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*'Worst fears coming to pass' in Vic village*

## Council asked for zoned parking, more enforcement

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The time has come for zoned parking for residents of Victoria village and greater enforcement of existing regulations, city council was told June 1.

"Our worst fears are coming to pass," said Michael Wertheimer of Somerville Ave. Residents are already seeing the results of the opening of the super-hospital April 26 along with the effects of new parking measures introduced in February on a

six-month trial.

These included increased reserved parking for Westmount residents who hold 24-hour red stickers or 4-hour green stickers but stopped short at designating specific spots for those living in Vic village in order to allow for shoppers to the commercial area.

He said holders of green stickers were exceeding their allowed four hours, sometimes parking the whole day. Meanwhile, cars without any stickers were seen parking on the reserved side of ..... the street. Enforcement *continued on p. 3*

## Free dress, sometimes



Anna O'Connor delivers her bowl up the green of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, where she's been a member for three years. May 30 was the club's open house. See p. 18 for story on the club's move to free dress versus compulsory white attire.

Photo: Joanne Penhale

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## Won't affect trees, 'old' Westmount Park

## Dog run changes to be made, won't return to Lansdowne

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Time is of the essence in the city's plan to reconfigure a contentious design in Westmount Park for the new dog run and relocation of the bike path, Mayor Peter Trent told a "standing-room only" audience at the June 1 council meeting.

"The dog run has been wandering around without a home for three years," he said, opening the meeting on the issue that had attracted many. "We have so many

other things to do, we don't want to go through another year of bickering."

He said he and council members were "shocked" and "astonished" by the design they had seen staked out in the park and would not accept it. "Be assured, that [design] won't happen."

The design pushed the bike path farther north into the park than intended, he said. It cut a swath through trees that would require their removal (see ..... story June 2, p. 32). *continued on p. 4*

Don't Miss It: Victoria village street festival, June 12 to 14.

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# Council meeting coverage, Parents propose ways for families

A contingent of parents addressed the city council meeting June 1 asking for families to be able to share part of the pool during adult-swim time. They also wanted small children to be allowed into the women's changing room, saying the two cubicles in the room for families had limited space.

They suggested dividing the pool between adults and families with a buffer lane between the two or dividing the week to allow families into adult swim every other day. They even proposed hiring more life-guards if they needed a break from the stress of watching exuberant kids over an extended period.

Councillor Rosalind Davis said she would take their ideas back to Sports and Recreation officials and see what could be arranged. "The buffer zone is an interesting one," she said to hearty applause from the audience.

She also said she would ask that children under six be able to accompany their mother into the women's changing room.

The issue of sharing adult-swim when all kids must leave not only the pool but also the deck and changing rooms, goes back many years in Westmount. The 6-7 pm time slot is the prime time most desired by both groups but allocated to adults only.

"There is a whole segment of the population that was upset last year when we opened adult swim (1-2 pm) on Saturdays to families," Davis said. The city received phone calls of complaint along with a petition. Some adults "did not want to share the pool with kids laughing and screaming and jumping and splashing. There are two

sides."

## Leading off

Angela Lehrer of Victoria Ave. led off the discussion to re-open similar requests as last year.

"We ask that the schedule be changed to better accommodate families and working parents – a demographic that has changed over the years," she said. Her recommendation for sharing the eight-lane pool during adult swim was to rope it off as some other public pools do. She proposed three lanes for adult laps, with a buffer lane to reduce waves, and then four for families "so as not to be actually deprived" during that hour.

Stacey Sellers of Belmont addressed the changing room problems. She said some mothers had been "verbally harassed" for taking young children into the women's-only changing room with them, even though children may go into women's washrooms. She requested this be

changed to admit children under 10, though Davis suggested up to age 6.

"Another option is to make those two small stalls [in the family changing room] into one," Sellers said. Mothers, fathers and kids can all use the family changing room together.

Next up to the mic was a father, Richard Leon of Surrey Gardens. It's not just the "segregation" of the pool, it's the actual hours that are "extremely inconvenient," he explained of the adult swim times from 1-2 pm and 6-7 pm. They break up the day when summer is short enough, according to him. He also recommended staggering the

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# June 1 meeting

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

## to share adult swim times

schedule on alternate days – perhaps Monday, Wednesday and Friday. “Or does it have to be a rigid policy?”

“This is a big deal for us,” said Tali Kopel of Belmont. “We’d like to move forward with this and not wait another three months.” If lifeguards needed a break from the stress of looking out for a number of

children, “the solution might be to just hire more lifeguards.”

One option proposed by Lisa Modell of Kensington was to move the adult swim to a later evening time. In the spirit of compromise, she suggested that “maybe we could all come together at the table ... and find a way to share [the pool].”



Angela Lehrer starts off the question period about the pool June 1. Behind her waiting their turns are Stacey Sellers and Richard Leon.

## City pays \$89K more to thaw pipes

City council June 1 authorized an added expenditure of \$89,300, including taxes, for “additional costs related to the supply of equipment and labour” to thaw a rash of frozen pipes resulting from the harsh winter (see story March 10, p.3). This was over and above the quote of \$55,947 that had

been accepted in December.

There were four times the number of frozen pipes than the worst previous year, which was the winter of 2013-2014, said Councillor Patrick Martin, who moved the resolution to pay Brault Drain Inc. the additional amount for its services.

## Vic village parking cont'd. from p. 1

was “lackadaisical,” he contended.

The \$25-daily-parking fees at the super-hospital “will be a very strong temptation” for people to take their chances on parking in the area, he said.

As a result, Wertheimer said the local residents deserved the same zoned parking as Westmount has provided in some other neighbourhoods that are affected in other ways. On the other hand, Montreal had been “very pro-active” even before the super-hospital went into operation in providing zoned parking on residential streets nearby.

“Can we look forward to the day when

the southwest corner will receive similar attention?” Wertheimer asked. “It’s really becoming very critical.”

Mayor Peter Trent said he had raised an interesting point. “On Greene, we get the opposite complaint that our PSOs aren’t lackadaisical enough, so what we’ll do is we’ll send over our guys from Greene to your area,” he said to general laughter.

There were two different elements at play, explained Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security. The city was “doing its best” to determine what was appropriate for the Victoria village and “we’re open to the idea” of zoned parking. “The question is: what is the best course of action?”

Enforcement, on the other hand was “easy to control.” the city can ask Public Security to be “more vigilant.”

District 5 Councillor Christina Smith said that “If changes are needed, we’ll look at them.”

## Comin’ Up

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

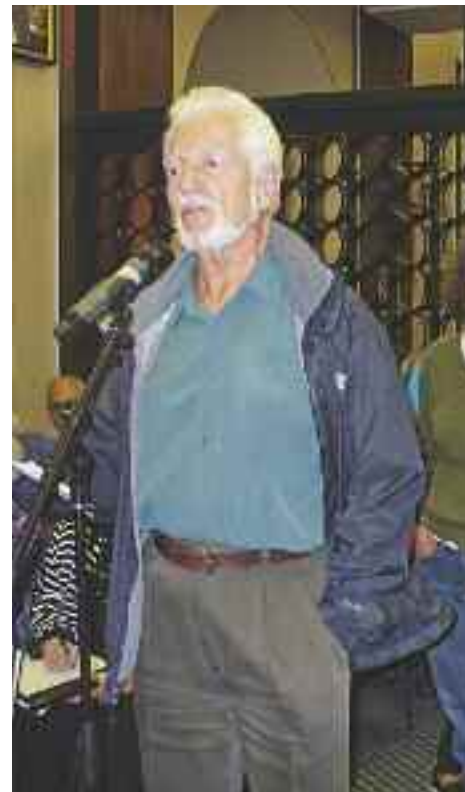
Victoria village **street festival** runs until Sunday, June 14. Sidewalk sale, music, kids’ game, street food, yoga.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

As part of Montreal’s Bloomsday Festival, dramatic readings from *Ulysses* by Tommy Schnurmacher, Mike Finnerty and Mark Abley of the *Gazette* at the Westmount Public Library, 11 am to 3 pm.

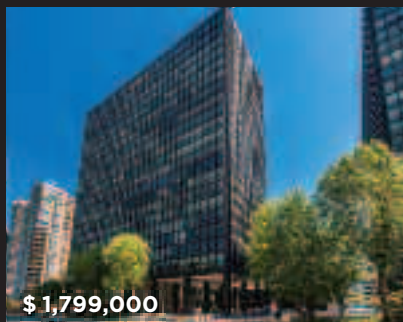
### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

The super-hospital inauguration celebrations start with a walk leaving Dawson College at 8 am, ending at the hospital site at 1001 Decarie Blvd. Performances from Sam Roberts Band and Stéphanie Lapointe, which can be attended by “Walk for Montreal” participants. Registration: \$5 at walkformtl.ca. Info: 514.934.1934, ext. 23622.



Parking is “critical” in Victoria village, Michael Wertheimer tells city council June 1.

**More council meeting news,  
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# To reposition the bike path or not?

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As a result, "slight modifications" would

be made that would not affect trees or infringe on the "old" portion of park that lies north of what had once been a street, de

Maisonneuve, he explained.  
Among some examples of possible solutions he suggested were repositioning the bike path on the south side of the new dog run rather than to the north. This would eliminate a curve considered dangerous.

As well, the city had "not ruled out" a previous plan to use part of the green roof of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) for the new dog run if a way might be found that would not compromise the roof's warranty.

Trent also assured residents of the POM condos at 4700 St. Catherine that the dog run would not return to the previous venue at Lansdowne and St. Catherine when asked by condo association present Jean-Pierre Picard.

This was further underlined during the meeting by a resolution to spend some \$787,000, including taxes, for the "reconstruction of sidewalks at various locations" in Westmount (see story, p. 5). The relocation of pedestrian park paths as well as the new bike path were included in this

"omnibus" contract though not specified in the resolution.

The cost of these two items is pegged at some \$117,510 of the sidewalk project total, according to city director general Mike Deegan. They are expected to be paid by the Montreal agglomeration council, which oversees bike paths. The city has already submitted its request, he confirmed.

A breakdown of these figures shows construction of the new two-way bike path is estimated at \$33,100 while construction of two elevated crossings called "speed tables" accounts for another \$2,000. The remaining costs are related to reconstruction of concrete pathways (\$24,000) and new ones (\$58,410).

The city's search for a new dog run site began after the city permanently closed the Lansdowne run when more space was required for the new pool area. Last October, the council finally approved the use of the new site, which Trent described as the "left-over piece of property" north of the junior tennis courts, .....  
where the street had once continued on p. 7

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Jean-Pierre Picard, president of the condo association for the POM building at 4700 St. Catherine, at the June 1 meeting thanks Mayor Peter Trent for retaining the Westmount Park site of the new dog run.



Paul Marriott, co-president of the Westmount Municipal Association, June 1 asks for work in Westmount Park to include widening of the turnaround outside Westmount Park church.



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## 11-year-old boys win their point

# City to create skatepark at Westmount High for next summer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will have its own skatepark starting next summer, it was announced at the city council meeting June 1. The parking lot of Westmount High is to be equipped by the city for skateboarding during July and August 2016 when teachers are not using it.

The news from Councillor Rosalind Davis, Sports and Recreation commissioner, reportedly took even some members of council by surprise as she replied to two 11-year-old boys making their third request in seven months for a skatepark.

"Just to let you know," Davis told them, she, Councillor Cynthia Lulham and director general Mike Deegan had approached the school a couple of weeks ago with the idea of using its parking lot, and it had been approved by the English Montreal School Board.

"So it will be available for you guys – a skateboard park in Westmount!"

Davis said the park, conceivably with ramps and other equipment, would be set up every day and taken down at 9 pm so as not to disturb residents.

Owen Frankel and Bobby Emblem in grade 5 at Roslyn School were 10 when they first made their request and submitted a petition to council November 3 (see story, November 11, p. 9). They appeared again April 7, joined by Sophia Dimi-trakopoulos.



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## Sidewalks to be rebuilt at 10 locations

City council June 1 approved the tender of TGA Montreal Inc. for the reconstruction of sidewalks at various locations in the city in the total net amount of \$718,492.46 after the tax credit. It was the lowest of five other bids, three of which were close to or over \$1 million.

The sidewalk contract includes pathways and the bike path in Westmount Park (see story p. 1), as well as at the following locations:

- St. Catherine (Park Place to Kensington);
- Metcalfe (west side, Sherbrooke to Côte St. Antoine);
- Upper Belmont (Devon to Edgehill);
- Argyle (Montrose to Côte St. Antoine);
- Bellevue (from number 25 to Sunnyside);
- Hallowell;
- Sherbrooke (south side, Kitchener to Clarke);
- Brooke;
- Academy Rd. (south side, Westmount recreation centre to Park Place and north side, a new sidewalk from the rec. centre to Park Place);
- Westmount Park, paths, bike path.

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GIVE US BACK KIDS' HOUSE-LEAGUE HOCKEY

The city of Westmount's recreational department has eliminated [children's] house-league hockey resulting in the net loss of one hour of ice time per week in the winter for those not playing inter-city hockey.

We have been told that the rules of the Quebec federation require more than two teams to constitute a house league and that we do not have enough registration to meet the requirements.

As parents who have attended every Wednesday and Saturday of house league games and practices over the last several years we can attest that there is always a sufficient complement of enthusiastic players and parents to make for fun, vibrant and friendly competition between the two teams.

Why would the city of Westmount take away this successful activity based on some obscure requirement from a Quebec federation? Could the intention of the Quebec federation really be to reduce the opportunities for youngsters to play in a house league? Surely, there cannot truly be con-

sequences from the Quebec federation for the city of Westmount to continue with the house league.

As citizens and taxpayers, we are appalled by the idea that, after all of the time and money that went into building the new arena, the net result would be to reduce our children's ice time.

We understand that there is the option of inter-city hockey. However, there are children who simply do not have the skills or ambition to play at that level and who might get discouraged by their inability to compete. And there are parents who cannot make the commitment to get their children to all the games in different parts of the city or who might see the commitment as too much for children who need to be spending after-school time on homework.

We are asking for the city of Westmount to reinstate a hockey house league for our children.

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RE: QUEEN VIC.

As many of us – staff, patients and visitors – find our way around the impressive

spaces that constitute our new MUHC hospital, have we paused to enquire about the site of the statue of Queen Victoria from the former Royal Victoria hospital (RVH)?

Carved in Carrara marble and donated to the hospital in the year of the Diamond Jubilee (1897) by the founders lords Strathcona and Mount Stephen, it originally occupied a prominent place at the entrance to the hospital. Lately, she had fallen on hard times having been placed on the ground floor of the new Centennial Pavilion with her head partly obscured by the lintel of a fire door.

She has now been relocated to a wall niche halfway to the cafeteria in the so-called main thoroughfare of the RVH section. One can understand someone missing her as she looks out on an area that may eventually support a commercial outlet. This choice of position more resembles an afterthought than an acknowledgement of her heritage value.

Considering the vast space for visitors and patients alike at the entrance to the building, it is sad to realize that our planners were so out of touch with history as not to use a very small part of that space to pay service to the long history and contributions to Montreal by the old RVH. I can think of no better position.

To quote the old lady herself: "We are

not amused."

I hope this error can still be addressed.  
WILLIAM FISHER, WOOD AVE.

PUT DOG RUN BACK, PART 1

What is wrong with the original dog run on the corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine? A nice piece of green space sits there rarely used by anyone. Is the city worried that noisy barking dogs, having fun and exercise, playing and running, will disturb the tranquility of the environment?

Hardly likely, considering the already combined noise levels of traffic along St. Catherine St. and the hooting and hollering from the pool users. Dog barks should be the least of the city's problems.

Now that the outdoor needs of residents are met, let us give back to our pets and provide them with decent facilities as well. They need it.

CATHERINE KIERANS, ST. CATHERINE ST.

PUT DOG RUN BACK, PART 2

Once again the powers-that-be plan to encroach on beautiful Westmount Park.

What is wrong with the original site? Surely the screams, shouts and squeals emanating from the pool will mitigate any noise from a dog run. Dogs+tennis balls=neurotic and frustrated dogs!

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City council minutes back to 1874 to go live this week

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A complete record of all city council minutes dating back to 1874 is expected to go live on the city's website at the start of this week.

"It is a historic achievement in both senses of the word," said Mayor Peter Trent in announcing completion of the project last week.

The work, including the digitization of the first years from 1874 to 1902 when all records were hand-written, is the result of a major six-month project. It was initiated and managed by the city's archivist, Morgannis Graham, whose last day in the position was June 5. She will be working part-time during the summer before pur-



Excerpt from city council minutes in 1874 of Notre Dame de Grace, which then included Westmount.

suing a doctorate degree in digital preservation at McGill.

"We've been working on digitizing the city's photo collection, and the next step is digitizing the by-laws and getting them online too," said Graham who has always had a fascination with history.



## Lane safety sparks another petition

# Greene residents petition city on speeding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of Greene Ave. south of Dorchester have submitted two petitions over traffic and road safety in the past two weeks.

One deals with wrong-way use of the eastbound lane from Centre Greene to Columbia. The other, submitted at the council meeting June 1, asks the city to address road conditions and speeding.

Bruno Marchildon told the council he was representing a committee on Greene to address road pavement that was “in very bad condition,” cars that exceeded the speed limit and “a big dip in the street that creates vibrations” and was causing small cracks in the old houses.

“I’m here to ask your help” to issue tickets to speeders and to repair the dip and cracks in the road, he said.

### *Bike path cont’d. from p. 4*

run (see story October 14, p. 1).

This meant the dog run would be pushed north but not as much as had been recently staked out.

Landscape architect Mike Hodgins has been assisting with helping find a solution to the design problem.

“I like the idea of moving the bike path,” said Paul Marriott, co-president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA). He thanked Trent for the move to reconfigure the area but wondered if the design problem could have been avoided if the design had been circulated. It had been requested by both the WMA.

Marriott suggested that while redoing the pathways the city find the money to widen the turn-around on the closed portion of de Maisonneuve outside Westmount Park Church. This would provide easier access for Public Works’ trucks

Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security, said the petition would be submitted to the city’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) while District 8 councillor Theodora Samiotis said she would take note of the dip and check it out.

The Greene road network, she said, is to be studied by the TAC as part of road closures and changes related to the Turcot project, which is expected to close Selby St. at Greene and the entrance to the Ville Marie expressway.

### *Lane safety*

The lane petition cites the safety concerns of residents whose houses back onto it, many who have children playing in the lane, said Greene Ave. resident Karl Moore.

“We’re not the experts, so we’re asking those who are what can be done,” he said.

maintaining the park and would accommodate two handicap parking spots near the ramp to the church door, he said.

These spots had been a priority of the church and the Contactivity seniors’ centre, which is based there, when the turn-around was built last year.

Instead, however, the two spots have recently been established on the west side of Lansdowne. Some consider this too far for those with limited mobility.

## 3 try to open Temple door at 10:44 pm

Three skateboarders were spotted by a public safety officer May 26 pulling on the handle of a door to the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom at 10:44 pm, Public Security officials said. Police were called, identified the three and verbally warned them. It was not known what their intentions had been in trying to open the door at that hour.

The lane’s direction is signed, “but maybe people think the law doesn’t apply to lanes.” It’s not a new problem, he noted, but one that involves a danger to the many younger children who don’t expect cars to be going the wrong way.

Moore, whose house is next door to Centre Greene, said he had collected “two or three” pages of signatures from residents on the west side of Greene and east side of Columbia. He submitted it to Constable Steven Goldberg, local police Station 12’s traffic officer, who sits on the city’s traffic committee.

The problem, Moore said, is caused by a combination of drivers who probably use it for a variety of reasons, including taxis and users of Centre Greene which, however, had been “very helpful” in trying to mitigate wrong-way use of the lane.

## Daddy’s a lawyer, but son still gets 2 tickets at lookout

A 19-year-old man Beaconsfield resident was issued two tickets May 26 at the Summit lookout, Public Security officials report. One at \$148 was for littering; the other at \$76 was for breaking the midnight park curfew. A patroller spotted the man at 1:05 am in Summit Woods and kept him under surveillance until seeing him throw a drink can off the lookout into the park below. He was standing some 15 feet from a garbage container. The young man was described as “defensive” when questioned and stated his father was a lawyer.

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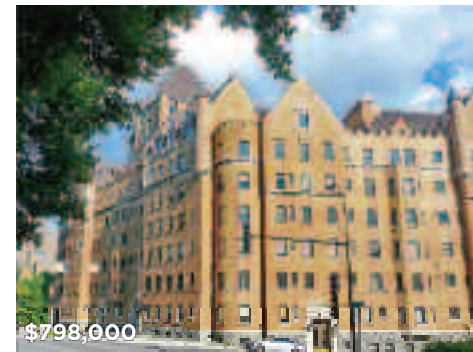
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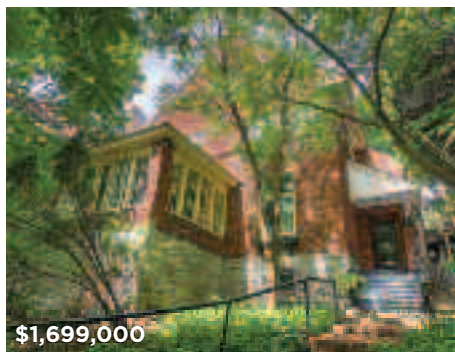
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# More music promised at Vic village street festival, no Art Walk

By MARTIN C. BARRY

This year's Victoria village street festival will be bigger and better than ever, says one of the organizers, thanks to increased sponsorship and support from the Monkland village festival.

"We have more corporate sponsorship than ever before," said Astri Prugger of Astri Prugger Design on Victoria Ave., who sits on the Victoria village street festival's organizing committee.

"We have also partially partnered with the Monkland Village Festival's production team," she added, referring to the Monkland event, which took place in NDG June 4 to 7. "We're trying to work with our neighbours. They are helping out with a portion of our event, although we are doing a lot ourselves."

Apart from the traditional sidewalk sale, the 2015 Victoria village festival from Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 14 will have more events than in previous years, including a mobile zoo, break dance per-

formances, food trucks and lots of music, said Prugger.

"We're having more music than ever – music from the sixties, seventies and eighties," she said. "We'll have flamenco dancers. There'll also be more entertainment than ever and more activities than before."

However, the 2015 festival will differ from years past in that there will be no Art Walk featuring artists and their works along part of Victoria and Somerville avenues. Instead, according to Prugger, there will be a small artisans' market and a farmers' market.

She called this year's festival "a gift from the merchants to their customers. We're saying, 'Hey we're putting on this event for you. Come on down and enjoy it.' But of course, the heart of it is always the sidewalk sale. "We really want to encourage people to shop local. We are hoping that by holding this, people will be reminded of what a great neighbourhood we live in and to shop here year around."

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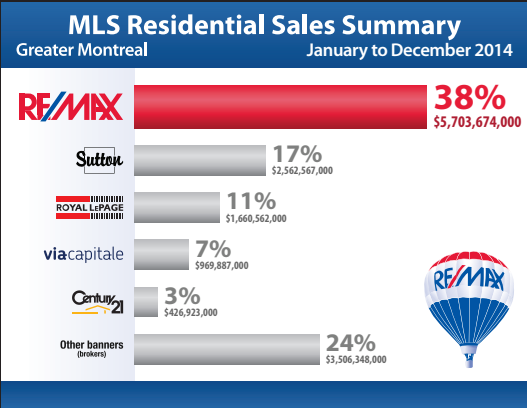
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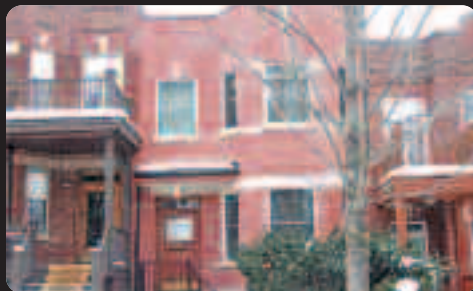
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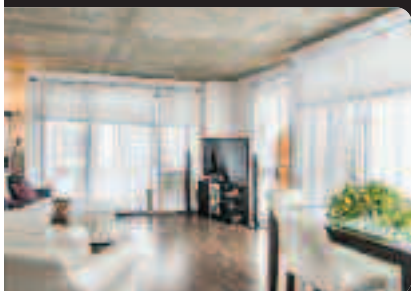
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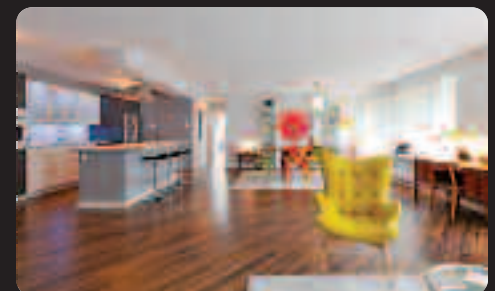
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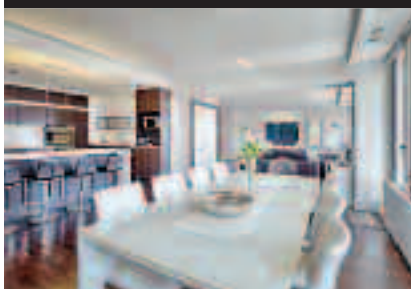
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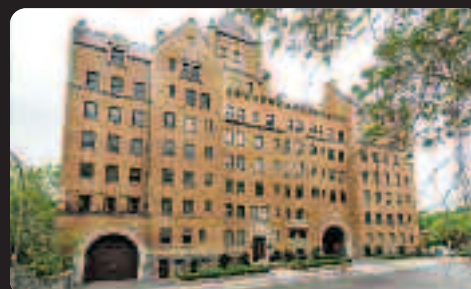
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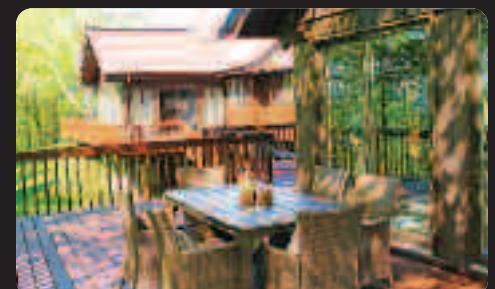
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# 43 students honoured at library’s McEntyre Writing Competition ceremony

A total of 43 students were honoured June 3 by the city at the annual awards ceremony for the McEntyre Writing Competition. The event took place at Victoria Hall, attracting some 300 members of the winners’ families and friends.

The ceremony featured guest speakers such as Westmounter and Olympic snowboarder Carolynne Calvé, library director Julie-Anne Cardella and Mayor Peter Trent. This year’s theme was “Chasing a dream.”

The competition is open to all Westmount students including residents and those attending local schools. Those represented were Miss Edgar’s and Miss Cramps (ECS), The Study, Selwyn House (SHS), St. George’s, Roslyn, Akiva and Westmount High (WHS).

The following students were congratulated for first, second, third and honourable mention standings.

**Grade 1**

- 1. Maya Gomez, The Study
- 2. Sara Grecoff, The Study
- 3. Sophie Hunt, The Study



Children’s librarian Wendy Wayling at the mic addresses winners, from left: Grade 10 students Briget Hamilton and Samir Gouin, both in third place; Kashante Marshal in second; Ezra Budman in first; and Mayor Peter Trent. According to Wayling, “The McEntyre Writing Competition is a wonderful and unique community project that brings together creative students, local volunteers, teachers and parents.”

Photo: Matt Faigan

**Grade 2**

- 1. Ethan Curtis, SHS
- 2. William Birks, SHS
- 3. Jake Benchetrit-Morrison, SHS
- HM Ava Seirafi, The Study

**Grade 3**

- 1. Lily Wang and Nyla Starr, ECS
- 2. Bela Naik, ECS
- 3. Elizabeth Hope Andriopoulos, The Study

**Grade 4**

- 1. Sophia Harasymowycz, The Study
- 2. Amélie Collée, St. George’s
- 3. Isabella Michel-Decker, The Study
- HM James Rosenbloom, Akiva

**Grade 5**

- 1. Dylan Lee, SHS
- 2. Tess Harty, Roslyn
- 3. Nieve Collins, ECS
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**Grade 6**

- 1. Annika Waschke, The Study
- 2. Annabel Simons, ECS
- 3. Demetrios Adamakakis, SHS
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- 1. Ryan Wark, WHS
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## Flags at different 'masts'



The provincial and federal flags at city hall were at half-mast June 3 at 2:38 pm, following the death two days earlier of former Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau. To the northeast fly the flags at Selwyn House at regular mast.

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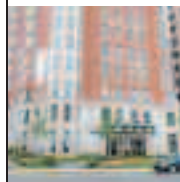
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# Armadillo lessons (and other dinner fare)



## On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

I enjoyed a marvellous teachable moment last week.

As my kids burst sequentially into the kitchen after school and began their maniacal foraging through the fridge, I gently guided each in the direction of an article that I had clipped that morning.

“Here,” I said, pointing. “This is why you need to read the newspaper every day.”

The startling headline read: “Woman injured as bullet ricochets off armadillo.”

The brief yet astonishing article went on to describe how a man, shooting at an armadillo in the yard, ended up accidentally wounding his 74-year-old mother-in-law.

Apparently the bullet *did* first strike the armadillo, but ricocheted off the mammal’s famed shell, hit a fence, travelled through the back door of his mother-in-law’s mobile home, pierced the recliner in which she was sitting and struck her in the

back. She sustained only minor injuries. (The armadillo, regrettably, did not fare as well.)

This remarkable feat can only be characterized as a YCDTIYT (You Couldn’t Do That If You Tried). As matriarch to some very respectable klutzes, we have an ever-growing catalogue of YCDTIYT bumbles. None, however, could possibly compare to this sort of stunt. (Mind you, in view of the eventual casualty, I am not ruling out the possibility that Pistol Pete *was* trying.)

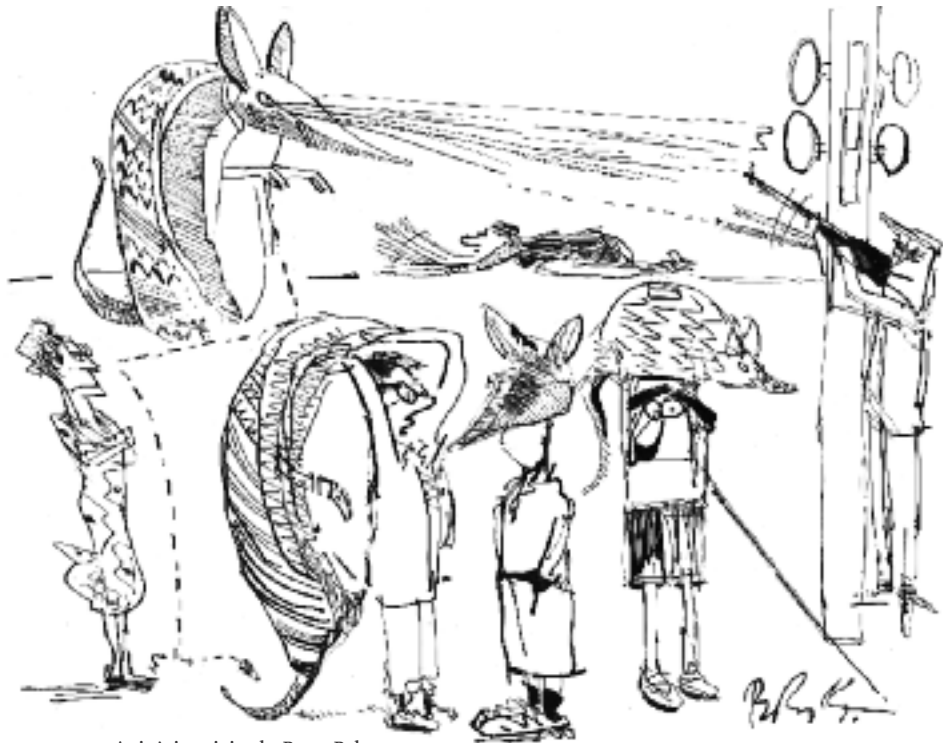
No doubt the ballistics expert called in to testify had waited a lifetime for an assignment like this. As did – in all likelihood – the grateful reporter.

Not surprisingly, my kids relished the article as much as I did. Jamie instantly snatched it up and brought it out onto the deck where she, and a passel of pals, began shrieking wildly. (They were certainly shrieking. I think it was over the article.)

Eli, arriving home some time later, perused the short column and announced with glee. “I am soooooo taking that to school tomorrow!”

“Oh no you’re not,” I countered, “That’s *my* armadillo article!”

These were not words I had ever anticipated uttering. At least not in that precise



Artist’s imagining by Bruce Roberts

order. He took a picture of it instead.

The extent of the tale’s educational value – the teachable moment – became evident during supper that evening.

“Where do armadillos even live?” asked Jamie. (Turns out they used to live exclusively in South America. But having dug up every garden from the tip of Chile to Mexico, they have now burrowed their way into the southern states.)

“Shouldn’t he be held liable for shooting a gun in a trailer park?” asked Gabby. (This was a densely populous area; even if that particular bullet path may not have been foreseeable, were there not sufficient grounds to anticipate a potentially poor outcome?)

“Do you think he actually *wanted* to hit his mother-in-law?” (Does magical thinking really work? If you wish for something hard enough, can it truly happen?)

“Can you eat armadillo?” (Yes. You can. And you can pick your teeth clean afterwards with shards of shell.)

“Are armadillos dangerous?” (In fact, they are shy and docile and harmless. Though I doubt our gun-slinging buckaroo paused to Google this on his iPhone prior to firing.) Furthermore, they have lousy hearing and even crummier vision. (Though perhaps not as dreadful as the shooter, who may have mistaken it for a rabid weasel, disguised beneath shingles.)

But beyond inspiring our erudite meal-time discussion, the real reason that I loved this article was because it was the quintessential example of the unthinkable, the unimaginable, come to pass.

Which means that its happy cousin, serendipity, awaits our faith and embrace. It allows us to contemplate – and believe in – vic-

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**AVIS D'ADOPTION  
RÈGLEMENT 1485**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1485 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT 1475 SUR LES NUISANCES ET L'ORDRE PUBLIC » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 1<sup>er</sup> juin 2015.

Ce règlement a pour objet :

- de modifier ou d'ajouter certaines dispositions au règlement 1475 afin qu'il concorde avec l'ancien libellé des règlements 257 et 196 et les pouvoirs accordés par la législation municipale, notamment en ce qui concerne les graffiti, l'alimentation des animaux sauvages, la sollicitation porte-à-porte, la possession de boissons alcoolisées et l'entretien des immeubles;
- de modifier l'article comportant les définitions;
- d'établir des règles précises relativement au comportement dans les immeubles municipaux, incluant l'interdiction d'utiliser des cigarettes électroniques et de perturber le cours normal des activités;
- de corriger certaines erreurs de traduction et de vocabulaire.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi, de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi, de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 juin 2015.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
BY-LAW 1485**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1485 entitled "BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 1475 ON NUISANCES AND PUBLIC ORDER" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

The object of this by-law is:

- to modify or add certain provisions to by-law 1475 to correspond with the former texts of by-laws 257 and 196 and the powers granted by municipal legislation, namely in regard to graffiti, feeding wild animals, door-to-door solicitation, possession of alcoholic beverages and the maintenance of immovables;
- to amend the definition section;
- to establish specific rules regarding behaviour in Municipal buildings including prohibiting the use of the e-cigarette and disrupting the normal course of operations;
- to correct some translation and vocabulary discrepancies.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Any person may consult said by-law at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, from Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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*Batshaw Children Needing Homes*

# Teenager loves being active

A foster home is being sought for 15-year-old Justin, who is a Caucasian boy.

Justin is a very bright, outgoing teenager who loves to engage in discussions and especially to make others laugh. He is very athletic and excels at team sports, which are an important part of his life. Justin's hobbies also tend towards the active, and he is motivated to develop his skills in skateboarding to perfect his moves.

Although appearing mature for his age, Justin has experienced much instability in his life and is struggling to develop a healthy identity. While usually able to assert himself in relationships, he can be

overwhelmed by frustration and has not learned how to express his feelings in positive ways. He needs support in developing skills to cope with conflict in relationships, to allow him to focus on creating a future for himself.

Justin would benefit from a caregiver able to help him to develop emotionally by acknowledging his feelings while guiding and mentoring him to help him move towards independence in a secure environment.

For more information about Justin, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, extension 1139.

# White clothes now less common on Westmount's bowling green

By JOANNE PENHALE

Members of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club recently approved rules that allow colourful clothing on the green more often.

"It took us five board meetings to come up with [a dress code] that was workable," said Richard Menear, club president, adding that some members still prefer the traditional all-white clothing.

"The whole world of lawn bowling is go-

ing to colour," Menear said. "If we want to attract more people to our sport we have to adapt."

All-white clothing is now only required for tournaments and competitions against other clubs, he said.

The club has about 85 members, he said. New members can join for \$150, after about 10 hours of coaching, he said; students pay \$60.

*See photo, p. 1.*

# The tour rushes through



Photo: Ralph Thompson

The Tour de l'île de Montréal passed through Westmount on May 31. Above, cyclists speed through the Glen tunnel just after noon, after the bulk of participants had already passed. The city of Westmount had sent an email with information on parking restrictions and street closures on Sherbrooke St. west of Claremont; on Claremont from Sherbrooke to de Maisonneuve; and on St. Catherine from de Maisonneuve to the Glen and Glen Rd. The event was sponsored by Vélo Québec.



# Beautifully ugly

## The Underdog Club

JANE DAVEY



The Underdog Club is all about the Old, the Ugly and the Unpopular. Those dogs who get picked over at the rescues for better models. Dogs in our “ugly” category are beautiful to us, and it is doubtful any of our loyal followers would argue that this sweet-heart doesn’t belong in this category.

The dog we are featuring this week was a hit at Westmount’s Family Day on May 30. Grappa won’t win any beauty contests but you’ve got to admit that this 6-year-old Chinese crested female does sport a stylish mohawk and a great set of cheekbones!

This dog of the (mostly) hairless breed variety was recently surrendered to Sophie’s Dog Adoption along with her buddy Ouzo of the same breed. They were apparently all-round great dogs but their owner found it difficult to take care of them along with her two toddlers so she contacted Sophie’s knowing the rescue



would do everything in its power to find them the best new forever homes possible (together or separately).

And what Grappa may lack in standard pooch prettiness she more than makes up for with the winning personality that is apparently typical of her breed. In addition to being described as “sweet, adorable and affectionate,” Grappa is a non-barker, even when people come to the door. She’s house-trained and knows her basic obedience commands. She’s fine with other

dogs and cats, and with dog-savvy children.

And what she lacks in the way of fur, she also makes up for by being velvety soft, non-shedding, hypo-allergenic and odourless. A win-win in the allergy department.

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An early start to noisy work May 21 in the parking garage at the Plaza Tower apartments, 4000 de Maisonneuve, generated two complaints to Public Security at 5:44 am and 6:15 am. Department officials said officers found a lift in operation transporting materials. Workers were told to turn off the motor and resume work only after 7 am. The contractor stated his employees start work at 6 am and would start up again at that time. On the second complaint from the resident of the building, the contractor was told police would be called if he refused to comply.

An Urban Planning inspector was called to the scene and found the work was being done without a permit. The contractor had apparently applied for one but never picked it up, which he subsequently did. The permitted work hours were stated on the permit.

## Traffic interferes

Street measurements for line painting at Lansdowne and St. Catherine required assistance with traffic control May 14, Public Security officials said. Public Works called for the help at 2:16 pm.

## Rings doorbell on Belvedere, wants to buy house?

Public safety officers and police have been on the lookout for a man who was ringing doorbells on Belvedere Rd. May 20, Public Security officials said. Responding to a complaint from a resident at 11:10 am, the patroller was told the man was asking if the house was for sale. The resident declined to open the door since her suspicions were aroused when she viewed him on a security camera. She also called police. The man was not found.

## So many tickets, leaf-blowing worker now gets \$540 ticket

After four previous tickets in the last two years for using a leaf blower out of season, a landscaper has had the basic fine raised to \$400 from \$200, Public Security officials said. When the court administrative fee is added, the price of his ticket issued for an offence May 26 on Roslyn rose to \$540. A complainant was reported to be ready to go to court in the latest incident. It occurred at 9:20 am.



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## AVIS D'ADOPTION MODIFICATIONS AU CODE DE CONSTRUCTION RÈGLEMENT DE CONSTRUCTION 1391

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 1<sup>er</sup> juin 2015, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté, conformément à l’article 118 de la *Loi sur l’aménagement et l’urbanisme*, la modification de l’article 214 de la *Loi sur le bâtiment* énoncée dans le décret 857-2012 concernant la *Loi sur l’économie de l’énergie dans le bâtiment* et les modifications apportées au *Code de construction* pour favoriser l’efficacité énergétique, telles qu’énoncées dans le décret 858-2012, pour faire partie du règlement 1391 intitulé « *Règlement de construction* ».

Ces modifications entrent en vigueur à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> juin 2015.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi, de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi, de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 juin 2015.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION CODE BUILDING BY-LAW 1391

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, during its regular sitting held at City Hall on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted, in accordance with section 118 of *An Act respecting Land Use Planning and Development*, the amendment of section 214 of the *Building Act* set forth in decree 857-2012 regarding the *Act respecting the conservation of energy in buildings* and the amendments to the *Construction Code* to promote energy efficiency set forth by decree 858-2012 as part of By-law 1391 entitled “*Building By-law*”.

These amendments come into force as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Any person may consult said by-law at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, from Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Women take cone and flower planter**

Two women in their early 20s were stopped by a public safety officer May 27 as they walked along de Maisonneuve at Greene carrying a construction cone and a planter of flowers. Public Security officials said the women had been walking home from downtown and took the cone from outside Westmount Square and the planter from a home at Lambert Closse. It was taken from someone they claimed to know “as a joke.” Officers checked out the address and found other containers and plants resembling the one taken. Both items were returned. One of the women lived in Westmount.

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**Name Change Notice**

Prenez avis que Megan Millward, dont l'adresse de domicile est le 4745 Saint Kevin, apt 5, Montréal, Québec, H3W 1N8, présentera au Directeur de l'état civil, en sa qualité de mère, une demande pour changer le nom de Fiona Marceline Zhang en celui de Fiona Marceline Millward-Zhang. Cet avis a été rempli et signé à Montréal, le 03 juin 2015, par Megan Millward.

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**Doherty speaks about debut novel**

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount author Susan Doherty got a warm welcome on May 13 at the Westmount Public Library, where she spoke about *A Secret Music*, her first published novel.

After years of being rejected by publishers, *A Secret Music* was accepted by Toronto-based Cormorant Books, which released the book on May 4.

A native of Beaconsfield, Doherty has lived in Westmount since 2009 with her husband Hal Hannaford, headmaster at Selwyn House.

Set during the Great Depression in Montreal, *A Secret Music* explores issues surrounding classical music and schizophrenia. Doherty has learned a lot about both, having studied the former at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and the latter while serving as a volunteer for many years at the Douglas Institute in Montreal.

“Welcome to my office – I wrote this book in the Westmount library,” said Doherty, noting that she began *A Secret Music* nine years ago for a creative writing course.

The novel takes place in various neighbourhoods in Montreal, from Griffintown



*Susan Doherty, author of A Secret Music, signs a copy of her book for Westmounter Marie-Claude Gatineau at the Westmount Public Library on May 13.*

to the Square Mile.

Doherty came up with a way to merge madness and music in her book when “I came to realize that almost all of the famous composers suffered from mental illness – bipolar, depression, schizophrenia, mania.” She said music historians will find parallels from the lives of various composers in the novel.

“Classical music, like art and book, has a touch of the eternal,” she added, saying that she wrote the book on the premise that eternity can be found in classical music. “A classic is a piece of music that has stood the test of time.”

**Car breaks down on**

A broken-down car in front of 254 Prince Albert was found leaking fuel and parked far from the curb May 24, Public Security officials said. The car was checked out after a complaint was received for a car that appeared to have been abandoned. When the car remained in place the next day, police contacted the owner and moved the car to a no-parking zone at Prince Albert and York. The owner was given until May 29 to have it towed.

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## PSO taken to hospital after being spat on

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public safety officer was taken to hospital to be checked out after an intoxicated man spat in his face May 28 at 11:29 pm, Public Security officials said. The officer had been trying to awaken the man sleeping in the lobby of the apartment building at 168 Metcalfe.

The man was reported to have become verbally aggressive when finally asked to leave, said Public Security director Greg McBain in relating the incident. Refusing, he said he would punch the officer if he hadn't injured his wrist.

When he was told he would be helped out, the man turned suddenly and spat in

the officer's face. He was quickly arrested by other officers and read his rights before the arrival of police. He was reported to have continued spitting and disturbing the peace.

"Police were told we wanted to press assault charges," McBain said. "We also issued three statements of offence." A 54-year-old resident of St. Catherine St. received two tickets of \$148 each for disturbing the peace and loitering and another at \$210 for impeding the work of a municipal officer.

As a precaution, the officer was taken to St. Luc hospital, which specializes in infectious diseases and was given a clean bill of health.

## PSOs clear branches from Woods path

Public safety officers were reported to have cleared a pile of branches from a path in Summit Woods May 21 after someone called the department at 4:18 pm to say they appeared to be set up for a bonfire. Public Security officials said the branches looked more like they had been positioned to block the trail.

## Police Report

# Three cars broken into in 5 days

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.*

Thieves broke into a trio of unattended cars – each in a unique fashion – in Westmount between May 28 and June 1, according to police reports.

In the first incident during the early hours of May 28, a car parked in an alleyway on Elm reportedly had its front driver-side window smashed and a GPS unit stolen.

On May 31, a Jeep parked on Wood had its central console damaged after the suspect allegedly ripped open the glove compartment to steal a pair of sunglasses. With the victim reporting no external damage to the car, Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel said the suspect may have worked his way through the Jeep's soft material canopy to enter the vehicle.

The following afternoon, a woman who had stopped to use an ATM on Sherbrooke near Victoria returned to her car to reportedly find her purse, cell phone and

sunglasses missing. The victim told police she asked pedestrians and others in the area about the incident, but none had witnessed anything suspicious. There was no damage to the door, likely indicating that the door had been left unlocked, according to Pimentel.

There are no suspects for any of the break-ins.

Four more cars were broken into in the Ville Marie area of Montreal, which is also covered by Station 12.

Despite the seven break-ins last week, Pimentel cautioned that it would be premature to call the incidents to be part of an epidemic.

"These things go in waves. There are a lot of factors that impact it. Has somebody been arrested? Is there an increased police presence? Is the person in a different sector?" he explained.

"Here, where I'm sitting in the station, I have pictures of known perpetrators to do these types of crimes in our sector. These are the types of targets we have when we have undercover officers or uniformed officers on patrol."



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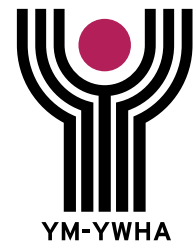
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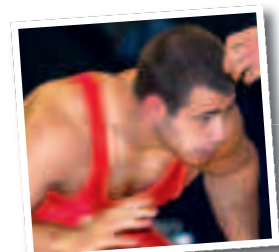
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# Vintage on sale for Alzheimer Groupe



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On April 22, gorgeous garments by designers Yves St. Laurent, Christian Dior, Louis Vuitton, Max Mara, Serge & Réal and Prada were snapped up by style-seeking Montreal ladies at the Alzheimer Groupe Inc.'s (AGI) annual fun fundraiser.

There was also hardly-worn sexy stilettos – Manolo Blahniks, Gucci boots, Coach bags, Michael Kors outfits and a gaggle of coats at the AGI annual vintage sale of gently-used designer clothing. And what a sale it was! Thanks to the generosity of donors, fabulous purses, pristine Hermès ties and scarves, gala gowns and fashion items too many to mention, the sale was a huge success.

The pre-sale cocktail was sold out, and guests received first grab at the fashions. Needless to say, there was a line-up at the

door. Smart shoppers received massive IKEA bags to better hold all the beautiful bargains. AGI volunteer and event founder, the ever-elegant **Dorothy Reitman**, inspired committee members **Danielle Bitton**, **Francine Hébert**, **Jessica Lapointe**, **Liz Brinberg**, **Dominique Voyer**, **Mona Golfman**, **Mirna Hofbauer**, **Susan Gordon** and local residents **Natasha Canales**, **Andrea Elias**, **Robert Calder**, **Iris Hersch**, **Eleanor Star**, Westmounter **Astri Prugger** and AGI president **Claire Webster**, who organized the best event ever.



Kate Molson

Noted amidst the packed racks were Westmounters **Linda Israel**, executive director AGI, **Nancy Fitzpatrick**, Karma and daughter **Laura Hallward**, **Alice Gold-**



From left: Dorothy Reitman, Francine Hébert, Claire Webster, Jessica Lapointe and Astri Prugger.



Lorna Denham, left, and Nancy Fitzpatrick.



Kathy Carson, left, and Sharon Klein.

bloom, **Sarah Ivory**, **Susan Nemec**, **Rochelle Cantor**, **Lucy McInnis**, **Heather Martin**, **Anthea Dawson**, **Nicole Rolland**, **Tina Sioufi**, **Elin Oldland**, **Amanda Jelowicki**, local res **Mary Anne Ferguson**, **Janet Dussault**, **Claire Fripp**, **Lorna Denham**, **Kate Molson**, **Heather Monaghan** as well

as **Kathay Carson** and St. Georges school head **Sharon Klein**.

The two-day event, which included the cocktail, raised \$80,000 to support programs of the Alzheimer Groupe.



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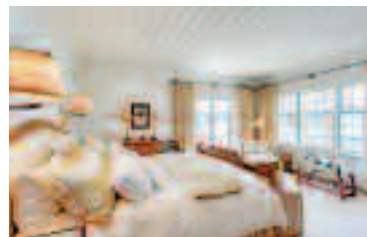
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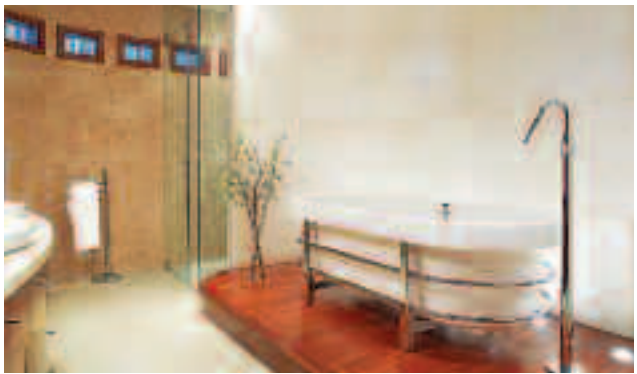
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