

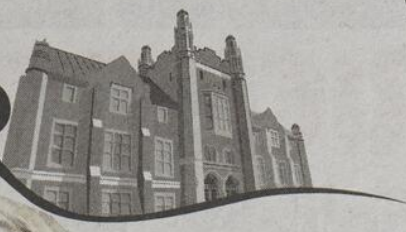
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The Westmount Street Festival attracted thousands of bargain-hunters, art lovers and Westmounters to the event, held last weekend and featuring more than 50 local merchants. For full coverage in photos, see pages 4-5. Here a young participant gets her face painted on Victoria Avenue.



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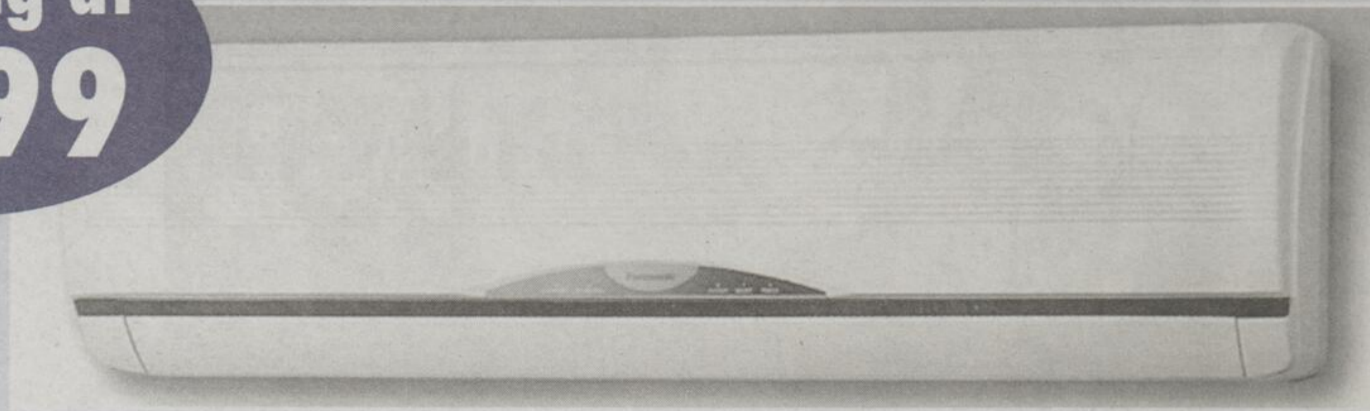
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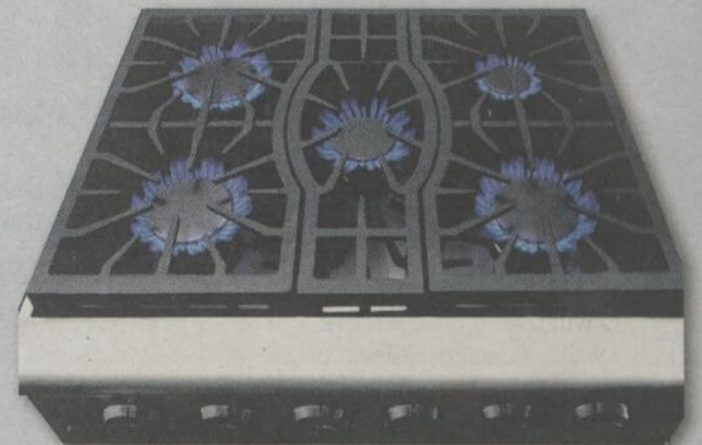


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*The Study ends evening with nine top-three winners*

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Forty-three elementary and high school students picked up awards for community-themed stories submitted for the 2013 McEntyre writing competition, last Wednesday at Victoria Hall.

Thirteen schools participated in the competition, submitting 1,411 stories in the process. This year, the theme for the writers was to write about their favourite place, within the context of their community.

"The idea behind it is to get young people to think about their community; to learn more about the community that they're a part of," said Mayor Peter Trent, who was on hand to award each winner.

Besides the recognition for best stories, the winners took home prizes ranging from \$10-75 – depending on their placed finish.

The Study and Westmount High School (WHS) were well represented, each with six students winning in the high school category.

The Study's Marina Mavridis was one of five students from the independent, all-girls school to win first place. Her fictional story about a family whose lives revolved around a



Westmount Mayor Peter Trent (centre) poses with a number of the students honoured at the contest last week. Examiner photo Peter Ford

special chair, took home best story among grade 11 entries.

"It's really important to help to students with imagination," said Mavridis, when asked about the importance of the writing

competition. "It gives students the opportunity to write about different things and it helps us to get better as writers."

Other first-prize winners are Charlotte Robertson (Grade 10, WHS), Samantha

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Sambrook (Grade 9, The Study), Samantha Levy (Grade 8, The Study), Geoffrey Baxter (Grade 7, Selwyn House), Jarrett Richman (Grade 6, St. George's), Jad Georges Anhoury (Grade 5, École Saint Léon), Annika Waschke (Grade 4, The Study), Jessica Looper (Grade 3, Roslyn School), Gunes Gumus (Grade 2, The Study), and Jing Yan Cai (Grade 1, Selwyn House).

While the competition fell short of breaking the record for the highest number of entries (1,500), it did receive the most French-language entries in the competition's 41-year history.

"This year, which I'm very proud of, we have received more French entries than ever before," chief judge Angela Murphy, told the large crowd on hand. "We're very pleased with that."

In 1994, the competition was renamed to honour Peter McEntyre, who was mayor of Westmount from 1969 to 1971. His trust fund helped support the annual writing competition.

The competition is tasked with encouraging students to think about the idea of community.

## Wash your car for a cause

*Westmount High School students, parents to wash cars in fundraiser Saturday*

Westmount High School's Parent Participation Organization (WHS PPO) will hold a car wash fundraiser at the Esso gas station on the corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor streets on June 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It costs \$10 per car and \$13 for SUVs or vans. Also, the WHS PPO will have a bake sale and a slush machine on site. Money raised will help support the school's wood shop and fund student activities. For more information, contact

Eileen at whsnews@hotmail.com.

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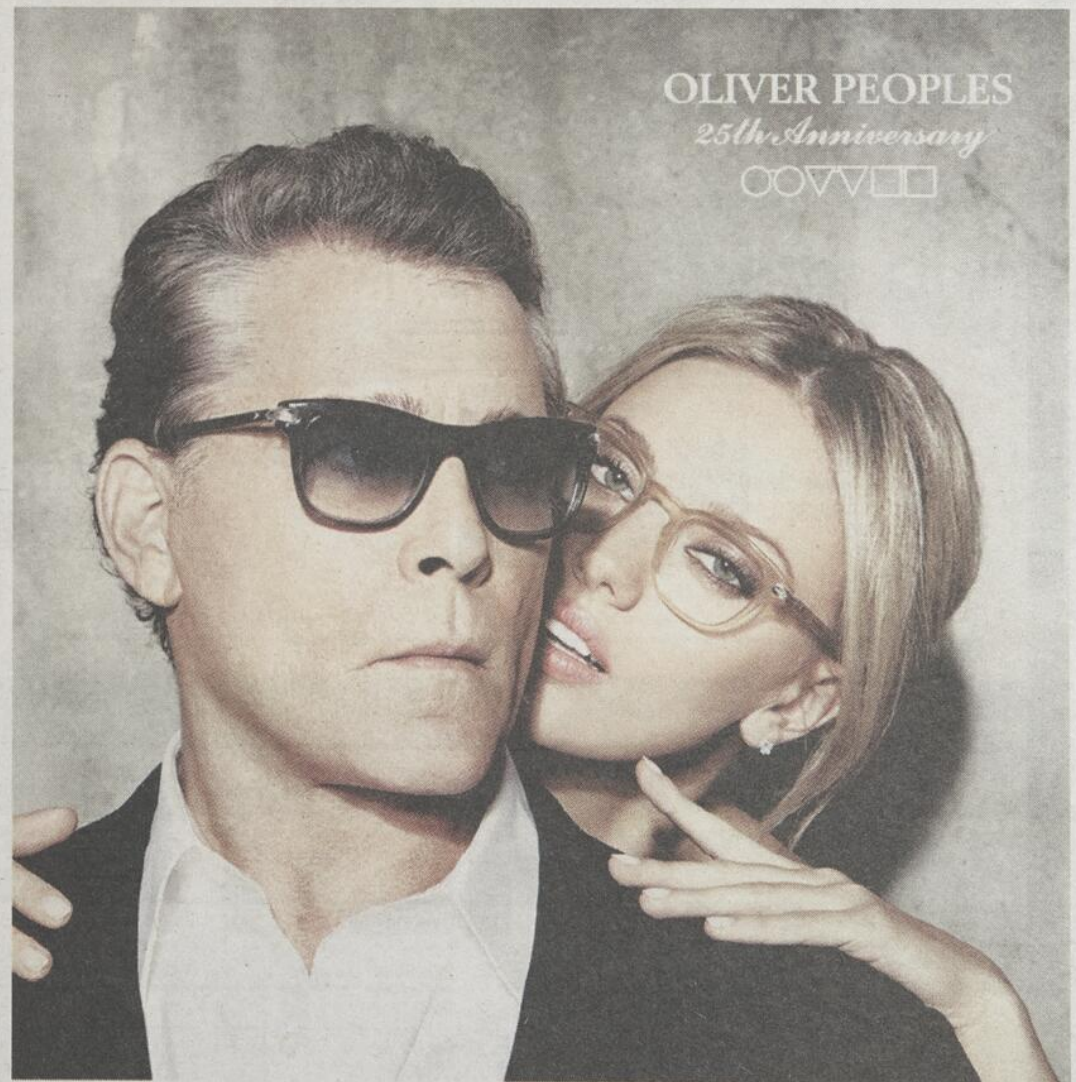
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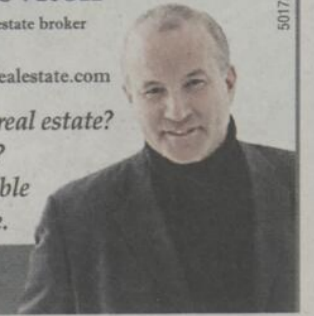
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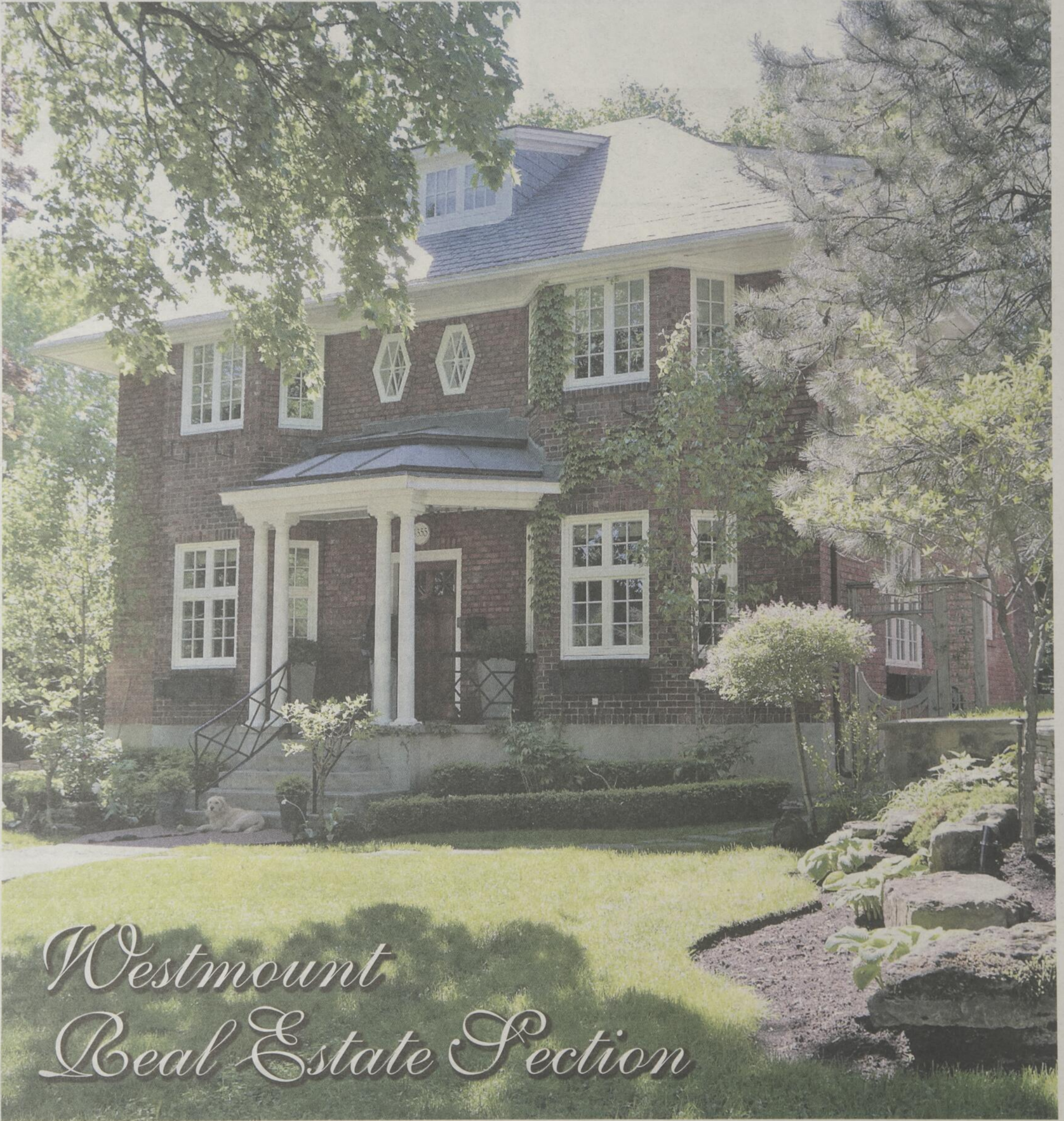
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# Some Summit Park hiking trails on endangered list: Trent

Westmount mayor says changes needed to ensure the park's protection



Westmount Mayor Peter Trent makes a point during a discussion about the future of Mount Royal's summit last Friday at the University of Montreal. Examiner photo Peter Ford

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The reduction of hiking trails in Westmount's Summit Park was among the many proposals put forth by mayor Peter Trent during the 10th edition of the Mount Royal Summit, held last Friday at the University of Montreal.

The annual summit is an environmental forum whereby challenges to Mount Royal are addressed. On the agenda: protective measures to ensure the quality of the territory, including its natural environment.

During an hour-and-a-half-long discussion about protecting Mount Royal's ecosystem with Daniel Hodder, division chief for Montreal parks, and Pierre Belec, director general of Soverdi, Trent outlined some protective initiatives Westmount is considering, such as demolishing part of summit circle.

"I think it's a good thing not just for

Westmount, but for all Montrealers," said the mayor. "It'll be a good gesture for the city of Montreal. I think we've demonstrated a great respect to the park."

Trent also noted the busy nature of Summit Park, suggesting the removal of certain trails to preserve the surrounding environment.

"I think we've demonstrated in the past a great respect for Summit Park," said Trent. "We just don't want it to be too busy."

The park's territory is 2.5 million square feet, making it Westmount's largest park. Measures are already in place to preserve the urban woodland, where wild birds and animals call home.

The park is a designated bird and wildlife sanctuary. From April to June, dogs must be leashed at all times.

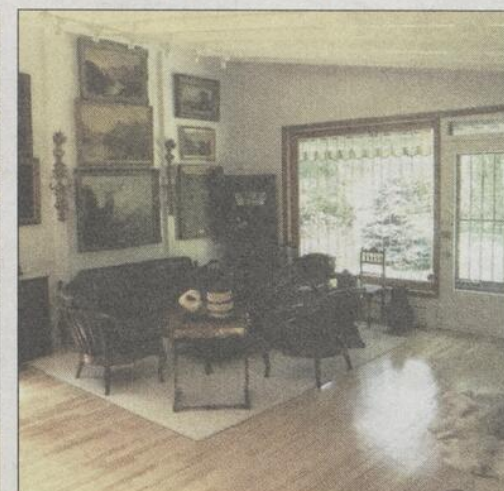
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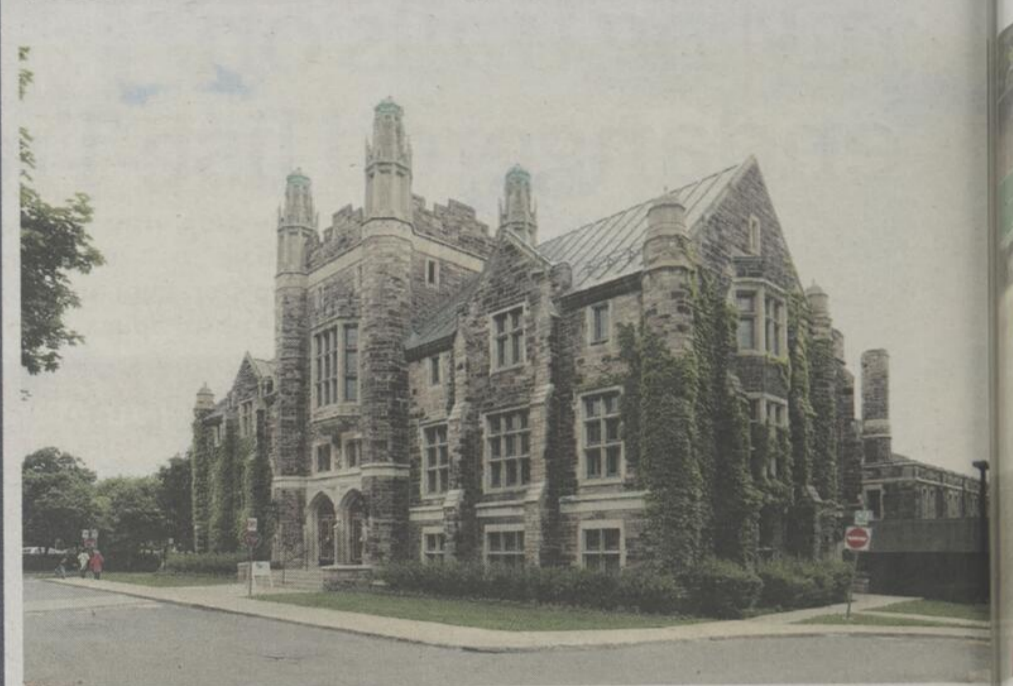
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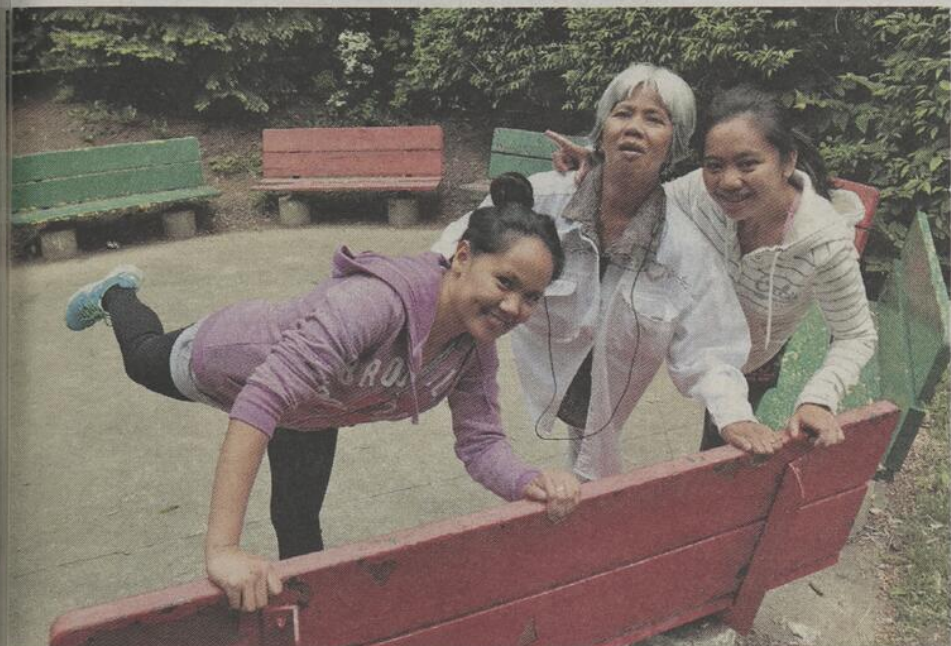
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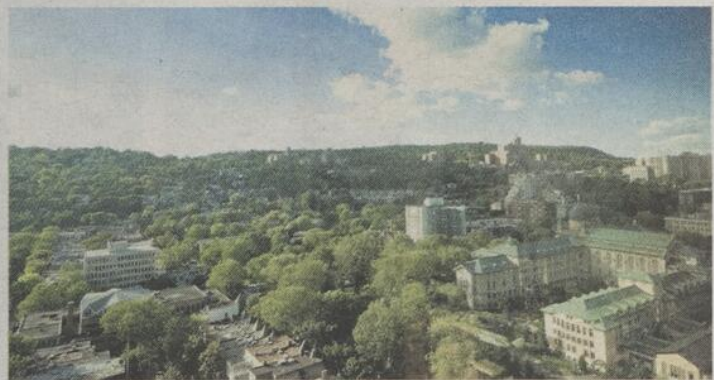


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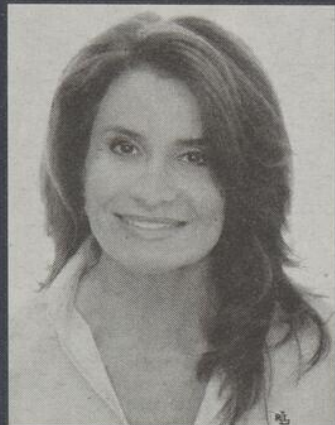


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# St. George's kids grab Lieutenant Governor General's Awards

Westmount's Benjamin Fagen and Lianne Koren win bronze medals for academic excellence

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Grade 11 students Benjamin Fagen and Lianne Koren are graduating high school with some prestigious hardware. The St. Georges School of Montreal students were presented with the Lieutenant Governor General's bronze medals at Laval Liberty High School May 26.

"I was very excited when I found out that Ben and I were getting this award," said Koren. "It's always nice to be reassured that hard work doesn't go unrecognized."

Both Fagen and Koren were nominated by the school for demonstrating an all-round presence in all aspects of academia.

Although he maintained exceptional grades, all the while sitting on student council and planning activities to promote school spirit, Fagen said the award came as a bit of a shock.

"I was very surprised because like any award, you're surprised," said the 17-year-old.

"It's also a very prestigious award, so it was definitely a surprise to receive it."

"I'm hardworking and easy to work with; I like to get involved both inside and outside of school."

As for 16-year-old Koren, she too, maintained exceptional grades, despite being buried under an endless amount of extracurricular activities. When not learning advanced calculus, chemistry, and physics, Koren spent time as senior editor of the school's yearbook, tutor, and gymnastics coach to elementary students.

"I think it's a myth that it's hard to do well academically when you are very involved in extracurricular activities," said Koren, who's in the midst of writing a book for St. George's affiliate, School of Hope, in Haiti. "Obviously it's much busier but you learn how to organize your time and if you're engaged in extracurricular activities, I feel like you're more likely to be engaged in school."

Koren plans to study liberal arts next year at Dawson College.



Benjamin Fagen and Lianne Koren accept their awards. Chronicle photo St. Georges of Montreal School.



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# Software engineer ready for acting debut

Westmount native set to light up Fringe Fest

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To say Lex Youssef is a newbie in the world of acting is not an understatement. The 26-year-old Westmount native will be performing in front of a live audience, for the first time in his recent acting career.

"I'm pushing myself way outside of comfort zone," said Youssef. "I'm exploring myself to see what I can do, learning on the way."

Having graduated with a degree in software engineering at McGill University, Youssef decided to move forward with his childhood passion – acting.

His curiosity for the performing world impelled him to pursue acting.

"I've always had a passion for acting," said Youssef. "There's this passion that just came from being exposed to movies and that sort of thing."

Not too long after he enlisted in acting classes at ASM Performing Arts in Montreal was he discovered by first-time director Marie Markovic. During a stage combat class, Markovic noticed Youssef's potential.

"Lex is a smart and sensitive young man who takes his work seriously, but not himself too much, which allows him to learn lines,

blocking and skills incredibly fast, and to transform himself into a character who is pretty removed from his own personality, make him believable, while having fun on the journey," said Markovic.

Youssef is beginning his acting career in unfamiliar territory – starring as a vigilante cross dresser.

"I'm a bit of geeky guy myself and so is the character I'm playing; he reads comic books and is inspired by them. I'm also a bit of a nerd for comics, but in terms of dressing up as a lady, that's where we diverge," said Youssef, on the challenge of playing a superhero cross dresser in the upcoming play.

The hour-long play, produced by Uncanny Theatre Company, is a collection of intertwined solo pieces, featuring three characters as they struggle against adversity and change.

When he's not playing a cross-dressing vigilante, Youssef is creating physical rehabilitation systems at Jintronix, a medical software company he helped build.

Without his passion for science and art, Youssef said he wouldn't be in the position he's in today.

You can watch the actor's debut at the Freestanding Room on St. Laurent Boulevard from June 13-23, Thursday to Saturday at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m.

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### Opinion

## Who Let the Dogs In?

Westmount's City Council announced recently that the dog-run would be moved from its location at the corner of Lansdowne and Ste. Catherine to the very centre of the park. The result of this decision is that a secluded, shady and, regrettably almost sole remaining area of peace and tranquility in a park constantly under pressure, will be further spoiled.

The rationale for this move? 'Nobody' uses the area, according to Council. However, those 'nobodies' use it for quiet, unobtrusive, contemplative activities. It is blessed by large shady trees and the proximity of water that make it an oasis on hot summer days. The slopes surrounding it are often covered with individuals relaxing on the grass, sleeping, reading, picnicking and tending small babies. On summer Sundays it's an ideal location to relax and listen to the delightful concerts offered to residents. What could be more appropriate while reading or listening to music in a near pastoral setting than barking dogs a few feet away?

Let's be realistic about inserting a dog-run at this location. Dogs pee. They pee a lot. They also deposit other smelly stuff. Ideally an open space, with a good breeze and some sun (just like the Lansdowne location) is the best option to reduce the less attractive features of a dog-run. Much of the proposed



location is shady, an aspect I hesitate to highlight, given this council's unhealthy love of the chainsaw - think Summit Park or the 37 trees sacrificed for the arena project. No doubt any offending trees will be conveniently diagnosed with some incurable and hitherto unsuspected disease the day before the chop.

I love dogs. Dogs and owners deserve to have a place to run free. What is wrong with leaving the run where it has always been? Ste. Catherine is already noisy. If the fence is not high enough, build a higher fence. The by-law won't permit it? Easy - change the by-law.

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# A night to remember

A number of Westmounters were on hand at the St. James Hotel in Old Montreal last Friday for the traditional Ferrari party, held in advance of Sunday's Montreal Grand Prix. International film star Hugh Grant (left) was on hand, while the impressive hardware out front attracted the eyes of passers-by on the street. Examiner photos Peter Ford



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# Westmount grappler takes Sports- Études bursary

Yeats wins \$5,500 bursary for excellence in academics, athletics

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Wrestler Dorothy Yeats recently won the 2013 RDS excellency bursary as well as the Fondation Desjardins Bursary. The Alliance Sport-Études student received \$5,000 from RDS and \$500 from Fondation Desjardins in a ceremony held May 9.

The 19-year-old was pleased to receive the bursaries. "It feels good to win it," Yeats admitted. The student holds 88.5-per-cent average in her applied sciences program and still manages to win elite wrestling competitions.

In 2012, she was crowned with a gold medal at the World Junior Wrestling Championships held in Thailand and a silver medal at the senior World Championships. Her success in both fields of her life leaves her little time to socialize, but she manages.

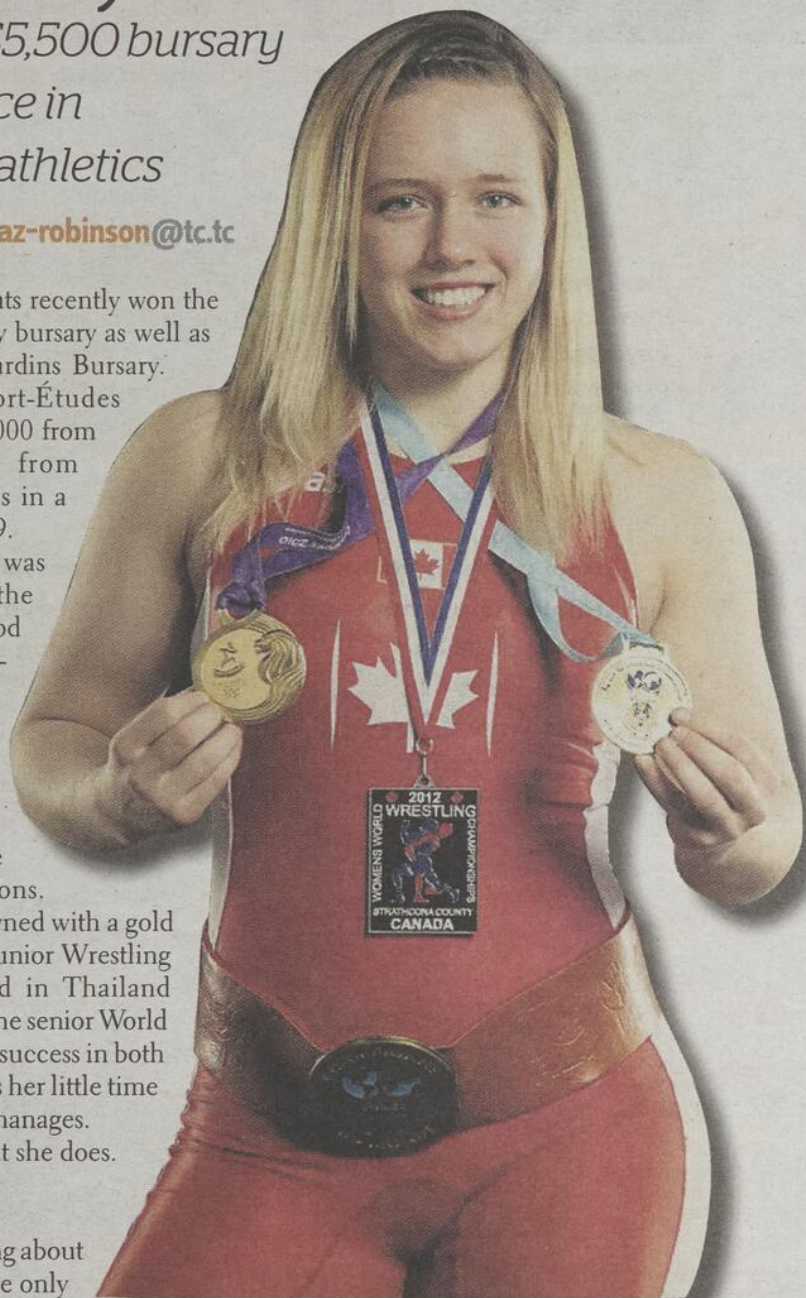
And she loves what she does.

## Passionate athlete

What is most surprising about the grappler is that she only started six years ago. "I used to be in gymnastics," she explains. "Basically, you plan your routine and you practice that routine and perform it.

Wrestling is also an individual sport but you have no idea what to expect. It's very spontaneous but all the hard work pays off."

She doesn't only impress on the mat. James Pan, the Vanier College physics department coordinator who taught Yeats in her two physics classes describes her as having a "strong



Dorothy Yeats with her youth Olympics gold medal, Junior worlds gold medal and belt and Senior worlds silver medal. At age 19, she is already an accomplished international athlete. (Photo: Tess Buxar)

curiosity in science, and is highly motivated. You could say that physics is her thing: she enjoys discussing physics with classmates and helping them when needed. What impresses me most is her ability to apply physics laws to the sports she loves. She wrote a research paper on the application of physics laws to wrestling as an ESP project (Épreuve synthèse de programme)."

Yeats is aiming for Rio's 2016 Olympics. She will also be attending Bulgaria's World Junior Wrestling Championships this August and Hungary's Senior World Championship in September. "I would also definitely go into engineering. I haven't chosen yet, but probably environmental engineering at Guelph University or bioengineering at McGill's. I want to keep going to school and wrestling. Obviously civil engineering is my priority." And with an attitude like hers, she will find the strength to tackle any obstacles she finds in her path.

## Erratum

In last week's Examiner story on Page 11, 'Iodium helps chemotherapy treatment resist cancer cells, says Westmount student.'

The headline was misleading. In fact, it should read 'Iodium inhibits the full effect of chemotherapy on resistant brain tumor cells.'

The Examiner regrets the error

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