques Maurice Group; as well as Susan McPeak-Sirois and ..... Charles Sirois (CIBC); continued on p. 38



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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond Veronica Redgrave

Westmounter Melanie Schirmer and her sister Sabrina were among the guests at artist **Peter W. Hart's** birthday party.

Peter's work was in the top 10 of the Montreal Abribus Contest, and gallery director Francine Bellomo recently returned from a successful showing of the artist's paintings at ArtExpo in New York. The Peter W. Hart Gallery in Old Montreal was also celebrating a one-year anniversary. Peter, already a successful businessman he is CEO of Rideau, which has offices around the world – is self-taught.

Hart "discovered" painting a few years ago, and today his style is recognizable with its bright colours and thickly applied textures. One of his favourite subjects is sunflowers, "which dispel negativity, and represent longevity and loyalty," explained Francine, elegant in a Hermès-orange spring skirt.

The gallery recently held a fundraiser for Accueil Bonneau, an auction evening that raised \$67,225 to support that organization's art and music workshops.

Noted at the gallery amidst the fun bal-



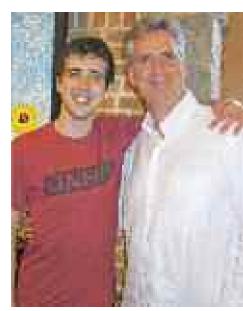
Peter W. Hart and Francine Bellomo.

loons, flowers and birthday cake were Don Royer, Sophie Paleotheodoros and Walter Qualizza, Louis Antoine Marcotte and his dad Jean, Marie-Maxim Aubin and Emilie Aubin Rossano and their mother Mireille Aubin, Mary Murphy, Marie Bricault, Laura and Rob Collier, and Steve Stein and his son Jesse.



Hart gallery turns one after top-10 showing

Walter Qualizza and Sophie Paleotheodoros.



Jesse and Steve Stein.



Louis Antoine Marcotte, Marie-Maxim Aubin, Jean Marcotte, Mireille Abin and Emilie Aubin Rossano.

Guests arrived more than fashionably late as Old Montreal was a treatise in terrible traffic, clogged with construction, traffic and tourists over the long weekend.

A New Yorker attending the cocktail was overheard to comment that the logo of Montreal should be "changed to an or-

#### Daffodil Ball, cont'd. from p. 37

Rosalind and Morris Goodman (Pharmascience); Hélène Fortin (Loto-Québec) and husband Denis Larose; Roula and Alan P. Rossy (Groupe Copley); Kathryn and Laurence Sellyn (Gildan); Steeve Lapierre (Ogilvy); Arlene and Andrew Torriani (Ritz-Carlton); Nathalie Schwartz-Décarie and Charles Décarie (Cirque du Soleil); Breakfast Television celebs Joanne Vrakas and Alexandre Despatie; Norman Steinange cone!" To which a local res replied: "No. Thousands!"

There was a whimsical touch on Peter W. Hart's sold paintings. Instead of the traditional red dot used by art galleries, there was a red heart, referencing the artist's name.

berg and Renée Kessler, and Esther Bégin and John Parisella.

Emcee Anne-Marie Withenshaw was lovely in an elegant blue and white gown by Cavalli from Holt Renfrew. Armani's Luminous make-up and Rouge Ecstasy lipstick added to the ladies' beauty in the Touch-up Room.

The eve raised \$1,600,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.



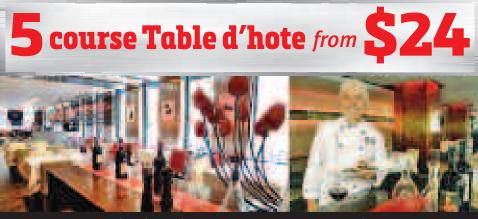




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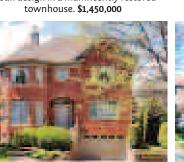
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