

*Papal visit marked end of Mother House vocation*

## Dawson CEGEP hits record enrolment this fall – 30 years after pope's visit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Still holding its own as the largest CEGEP in Quebec, Dawson has enrolled a total of 8,250 full-time day students this fall as well as another 2,500 for continuing education, college officials said last week. The number is slightly higher than last year.

Despite projections of possible dwindling student populations, the new levels come exactly 30 years after the visit to the

building by Pope John Paul II on September 11, 1984.

The visit was a turning point that marked the end of the 1906 building's use as the Mother House of the Congregation of Notre Dame and the beginning of its "challenging" conversion to the current vocation.

The required \$45-million investment by Quebec at that time was a sign of "changing times" in Westmount, stated then mayor May Cutler at the official opening of the campus in 1988.

Getting to that point, however, was fraught with

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## Pool to stay open two weekends after Labour Day

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The new Westmount recreation centre pool will stay open for two additional weekends after Labour Day, assistant director general Mike Deegan said last week. The schedule for both Saturday and Sunday of 11 am to 7 pm will be allocated to general swim, with two lanes reserved for adult swim 6 to 7 pm. The splash pad will also be open.

It's the first time in Deegan's recollection and also "since I've been here," said assistant Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe, now in his 23rd year with

the city.

In the past, he said, the city had tried keeping its pool open on occasion for a few days past Labour Day after kids and lifeguards went back to school.

But this year, the decision to try the weekend opening has been based on a strong demand for the pool use and the one lifeguard shift that will be required for reduced hours.

Since most of the lifeguards are also back to classes at college or university – some out of town – the one shift will require the presence of about seven, Lapointe said.

## Place K marks silver anniversary



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Place Kensington marketing director Pamela Hendy; co-owner Aaron Gelber; executive director Sylvia Zagury, co-owner Norman Sternthal and maintenance supervisor Atil Ataol release doves from a cage during a 25th anniversary event at Place Kensington held August 27. For another photo, see p. 7.

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**Westmount Park Church raises alarm****City finds last-minute solution to improve turnaround**

Work proceeds to complete the de Maisonneuve project in front of Westmount Park Church August 28.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Just in the nick of time, a way was found last week to increase the size of the turnaround in front of Westmount Park Church so “the average car” could easily manoeuvre the turn, city officials said. Construction of a vehicle access to the de Maisonneuve door began August 11.

The solution was found after concerns were raised by church treasurer Joan

Hagerman after viewing the partially completed work and alerting the city, according to assistant director Mike Deegan.

He said he had met with Public Works officials on August 25 – a Monday – after receiving an email from Hagerman over the weekend. “We were able to capture another 4.75 feet, which should allow the average car to run around,” he told the *Independent*.

“I was very pleased *continued on p. 23* .....

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Add in the fact that the building – only the second one in North America to be built of reinforced concrete – lay two-thirds in Westmount and one third in Montreal.

“It’s a balancing act,” explained Ali Ettehadieh, the consulting engineer, who was directing the work.

“Nothing here is mass produced,” he told a reporter. Each of the 1,283 new windows had to be custom made since no two measured exactly the same. And for other aspects of work, no two floors were the same.

The interior of the rambling building with its many wings had to be gutted. The once polished wood floors had to be replaced with concrete ones. Rows and rows of dormitories had to make way for state-of-the-art classrooms. The chapel had to be preserved and converted into a library.

Installing eight sprinkler heads high up in the distinctive dome was a time-consuming operation. In the bowels of the

building, 16 separate mechanical rooms were required because of its design as a horizontal “H.”

And outside, where the ministry of Cultural Affairs and Westmount required the heavily treed-grounds to be preserved, a large maple tree that turned out to be growing in the wrong location had to be held up by cables while the ground was cut out from under it for the installation of air intake equipment.

Meanwhile, a row of new 18-inch sewer pipes made of the plastic preferred by Montreal had to be connected to cast iron ones required by Westmount when they crossed the territorial border.

And so it went.

Westmount downzoned de Maisonneuve to restrict the height of anticipated new Dawson buildings to follow, led by then councillor Peter Trent, the architectural and planning commissioner.

Noise by-laws were tightened to protect residents against future construction plans for new classrooms along the street and the building of underground classrooms and gyms in new building phases.

Now, however, much of the anticipated impact that had brought local residents to city council meetings month after month has become characteristic of the area as Dawson has become integrated into the community.



Pope John Paul II visits the Mother House on September 11, 1984, the last major event before demolition and construction work to convert the building into Dawson College.

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The local club on Sherbrooke adjacent to city hall will be hosting the tournament, at which the men’s and women’s triple

team champions will be “crowned.”

After the opening match September 1, the 20 teams from eight provinces will compete for seven days in head-to-head and playoff matches, according to club president Bruce St. Louis.

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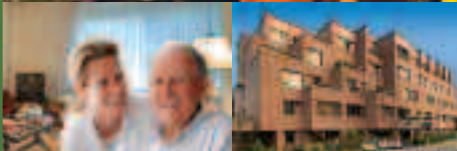
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# Garneau skeptical of 'extraterrestrial' visits

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount-Ville Marie MP and Westmounter Marc Garneau, who is also Canada's first astronaut, says he believes life exists elsewhere in the universe, but that extraterrestrials have never visited our planet.

"There have been some astronauts who have come out with statements to the effect that we as a planet have been visited by extraterrestrials," Garneau, who was the featured speaker of the Montreal chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada at Victoria Hall on August 27, said while answering questions following his talk on his life.

"If you believe that we have been visited, I'm not going to persuade you otherwise," added Garneau. "But I'm telling you that I am not convinced. I don't buy the argument that extraterrestrials have come anywhere near Earth so far. Are there things that are unexplained? Yes. But there is an explanation, and to me it has nothing to do with us being visited by extraterrestrials."

The way Garneau said he sees it, "if there are extraterrestrials out there in the



Westmount-Ville Marie MP and former astronaut Marc Garneau, left, seen here with RASC Montreal chapter president Morrie Portnoff at Victoria Hall on August 27.

universe" and "who have decided that they're going to visit our little old solar system and that they're going to come to planet Earth and look at it, then this is an incredibly advanced civilization, if I can put it that way. Because to be able to go from another solar system, possibly even another galaxy, to come all the way here requires a very, very advanced level of technology.

"And so they would not have any reason to be worried about us," he continued. "They're not afraid of us. They're so advanced that they would have nothing to worry about us. So why they would hover above us, or just land in cornfields in Oklahoma?"

Garneau, who flew his first space mission in 1984 and two more missions in the years afterwards, suggested that extraterrestrials "would come down and have a look at us if they could come all this way. To me that's how my logic works. They

wouldn't sort of stay above and just spy on us and keep us in suspense. That's my feeling about it. I think there's intelligent life out there, but I beg to differ with those who think we've been visited."

He also spoke about his life leading up to his time as an astronaut. He had been following a career in the Canadian navy, and he answered a newspaper want ad for astronauts by the fledgling Canadian Space Agency.

## Door wide open to cool off

Public safety officers found a front door wide open at a darkened house on St. Antoine St. August 21 at 2:30 am, Public Security officials said. They kept knocking until a man appeared from a bedroom and stated he had left the door open because the house was too hot.

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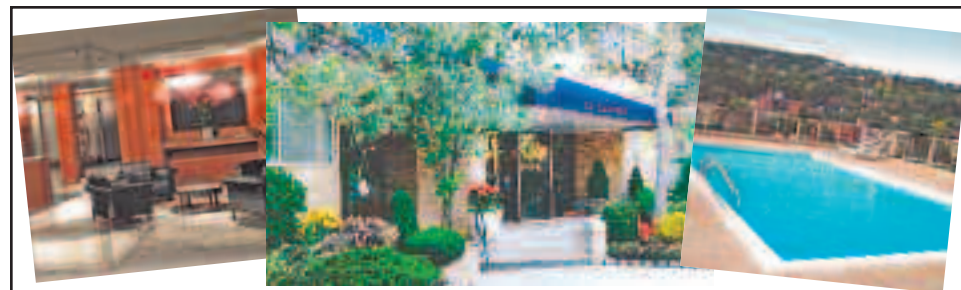
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In the August 26th issue of The Independent there was an error in the information printed.

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We regret any confusion and/or misunderstanding this may have caused.

## Raising a glass to Place K



Place Kensington residents Sabine Jakubovic, left, and Faith Feindel raise a glass to Place Kensington's future during a silver anniversary celebration held at the seniors' home.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Staff, residents and family members gathered at Place Kensington on St. Catherine St. August 27 for a celebration of the senior citizens' home's 25th anniversary.

A late afternoon reception with accompaniment by harpist Suzanne Berthiaume was followed by speeches given by Place Kensington executive director Sylvia Zagury and Westmount director general Duncan Campbell. Among the guests

were district 7 city councillor Cynthia Lulham and former mayor Karin Marks.

The speeches were followed by a ceremony during which Place Kensington residents lit 25 silver candles symbolic of the residence's years.

Afterwards, doves were released from an enclosure as a symbol of the future of Place Kensington. Following an anniversary dinner, music and comedy team Bowser and Blue gave a performance in the auditorium.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS FOR AQUAFIT

I think that I speak for all of us who have had such a wonderful summer at our aquafit classes when I say a big “thank you” to all who made it possible. Amy was our warm and encouraging instructor who insisted that we could balance, upright, on a pool noodle. We didn’t believe her for several weeks, and then we were all showing off. The lifeguards laughed with us, not at us, as we bounced up and down to the music. The Recreation department gave us such an attractive venue. The group of women of a “certain age” who made it so much fun. We worked hard, we laughed a lot, and we are looking forward to next summer. Thanks!

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO VIABILITY OF LANSDOWNE DOG RUN?

In reference to Laureen Sweeney’s article “3 sites proposed from 8 assessed in dog run report,” (August 19, p. 1):

1. Why did taxpayers have to pay for an expert study on the dog run site when city councillors are paid to decide such matters? Was it for objectivity or to pass the

buck?

2. In her May 15, 2012 piece “Lansdowne dog run to stay,” p. 1), it reads “it appears the Lansdowne dog run will not have to be moved up into Westmount Park, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced May 7” because the contractors [had] guaranteed that the south west corner site [was] perfectly safe. Is this no longer true?

3. Regardless of anybody’s preferences in the matter, having a dog run in the middle of the park is sheer lunacy from a safety, logistics and hygiene point of view. Westmount Park is no longer a neighbourhood park and has visitors from all over the city. Could it handle the additional burden of visiting dogs and their owners?

4. If yet another public consultation is to be held, all the letters written by citizens to the press or city hall over these two years should be included in the consultation package. The expert proposals are presented with a bias favouring the shuffleboard option. By the way, it seems that breaking up the concrete in the shuffleboard area will entail additional costs.

5. Hopefully the consultation includes a box that says: “none of the above.”

MAYA KHANKHOJE, KENSINGTON AVE.

## THANKS TO PUBLIC SECURITY

On Saturday afternoon my immobile husband did not make the transfer from his chair to his wheelchair, slipping to the carpeted floor. In the previous infrequent occasions that this has happened his Life Line has activated and police were called.

This time we were told that the wait time could be as much as three or four hours. My husband suggested that I call Westmount Public Security. They arrived within 10 or 15 minutes. Sgt. Steve Payne arrived first and made sure my husband was unhurt, then he and Public Safety Officer Jason Souza picked up all 6 feet of him and placed him gently in his chair!

They chatted with him for a few minutes and left.

On Sunday, there was a knock on the door and there was Sgt. Payne checking up on my husband and giving us a brochure entitled “Security and Aging – Safety and Welfare for Seniors in the Community.”

Under that was a heartwarming line: “You’re Not Alone.” With no family within 250 kilometres that phrase says it all. There was also a card with the name of Public Safety Officer Sabrina Tremblay, who keeps in touch with all registered seniors.

I spoke to Sgt. Payne and asked how I could get some more brochures for some of my elderly friends, who I am sure are unaware of the information and services offered to Westmount seniors. A few hours later he was on the doorstep with the brochures. What service – done with a caring attitude and a smile!

In the brochure, of particular interest to us is information on how to get on a database with the fire department, so it knows that my husband cannot leave the apartment in the event of fire.

Thank you again Sgt. Payne and Public Safety officer Souza!

HONOR BARRETT, KENSINGTON AVE.

## WMA IS SLOWING DOWN DOG RUN DECISION

The Westmount Dog Owners Association has generally agreed with the three preferred areas listed, whereas the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) requires more time to walk the sites and develop a consensus (re: “Dog run report

raises questions of poll, policy and timing,” August 26, p. 1).

How many members of the WMA, and, how long, does it take to light their fires and decide on a suitable area for dogs to exercise and socialize? Perhaps hell will freeze over before a decision is reached.

Speed up the process please, so this generation of canines can enjoy some space and play with their friends. As we know, their lives are too short, so let us make an effort – for them.

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## OLMSTED WOULDN’T LOVE IT

“Underused” is an inappropriate specification for any area in Westmount Park (“3 sites proposed from 8, assessed in dog run report,” August 19, p. 8).

Frederick Law Olmsted designed the park to include a balance of open spaces and shaded retreats, and as a place apart from the busyness of the surrounding city.

The specified “underused” section – the shuffleboard courts and surrounding greenery – has been so labelled by the consulting firm Hodgins and Associates to justify the site as a potential dog run. This place of peace lies at the heart of the park; many of all ages seek and appreciate it daily.

Why did Westmount city council seek the advice of outside consultants when the general consensus of citizens, as articulated in presentations to city council, the Westmount Municipal Association and letters to this paper, is clearly against this option?

Olmstead wouldn’t like it, nor would the mallards, cardinals and white-throat sparrows.

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## SHRUBBERY WON’T HELP NOISE AT SHUFFLEBOARD SITE

It is deeply distressing that the city is considering building a dog park anywhere within, or bordering, Westmount Park, especially in the shuffleboard area, where I composed this letter.

My two main objections are noise and land use.

1. Noise: The consultants’ report on dog parks mentions noise mitigation (especially for home owners bordering the park). Based on my experiences in King George (Murray) Park, where barking from the dog run carries well beyond its borders, it is highly unlikely that any amount of new shrubbery would adequately mitigate barking

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noise for Westmount Park visitors. Whether from small or large dogs, barking is inherently piercing, jarring and annoying. It would be difficult to avoid being exposed to it.

2. Land use: The report claims the shuffleboard area is “underused.” Has the city administration ever asked why the area might not be as frequented as some other areas of the park? It doesn't require a degree in urban studies or landscape design to notice the unappealing features, [including] far too much concrete on the ground and the walls surrounding greenery, old benches and graffiti.

The area is lovely, but could be made more attractive with some infrastructure changes and landscaping enhancements. There are many possibilities for human-centred uses in this rare, urban oasis. The site should remain as such!

SUSAN KAZENEL, KENSINGTON AVE.

**NEED PEOPLE-ORIENTED APPROACH TO DOG RUN ISSUES**

We are sorry the topic of dog runs has re-emerged, especially after the strong opposition to it last year. However, it appears

that it is being resurrected despite availability of other dog runs, e.g. King George (Murray) Park, Westmount Athletic Ground ) quite close by.

And it seems that the shuffleboard site is preferred again and other sites dismissed rapidly with no real consideration.

The idea of dogs (sometimes three or four at a time) being brought to the centre of the park to congregate there makes lots of people nervous (mothers with babies, seniors, etc). It would also completely alter the character of the park, and the centre would no longer provide a quiet refuge for anyone.

The council was able to oversee the construction of a new, imaginative sports complex with two underground ice arenas and also have an increase of the usable space in the park. We need a flexible, people-oriented and imaginative approach also to the dog run [site].

Using the shuffleboard site as a dog run generated considerable antagonism last year and should be dropped from the city's list of proposed sites. The only site we can see as a possibility is number 7 at the corner of St. Catherine and Lansdowne.

VICTOR LE NIR AND LUDMILA UHDE,  
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

**READ THE LETTERS**

In last week's issue of the *Independent* (August 26), a couple of letters to the editor should be made compulsory reading for Hodgins & Associates and seriously considered by them in advising Westmount on the creation of a dog run in Westmount Park. These letters were: “‘Cruel’ to place dog run in middle of park,” “‘None of the above’ best choice in dog runs,” and “If dog run is a must, option 6 in ok.”

I conclude with a plea to authorities in city hall to please make Westmount Park more beautiful than it is by planting more beautiful trees like the magnolia, rowan (mentioned lyrically in Michael Walsh's letter), oak, ginkgo and others.

A dog run has no place in a peaceful, green, public park. It will disfigure it permanently, destroying its delicately balanced eco-system.

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

**VEGGIE PLANTERS NOT UP TO PAR WITH FLORAL CLOCK**

The August 5 *Independent* had a couple of nice photos of flower plantings in Westmount.

One, the floral clock, is an annual treat and the “greenhouse ladies,” who design,

plant and maintain it deserve more recognition than they get.

The same cannot be said for the street planters along Sherbrooke St. They offer no visual appeal, are poorly designed and seem not to be maintained at all.

If they are supposed to give the viewer the idea that one can grow food in an urban environment, there are better ways to do so. (More community garden space or a demonstration garden in front of city hall are two ideas.)

These planters should be full of colour and interesting floral plants that make the street a more inviting place to be. Who bet-

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# New year, new faculty at Westmount schools

By STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

With schools back in session there are plenty of new faces – not just students but faculty as well.

Here are just a few of the new teachers at schools around Westmount.

## ECS

At ECS, new teachers may be found this year at the junior school level.



Lise Godin

ECS. Godin is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership, Potter said.

Former junior school teacher Lydia Boudreault is now

Before joining ECS, grade 2 home-room teacher Lise Godin “taught all the primary grades at another local girls’ school,” said Holly Potter, director of communications for



Lydia Boudreault

the science teacher for grades 3, 4 and 5. “She is well-known for creating wonderful videos with her students,” Potter said.



Pierre-Olivier Bussière

Pierre-Olivier Bussière, who taught social sciences in the ECS middle school last year, now teaches history and citizenship education to grades 4 and 5. A University of Montreal grad, Bussière also coaches the ECS swim team.

## St. George's

This year St. George's has new faculty at both its elementary and high schools.



Tayla Barnes

According to information sent by Victoria Dobbin, graphic arts technician and webmaster at St. George's, at the school's elementary level, new kindergarten teacher Tayla Barnes holds degrees from University of

Ottawa and Concordia, and most recently was a pre-kindergarten teacher with the École Montessori in Montreal, said.



Erin Ryan

Grade 3 English and math teacher Erin Ryan is a Concordia graduate, who has taught at Hampstead School and École Bilingue Notre Dame de Sion.

A graduate of University of Colorado and Mercy College,

grade 4 English and math teacher Alan Blaha has taught in the US and Canada, most recently at the École Buissonnière in Outremont.



Alan Blaha

Teaching physical education is Joey Feith is a McGill grad, who has taught and coached at Royal Charles School in St. Hubert, École Secondaire du Grand Coteau in St. Julie and

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## Parents asked to park away from schools, walk

# Public Security mounts extra patrols in school zones

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers launched a full-scale effort last week to encourage safety measures around school zones as Westmount schools started back at different times, Public Security director Greg McBain said.

“We have extra patrols in the school zones to maintain a high visibility and get the safety message out there,” he ex-

## Deaf dog taken in

A dog standing outside the front door of a house on Kensington south of Sherbrooke August 19 was pointed out to patrollers at 7:05 pm by a resident, Public Security officials said. There was no answer at the door or to calls to the owner who was traced through the dog's licence tag. The man who flagged down the patrol was a neighbour who knew the dog and offered to care for it until the owner's return. The older dog was described as deaf.

plained. “We're asking parents for their cooperation when dropping off or picking up children. Take a little extra time, park away from the school and walk.”

He also appealed to drivers not to double park, to go around the block instead of making a U-turn and be very careful when backing up. “It's not always easy for smaller drivers of larger cars to see a small child behind.”

Officers will also be on the lookout for cars that park too close to the corner. “There's a good reason not to,” McBain said. Corners must be kept clear to improve the visibility for children crossing there and for drivers to see them as well.

Speeding is a particular problem on streets around Villa St. Marcelline, Akiva School and St. Leon, he added.

Parents of Selwyn House students are being asked not to speed long Côte St. Antoine and down Kensington after dropping off students. “Children should be encouraged not to cross between parked cars or mid-block and with a crossing guard, where one is available.”



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# EMSB's new TV ads include Westmount High's Everett



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The English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has taken to the airwaves.

It launched a television advertising campaign on YouTube and Vimeo August 27. The series of ads will go to air on CTV September 2 and continue through the month.

Students in the five ad spots are grouped by high schools, with Westmount High, Lauren Hill Academy and Royal Vale students sharing spot number five. To celebrate the launch, the EMSB invited the students, their family members, high school teachers, principals and vice principals to watch the ads before the start of the EMSB's board meeting, which also took place on launch day.

"I think it's quite an interesting initiative, and it highlights what we do in our schools and hopefully it will be part of what attracts people to come to our schools in the future," said EMSB chair Angela Mancini.

"We thank the council of commissioners for backing us to do an unprecedented television advertising campaign on CTV," said Michael Cohen, EMSB communica-



Among the students posing with CTV anchor Mutsumi Takahashi, bottom row, middle, was Westmount High student Chiara Everett, back row, left. The school's guidance counsellor Karen Allen joins them, back row, right.

Photo courtesy of EMSB

tions and marketing specialist. "We recorded these commercials over the course of two days in May at CTV studios," Cohen said. "The staff at the schools were very cooperative in putting the scripts together and the students, of course – they are our stars. Each one did an outstanding job."

Cohen said the ads will be accessible on the EMSB's website, with a link in its newsletter. "We're hoping that the students and their friends and staff will take the YouTube link on our website and post it on their own Facebook page to get it out there to as many people as possible, and maybe this will go viral."

The campaign has had one glitch. For

a while, the commercial featuring Westmount High identified the wrong student.

Although Chiara Everett was the student who appeared in the ad, the caption in the commercial launched on YouTube on August 27 mistakenly said it was Tanjena Akther.

The EMSB presented certificates to students featured in the ads. Neither Westmount High principal Michael Cristofaro nor Akther, were there. Nor was Chiara Everett, the student who actually starred in the ad.

Reached at home, Akther told the *Independent* she doesn't mind the mistake, but she doesn't feel comfortable taking credit for something she didn't do. She said that even though she was the EMSB's top pick for Westmount High she wasn't available and Everett replaced her.

After the *Independent* alerted Cohen to the mistake, he wrote in an email that the ad spot would be changed to show the correct name of the Westmount High student.

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**New teachers cont'd. from p. 10**

Joey Feith

École Secondaire de Chambly.

At St. George's high school, new guidance counsellor Jacqueline Lemieux is a graduate of Con-



Jacqueline Lemieux

cordia and McGill, who "brings extensive experience working with youth both in and outside of academic settings including CEGEP, university and the



Oriana Sutorius-Lavoie

Royal Canadian Naval Reserves," Dobbin said in an email.

Visual arts teacher Oriana Sutorius-Lavoie is a graduate of the University of Ottawa and the Ontario College of Art and Design University and has taught in

schools and colleges in Ottawa and Turkey.

**Selwyn House**

New English and math teacher Meaghan Scholefield will teach grades 1 and 2, said Selwyn House director of publications Richard Wills. A McGill grad, Scholefield comes to Selwyn House from Elizabeth Ballantyne School.



Meaghan Scholefield

University of Quebec in Montreal grad-



Nancy Hébert

uate Nancy Hébert will teach French in grades 9, 10 and 11, as well as ethics and religious culture in grade 11, said Wills. She comes to Selwyn House from Queen of Angels Academy.

Brendan Munzar, a 2005 Selwyn House alumnus, will be teaching math in grades 9, 10 and 11, Wills said. A graduate of Williams College and the University of Toronto, Munzar is

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## 4172 Dorchester Blvd.: Survivor of the urban renewal plan

*New teachers cont'd. from p. 13*



Brendan Munzar

beginning his teaching career at Selwyn House, Wills said.

New physical education teacher Matthew Held will also coach soccer, hockey and rugby, Wills said. A Concordia and University of

Ottawa graduate, Held comes to Selwyn House from Trafalgar School for Girls.



Matthew Held

### Smoke rises

A patroller near Atwater and Dorchester spotted a large amount of smoke rising from the area and discovered a four-car accident August 19 at 10:54 am, Public Security officials said. The “smoke” was reported to be from the deployment of air bags. The officer attended to drivers until the arrival of Urgences Santé but no major injuries were reported. A tow truck was called and the intersection cleared.



*History by the house*

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The corner of Dorchester Blvd. and Greene Ave. was an important locale in the city’s plans in the 1960s to “renew” and re-develop the entire southeastern sector of Westmount. Mammoth projects such as Westmount Square, Alexis Nihon Plaza and 4300 de Maisonneuve appeared in the early to mid-1960s. All the properties on the north side of Dorchester and Tupper streets were expropriated and demolished to allow for the widening of Dorchester St. and to make it into Dorchester Blvd. West. Smaller projects such as Westmount High School, the apartment building at 4282 Dorchester, the United Nurses’ headquarters and the RCMP building, the latter two on opposite corners of Greene and Dorchester, also appeared in the 1960s (the RCMP building was 1972).

But the enthusiasm for urban renewal, which had become the standard for the '60s took a sharp turn, largely with the



4172 Dorchester at the southeast corner of Greene and Dorchester.

announcement of plans for a superhighway to slice through lower Westmount in about 1969, along with demolition of more houses on Selby St. and Greene Ave., just south of the CPR right-of-way. The citizen protests and community organizing, which developed out of this situation, put a stop to more demolition and began the gentrification of lower Westmount.

Saved from the wrecking ball was the stonefront home on the southeast corner of Greene and Dorchester, 4172 Dorchester, which faces the Order of Nurses, the RCMP and a parking lot, where buildings were demolished.

**Built in 1890**

The semi-detached *continued on p. 15*

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house was built in about 1890 on land, which originally (in about 1853) had been purchased by the Greene and Atwater families from the Sisters of Charity, who had built what is now known as the Grey Nuns' convent on Côte des Neiges Rd. Edwin Atwater, from Williston, Vermont, and Lucy Greene, from Vergennes, Vermont, made their way to Montreal in the 1830s, along with other members of their respective families.

Atwater and his brother Albert started a paint and varnish business but soon Edwin got involved with the founding of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, later becoming a city councillor.

Lucy Greene Atwater was busy raising eight very influential children, and though she and Edwin lived in the St. Antoine ward of Montreal, she and her brothers were interested in picking up land in the southeastern sector of Côte St. Antoine, which later became Westmount.

Once the Greene-Atwater clan started selling off that land, Charles M. Putney, who owned a confectioner and lunch room on Victoria Square downtown, took over the land along Dorchester in 1875.

Four years later George Armstrong, described as an "upholsterer, cabinetmaker

and undertaker," who had his business two doors away from Putney on Victoria Square, took over the two lots closest to Greene Ave., which by then had been named for the family. Apparently this was Armstrong's first venture into homebuilding and property management, for the next deed, in December 1890, lists four addresses, 1376, 1378, 1380 and 1382 Dorchester, which he had been renting out for a number of years.

He died in September 1888, and his wife passed away in December of the same year.

Samuel Johnston, who paid \$20,000 for the four, was described in the deed of sale as a "Gentleman (and) formerly an employee in Her Majesty's Post Office." It was clear the four were being rented out; by 1895 Johnston moved into the renumbered 4170 Dorchester, while 4172 was being rented to an insurance manager named James McGregor.

**Four houses donated to daughter**

In 1900 Johnston donated the four houses to his daughter, Mary Louisa Johnston-Clark, who held onto the properties until 1944. In 1903 McGregor moved out and the father moved next door. He remained there until 1908, when his daughter appears as the occupant of 4172 (according to *Lovell's Directory*). She died in

1922, but the estate held onto the properties for another 20-plus years before finally selling them to Florence A. Johnston, DDS, believed to be the first woman graduate of McGill's Faculty of Dentistry in 1926, who paid \$15,000 for the four.

Over the two decades, it appears this part of Westmount was transforming into a rather seedy district of rooming houses and rundown apartment buildings. Apparently these four buildings, held by the estate of Louisa Clark, were no exception; in 1930 *Lovell's* shows two residents at 4168 Dorchester. In 1935 there were four names attached to the address of 4170 and five the following year.

The deed to Florence Johnston in 1944 talks about month-to-month rents at 4172. In fact, *Lovell's* shows that the major tenant of that building in 1938 was Miss Thora Elhart. By 1941 there were two names listed at 4168 and 4172 (including Elhart), and 10 at 4170.

Florence Johnston gradually sold off the four buildings in the post-war 1940s, finally selling 4172 to Elhart in 1948, for \$8,500. She held onto the property for six years until 1954, by which time it was described as a "rooming house with license number 509 from the City of Westmount."

The next buyer was the estate of Robert Larivière, which allowed her to choose her own

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**History of 4172 Dorchester**

Date	Buyer	Price
24 Dec, 1890	Samuel Johnston (1376-82 Dorchester)	\$20,000
4 Aug, 1900	Mary Louisa Johnston-Clark (4166-72 Dorchester) to daughter	Donation
18 Nov, 1944	Florence A. Johnston, DDS (4166-72 Dorchester)	\$15,000
17 Mar, 1948	Thora Elhart (4172 only)	\$8,500
13 Aug, 1954	estate Robert Larivière	\$16,500
4 Apr, 1960	Gerard Legault & Monique Deragon, wife of J. Bernard Billard	\$21,000
10 Apr, 1964	Danae Eliades, wife legally separated from A. Patsalis	\$29,000
1 Oct, 1975	Cherrida M. Gray, Antique Dealer	\$38,000
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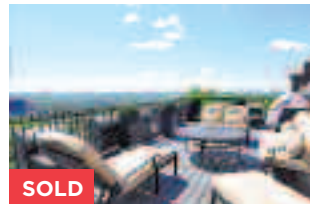
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## Registration line-up 2 walls long



Registration for sports and recreation activities for Westmount residents started at the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) at 8:30 a.m. on August 25. One of the first in line to register was Samira Aboulwana, right, who arrived at 7:15 am to register children under her care for activities, followed closely by Ghislaine Gosselin, second from right, who was signing up for a low-intensity fitness classes. By 8 am the line-up extended along two walls of the WRC but a notice on the door indicated that all Westmounters would be accommodated, with a few exceptions.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## More than 100 residents sign up

An elderly resident of Kensington was assisted after falling on the floor of his home August 23, Public Security officials said. He was not reported as injured. Information on the department's Security in Aging program was left at the home and a follow-up was conducted.

More than 100 residents are reported to have signed up to be included in the program since it was launched six months ago, said Public Security Greg McBain. Special assistance is provided to those requiring it as the population ages.

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## Going 'batty' at night

Two Westmount residents found a bat in their houses two nights apart, according to Public Security officers. The first complainant called for help August 20 at 11:32 pm, bringing officers to the house on Elm with a net. The bat was caught and released outside. Another call August 22 came at 1:17 am from a resident of Roslyn stating a bat was stuck or cornered in the house. With the help of the net, officers managed to release it as well. It's not unusual for bats to find their way inside through a chimney whose damper is left open, officials said.



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## Meeting and munching during annual Arlington block party



On August 27, kids from Arlington Ave. enjoy corn on the cob, which is always abundant during the traditional end-of-summer Arlington block party.

Photos: Martin C. Barry

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## History

## Mountainside United Church – 100 years in Westmount

BY DOREEN LINDSAY

Mountainside United Church, standing proudly on The Boulevard between Roslyn and Lansdowne avenues, has a long and complex lineage.

Leslie Hall was inaugurated on September 6, 1914. On Sunday, September 14 a service of celebration will be held in that same room to commemorate the 100th an-

niversary. This original building served both as a worship centre and Sunday school room. The gallery around three sides has been beautifully preserved and was designated Leslie Hall in 1948 in honour of John Leslie's lifelong commitment to the church.

The church's origins can be traced back to 1865 when the original Dominion Square Methodist Church was at the southwest corner of Dorchester and Windsor streets. The Reverend James Henderson, who was appointed as minister in 1883, was a strict Methodist, opposed to smoking, drinking, dancing, theatre going, and travelling on Sunday.

The property was sold in 1912, and the congregation moved up the mountain to the residential area of Westmount. They built a new small church in 1914 and named it Dominion Methodist. The original yellow stone building still stands today and provides office space and meeting rooms.

In 1925 Dominion Methodist, was joined by Douglas Methodist, a church built in 1875 on St. Catherine St. at the corner of Chomedey. It was named in honour of Reverend George Douglas, the principal of Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal, where Methodist ministers were trained.

The church then re-



The original entrance to the original church named Dominion-Methodist opened for services in September 1914 on Roslyn Ave. Part of the building serves as office space today while other parts have been preserved and given new uses.

named itself Dominion-Douglas and became part of the United Church of Canada following the union of most Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists on June 10, 1925.

In 1927, Dominion-Douglas built the massive Gothic-inspired new church building fronting on The Boulevard. Constructed of Credit Valley sandstone, with limestone trimmings, the design by architect Hugh Griffith Jones (1872-1947) expresses the atmosphere and monumental character of the Gothic churches of England. This is the only building by Jones in Montreal.

In 1985, Dominion-Douglas welcomed the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church, which had developed from Melville Presbyterian Church built in 1885 on Côte St. Antoine Rd. at the corner of Stanton St. In 1900, some of the congregation left, taking their name Melville with them. The church was then renamed St.

Andrew's. It was sold to Selwyn House in 1985 when the St. Andrew's congregation joined Dominion-Douglas Church.

The Rudolf von Beckerath organ installed in St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church in 1994 was moved from Queen Mary Road United Church in Hampstead. It is the first of three organs built by the renowned German organ builder von Beckerath in Montreal and has the first modern mechanical traction to be built for a church.

In 2004, St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas amalgamated with the congregation of the Erskine and American United Church when they sold their building on Sherbrooke and Crescent to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. With the addition of another double name to their church, the congregation chose the simpler descriptive name "Mountainside" to describe its location on the side of a ..... mountain.

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Mountainside United Church, as seen from The Boulevard.



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# Temple hosts reception at MMFA



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On June 17, chic cocktail attire-clad guests attended an elegant evening at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, where Westmount's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom hosted a reception and tour of the

Fabergé exhibition.

Event chair Westmounter **Jewel Lowenstein**, attending with her husband **Paul**, welcomed guests along with senior rabbi **Lisa Grushcow**.

A special live auction featured a 2015 Baltic cruise, courtesy of travel consultant **Sandra Stupp** at Vision 2000 and Crystal Cruises. Items from the silent auction were modeled by gorgeous gals **Lisa Reitman Himmel**, sisters **Katherine** and **Jessica Berger**, **Lauren Alcorn**, **Jennifer Ankorn** and **Jessica Yaffe**, whose father, **Stephen Yaffe** is president of the temple.

Café des Beaux-Arts, the restaurant at the museum, catered the dînatore. Desserts (fabulously sinful and eaten with pleasure by one and all) were by **Daboom Desserts** and **Rustique Pies**.

Hard-working committee members were **Cynthia Têlio**, a Westmount res, as well as **Nancy Pedris Strohl**, **Elaine Paperman Woolner**, **Denise Grossman**, and **Susan Greenberg**.

Westmounters attending included rabbi emeritus **Leigh Lerner** and **Loren Lerner**, **Joelle** and **Bruce Kent**, **Sara** and **Eugene Riesman**, **Rona** and **Robert Davis**, **Nancy** and **Stephen Engels**, **Martha** and **Mark Oppenheim**, **Julia Reitman**, **Leslie Alcorn**, **Nancy Maklan** and **Martin Smith**, **Nan** and **Bill Lassner**, **Judy Wolfe**, **Betty** and **Michael Prupas**, **Jennifer** and **Martin Steber**, **Stella Samuels**, **Gordon Lax**, **Sylvi Plante** and **Neil Wiener**, **Risa Libman Scherzer** and **Joanne Cohen**.

Also noted at the stylish evening were **Marilyn Green**, **Sandra Stupp**, **Steven Klempner**, **Lillian Vineberg**, **Sandy** and **David Martz** and **Beverlee Ashmele**.

Proceeds from the sold-out evening will be used for the temple's lifelong learning and interfaith outreach programs.



Jewel Lowenstein, left, and Rabbi Lisa Grushcow.



From left: Jessica Berger, Lisa Reitman Himmel and Katharine Berger.



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with the quick response,” Hagerman said.

“My feeling was that everyone was fairly satisfied with the outcome,” Deegan said. “Timing was of the essence.”

Access to the church that had been restricted by construction of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) had become a controversial subject that finally appeared to have been resolved before the contractor began work August 11 (see story and plan, July 5, p. 3).

**Feared backup ‘crisis’**

That was until Hagerman saw the size of the turning area that was partially completed on August 23 – a Saturday. She said she feared that its size would require all cars to make a three-point turn which might create a traffic “crisis” if they caused a backup onto Lansdowne during special events.

On the Monday, she met on site with Deegan, Public Works officials Elisa Gaetano and Michel Gagné to hear their solution. Meeting as well were Councillor Patrick Martin from the city’s administrative Traffic committee and district representative Christina Smith.

The contractor has been working quickly to complete the work, Deegan said.

**Comin’ Up**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, Janet Torge, Project Manager of Radical Resthomes, discusses housing options that allow seniors to stay in charge of their lifestyle as they age. Free admission, donations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 p.m.

This is expected by September 11 or 12, weather permitting.

The work included moving the bike path further south to where the sidewalk was and creating a pathway alongside the WRC. The bike path has been raised and divided off from the roadway by a curb and plantings. A sidewalk along the north-east curve of the turnaround completes the project.

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## Police Report

# Two suspects flee after bystander intervenes with guard

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

BY MICHAEL MOORE

On August 27, two 20-year-old female robbery suspects managed to elude a grocery store security guard who had intercepted them after a bystander intervened, thinking the guard was assaulting them, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Just after 5:30 pm, the two suspects reportedly tried to leave the Sherbrooke St. store without paying for bottles of wine that they had concealed under their clothes. When they were intercepted at the store exit by the guard, they allegedly refused to comply with his demands to hand over the stolen goods.

“The security guard has a legal right when he notices somebody commit a theft. He is allowed to intercept you and use reasonable force to restrain you until the arrival of the police force,” said Pimentel.

When the suspects tried to flee, the guard attempted to physically detain them, leading the women to begin physically assaulting him, said Pimentel. The alterca-

tion caught the eye of a bystander on the street, who allegedly believed the guard was harassing the women.

After a brief physical altercation between the bystander and the guard, the two suspects managed to break free and flee south down Lansdowne Ave., said Pimentel.

Pimentel praised the bystander for wanting to be a Good Samaritan, but believes it would have been better to call the police before physically intervening in the incident.

“When there’s a physical altercation, you don’t know if it could escalate pretty

quickly. You don’t know if somebody is intoxicated or under the influence. There are so many factors you don’t know,” he explained.

“If you decide to intervene, I’d always recommend, time permitting, calling 911 first,” he said.

The altercation between the bystander and the security guard reportedly subsided when police, called to the scene to investigate the robbery, arrived and diffused the situation.

The investigation into the robbery is still open and police are using “other links” to find the suspects, said Pimentel.

## TLC for the clock tower



Pascal Rolland of Maçonnerie Denis Rolland does some restoration work to the brick facing of the clock tower building in King George (Murray) Park, facing Westmount Ave. August 19. The restoration project includes repairing the comfort station exterior as well.  
 Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

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**4 Surrey Gardens:** landscaping and installation of a swimming pool in the rear yard;

**416 Roslyn:** alterations to the window and door openings at the side and rear;

**634 Belmont:** alterations to the window and door openings at the rear;

**4 Grenville:** to demolish the sunroom and build a new one;

**628 Victoria:** landscaping in front and side yards to include replacing the covering of the pathway, construction of a dry stone wall and arrangement of plantings;

**4355 Montrose:** at a Category I house, to do some alterations to the window and door openings at the rear;

**15 Grove Park:** at a Category I house, to replace some windows;

**110 Abbott:** to replace a window and doors at the rear;

**4498 St. Catherine:** to replace an emergency exit door;

**616 Sydenham:** to replace a balcony door;

**342-344 Olivier:** to replace the windows and some doors;

**482 Roslyn:** to erect a fence and gate at the side;

**10 Burton:** to do some landscaping at the rear including a patio.

**616 Sydenham:** to erect a fence at the side and rear;

**446 Mount Stephen:** to replace some rear windows;

**88 Church Hill:** at a Category 1\* house, to build a one storey sunroom addition to the kitchen at the ground-floor with staircase leading to the garden (see story June 24, p. 17);

**55 Holton:** at a Category I house, land-

scaping to include a new fence;

**671 Roslyn:** landscaping to include a new deck and patio and a new gate and fence at the rear;

**4353 Westmount:** at a Category I house, to replace two front windows and convert a door into a window;

**364 Metcalfe:** landscaping to include an additional parking space at the side, new fence, gate, new planters and sod;

**643 Belmont:** to cut a tree in the front yard provided it is replaced by new small one;

**3207 The Boulevard:** at a Category I house, landscaping to include a fence at the side, replacing the paving material of the walkways;

**342-348 Olivier:** to build a gate in the side yard and a second one at the rear and replace the paving material of the walkways;

**423 Elm:** at a Category I house, to replace some of the front and side windows;

**362 Kitchener:** alterations to some of the rear windows and door openings.

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## Permits cont'd. from p. 25

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting July 21.

**4833 de Maisonneuve:** to cut two trees;

**4282 Dorchester:** to remove a tree provided a new one is planted within a year of issuance of the tree-cutting certificate;

**4771 Sherbrooke:** to demolish a small rear extension and build a new landing and stairs;

**365 Clarke:** to erect a rear fence;

**4453 St. Catherine:** to build a new ramp and railing to access the building;

**110 Upper Bellevue:** to do some alterations to the architectural features of the building, replace rear deck flooring, modify front retaining wall to integrate more greenery at the lower level;

**337 Roslyn:** to extend and modify rear deck provided railing posts and trellis divisions are aligned;

**376 Lansdowne:** to install a new railing on the stairs and a handrail along the walkway;

**228 Prince Albert:** to replace some windows and a rear door;

**764 Upper Belmont:** landscaping at back to include a new pool and fence;

**1357-1361 Greene:** to restore the front façade (see story May 20, p. 8);

**317 Prince-Albert:** to build a new rear deck;

**95 & 101 Côte St. Antoine,** at Selwyn House School, a Category I building, landscaping at front to include planting beds and walkways;

**315 Metcalfe:** to build a new rear deck;

**27 Stayner:** at a Category I house, to replace some windows and a door;

**4845 Westmount:** to enclose rear bal-

conies;

**11 Burton:** to replace some basement windows and a basement door;

**349 Lansdowne:** to replace some windows;

**469 Grosvenor:** to replace a front façade window;

**3660 The Boulevard:** at a Category I house, to modify some rear openings;

**29-31 Bruce:** to replace railings on front balconies;

**215 Redfern:** landscaping to include personal court yards for ground level condominiums and build a drop-off for the main entrance provided retaining walls are finished in true stone;

**364 Redfern:** at a Category I house, to replace some doors;

**45 Forden Cres.:** at a Category I house, to replace front French doors;

**12 Burton:** to replace some of the windows and a door;

**616 Sydenham:** to replace the railing of the upper balcony;

**21 Gladstone/4110-4112 St. Catherine:** to install two retractable awnings for restaurant Le Gladstone;

**620 Murray Hill:** to create a new basement access at the side;

**420 Prince Albert:** landscaping to include new pavers for the front walkway and rear patio, introduce new greenery at front and rear, redo rear basement entry, install a new rear fence and repave vehicle access;

**365 Grosvenor:** landscaping at rear to include a new patio.

## Mountainside cont'd. from p. 21

Mountainside United Church traces its history through 10 congregations over a span of 250 years.

Heritage Hallway: A new historical exhibition gallery is being developed by the centennial committee in the main hallway to display exceptional portraits of clergy and other photographs discovered in long-forgotten storage places.

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*Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association.*

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# May transfers: plenty of volume, no high prices

By ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2014, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 29.

Volume soared in May for real estate transactions in Westmount, but prices and mark-ups were relatively low, reflecting the apprehensive market of early spring. These are sales that were negotiated mainly in the first three months of 2014, so do not reflect the mood of the market following the April 7 election.

Only three of 22 one- and two-family home sales in May were for less than \$1 million, but only two were for more than \$2 million. The average price was

\$1,354,045 and the average house sold for 95 percent of its 2014 municipal assessment, making May the third month this year that prices have not matched the tax value.

That fact is exacerbated by two of the highest prices for the month: 27 Rosemount Ave. (also 440 Mount Pleasant), one of the oldest houses on that street, sold for \$2,200,000, highest price for May registrations but much less than its municipal evaluation of \$3,356,200. The 34-percent mark-down there was bested by the \$1,975,000 sale of 64 St. Sulpice Rd., a house the city considers to be worth \$3,081,900, representing a 36-percent mark-down.

On the other side of the coin was 158-60 Côte St. Antoine Rd., actually a single-

family dwelling with two civic numbers, that sold for \$1,405,000 or 56 percent above municipal evaluation. The Rosemount house has been completely gutted and is being renovated now; the Côte St. Antoine house has been renovated top to bottom.

One more April sale is included in the list of transactions published here; deeds for 364-64A Redfern Ave. were signed April 30 for the duplex whose title includes a lease for 364A. Another duplex at 9-11 Parkman Pl. sold in May for exactly \$1 million.

Only one condominium sale was transacted in May, bringing to a paltry three the number in the second quarter of 2014, with June registrations still to be recorded. There were seven condo sales in the first

three months of the year. Another May sale involved a 55-percent share of a duplex at 41-43 Bruce Ave., with exclusive rights to 41 Bruce, for \$520,000.

The vacant land at the corner of Lexington Ave. and Edgehill Rd., which was first subdivided away from 80 Sunnyside Ave. (the former McConnell mansion) in 2006 and then sold again in 2010, went this time for \$3,556,000. The lot measures 22,407 square feet, which represents a value of \$158.70 per square foot.

Late in April one of the vacant lots below the Marjorie Bronfman estate on Roslyn Ave. between Sherbrooke St. and Côte St. Antoine Rd. sold for about \$147 per square foot.

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#### House history cont'd. from p. 15

premises in the building and paid her \$16,500 – almost double what she had paid for it – including a \$3,500 balance of sale.

The property continued as a rooming house into the 1960s as investors increased the value of the property – \$21,000 in 1960 and \$29,000 in 1964 – and debate ensued about the demolition of the north side of the street to widen it into a boulevard. In fact, in 1967 the city sheared off a corner of the lot at 4172 Dorchester to allow for an easier turn from Greene Ave.

Cherrida Gray, an antique dealer, bought it for \$38,000 in 1975 and kept at least three apartments operating before selling to Walter Nobes, who lived at 4166 Dorchester and also purchased the next-door neighbour, 4170 Dorchester, in 1979.

Finally, in 1981, with the listing still acknowledging its rooming-house status, 4172 was sold to Beatrice Felin, a published meteorologist, for \$95,000. She transformed the house back into a single-

family dwelling (with downstairs apartment) and lived there for five years before selling it in 1986 for \$220,000.

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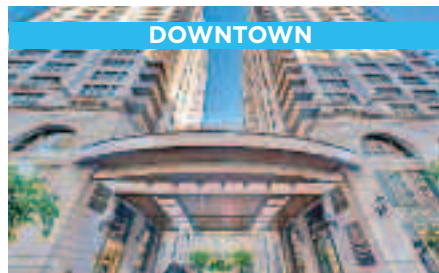
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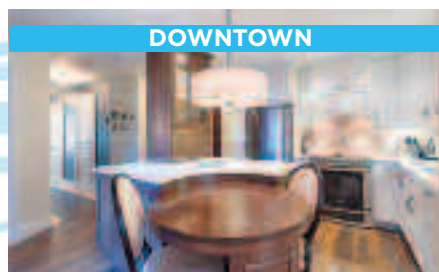
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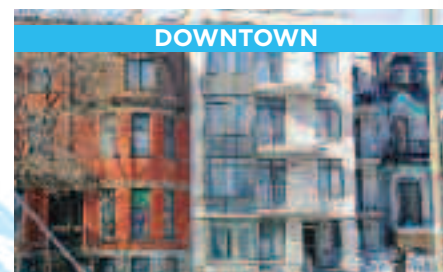
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## SAVANNAH SCOTT

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*Westmount is full of young gals with great looks. I ran into Savannah – with her totally original look – to discover that she loves vintage so much that she works at vintage store Jack Lux and styles photoshoots! Gracious garments and funky fashions recall different eras. And yes, the quality was different “then.” Shoppers at her store mix today’s “prêt-à-throw-away” with pieces from different years. And the look is fabulous!*

### STYLE

*How would you describe your personal style?*

My style is very eclectic. I dress how I feel. The results are always a surprise!

*What is your favourite way of dressing?*

My favourite way of dressing has got to be what I call “mock fashion” when I make light of a serious event through my clothing. My family had Mother’s Day brunch at a golf course, and I wore a Ralph Lauren smoking jacket and a bow tie in order to blend in with the older men at the club. It’s my idea of humour.

*On weekends, what do you like to wear?*

Nothing too specific, but I always wear my silk kimono on Sundays.

*What kinds of vintage do you personally like to wear? Dresses? Hats?*

All kinds of vintage. The weirder the pieces, the better.

### LIVING

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

New York City.

*What is your favourite flower?*

Lilies are my favourite because of their scent. I currently have orchids, some cacti and a bouquet of white tulips in my apartment.

*Who would you invite to a dinner party?*

I would have a tête-à-tête with Diana Vreeland.

*Who are your favourite designers?*

I like many designers for different reasons. Miuccia Prada is a creative goddess. Vivienne Westwood and Mary Katrantzou are innovators. Jeremy Scott is plain fun.

*Music on your iPod?*

These days I can only tolerate [some types of] music from the 1930s to the '50s: Nelson Eddy, Slim Whitman, Hank Williams, Jeanne Pruett and Hank Snow, to name a few.

*What do you think of today’s fashions?*

Social media has made everyone an amateur fashion blogger and model, which I think has made fashion a little bit boring. Celebrities and over-saturated trends wash out people with true style and originality.



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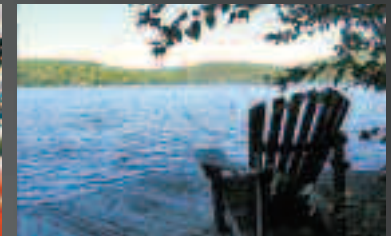
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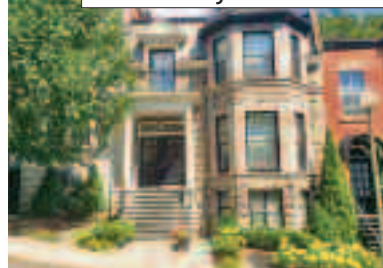
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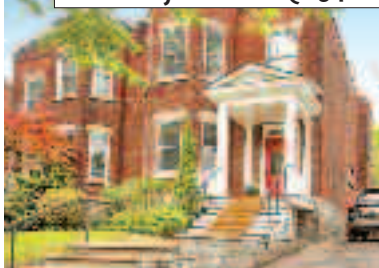
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Another just SOLD @ 94%!



Westmount, 77 Chesterfield Ave. The perfect Westmount family home exists! Delightful 1910 home. Updated kitchen + baths. Beautiful stained glass windows, wdwrk,+ details that will impress! **\$1,295,000**



Westmount, 651 Roslyn Ave. Impeccably renovated and dramatically extended DETACHED home. Every luxury and convenience! 5 bedrooms, 4½ bathrooms, A/C. **\$2,688,000**



Westmount, 7 Douglas Ave. Fully renovated, "John Hand" built home. Exceptional woodwork/ stained glass. Peaceful, family friendly location. 4 bdrms, 3½ bathrooms. Garage and garden. **\$1,398,000**



Westmount, 649 Roslyn Ave. Here's an OPPORTUNITY! Detached, updated 1904 home featuring central A/C, 2 car garage, 4+1 bedrooms, 3½ baths! **\$1,699,000**



Westmount, 4773 Sherbrooke W. RARELY available! 4 bedroom town home ideally situated with revenue potential or home office space from the basement apt! **\$745,000**



Westmount, 118 Lewis Ave. ADORABLE 1894 Victorian townhouse. Renovated kitchen, bathrooms, finished basement, etc. Great value! **\$625,000**



ACCEPTED OFFER!

Saint-Lambert, 126 Upper Edison The Westmount of the South Shore! Magnificent home. 3 + 1 bdrs, 3½ renov. baths, in ground pool, central a/c, 2 car gar. IMPECCABLE! **\$849,000**



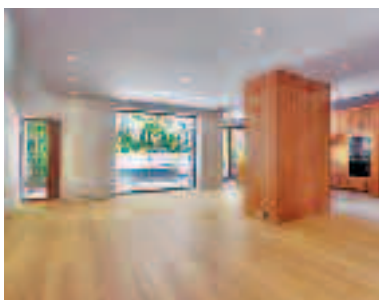
West Bolton, ET, 271 Spicer Rd. Idyllic 39 acre estate. Ponds, swimming pool, tennis court, main house + guest cottage. No finer combination of comfort, privacy, + privilege at this price. **\$1,495,000**



Westmount, 510 Lansdowne Ave. GREAT location! Ultra spacious, 3 bedroom upper duplex undivided condo. 10'6 ceilings. Amazing VALUE at this price! **\$575,000**



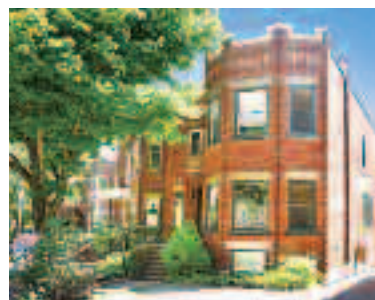
Westmount, 200 Lansdowne, #407 1,900 sq.ft. impeccable 3 bedroom, 2½ bathroom corner unit condo in a well managed, tranquil building. 2 garages! **\$798,000**



Westmount Adj., 3035 Cedar Ave. Worthy of the pages of Wallpaper Magazine, feast your eyes on the ULTIMATE in sleek, urban design in a manifiantly restored townhouse. **\$1,450,000 or \$6,500/month**



Westmount, 3764 The Boulevard Ideal executive rental. A lovely, detached stone house well located in mid level Westmount. Occupancy July 1st. **\$4,700 / month**



Westmount, 210 Cote Saint-Antoine Prime location! Ideally situated, this 4 bedroom s/d home overlooks beautiful King George Park. Now available. **\$5,000/month**



Another just SOLD in 31 days @ 87%!

Westmount, 6 Springfield Ave. EXTRAORDINARY opportunity! Needing total renovation, but what POTENTIAL! GREAT location. All original charm intact! 4 bdr. Parking+ garden. **\$798,000**

Listed and SOLD in 18 days at 96%!



Plateau Mt. Royal, 1367 Rachel E. Exquisite 1915 built top floor condo desirably situated directly across from Lafontaine Park GORGEOUS plaster molding, woodwork, + stained glass. **\$497,000**

SOLD @ 97%!



Westmount Adj., 5042 Ponsard Ave. Circle road area. **\$1,100,000**

Listed and SOLD in 19 days @ 97%!



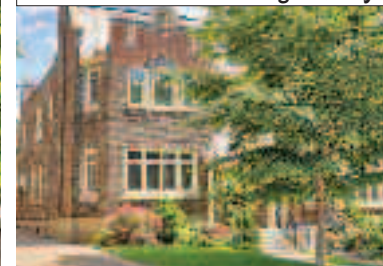
Westmount, 345 Grosvenor Ave. Elegant S/D 1905 home 5 bdr. **\$939,000**

SOLD in 34 days @ 99%!



Westmount, 465 Clarke Ave. Mid century modern townhouse. **\$1,250,000**

Listed & SOLD over asking in 7 days!



Westmount, 25 Renfrew Ave. Renovated to the HIGHEST standards. Virtually nothing was overlooked! Exquisite woodwork, stained glass,+ details! Desirable, ultra PEACEFUL location. **\$1,498,000**

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