

News flash

Public meeting waits for hiring of project manager

Pool may stay open this summer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Good news appears to be unfolding for users of Westmount’s pool. The *Independent* has learned the facility may be kept open this summer during the start of the \$37-million arena/pool project.

Councillor Patrick Martin, who chairs the project committee, said before press time Monday that given the current construction timeframe, there appeared to be no advantage to demolishing the pool this summer as planned, even though other

preparatory work could start in June or July.

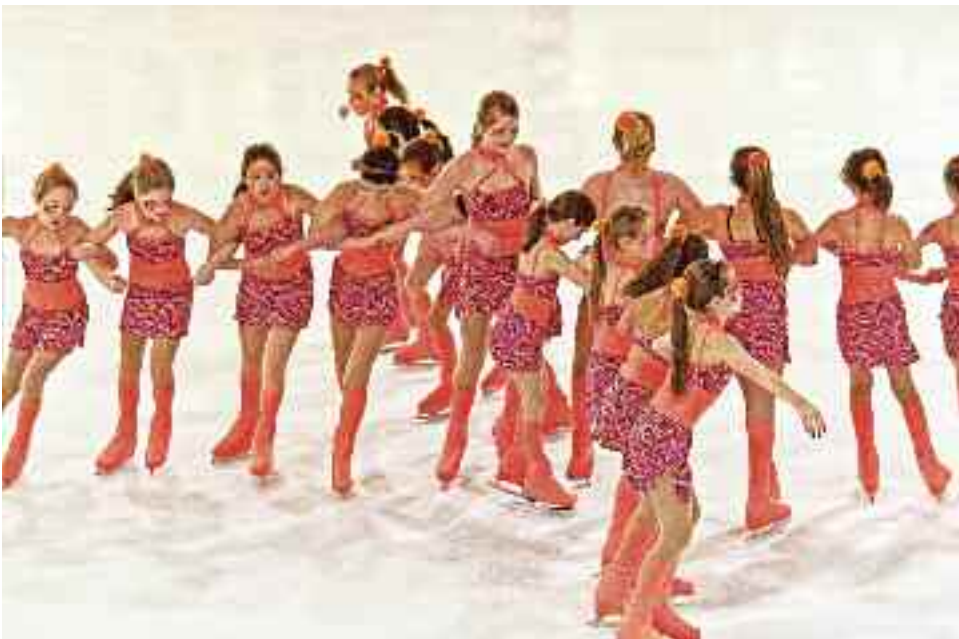
“Therefore, out of respect for pool users and nearby residents, I am recommending to my colleagues that the pool remain open,” he explained. The pool would otherwise be closed for two summers.

“In any case, the target date for opening the new pools would be summer 2013,” he said.

At its meeting Monday night, city council was expected to approve a system for evaluating project management candidates for overseeing the venture. The start of this process would enable bids to be called for

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There’s no business like snow business!



Members of the Westmount Senior Figure Skating Class during their performance at the Westmount arena February 5 during the city’s annual winter carnival.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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Pushes average employee cost to \$70,000 a year

City: Pension plan now unsustainable, under review

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount’s employee pension plan is considered to be unsustainable and is now under review to align it with today’s economic reality, the *Independent* learned last week.

The cost of the plan is expected to cost taxpayers \$1.7 million this year in regular contributions, bringing the average employee cost to more than \$70,000 in salary and fringe benefits, according to figures provided by the city on request.

These will account for almost \$21 million, half the city’s budgetted spending on local services. And this is before the \$1.2-million special allocation to help make up the pension fund’s actuarial deficit.

“Westmount has one of the most generous and expensive pension plans of the demerged municipalities,” said HR director Alan Kulaga, who chairs the city’s Pension committee. “This is no longer sustainable or equitable for taxpayers.”

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**Two local SAQs to close, see p. 12.**

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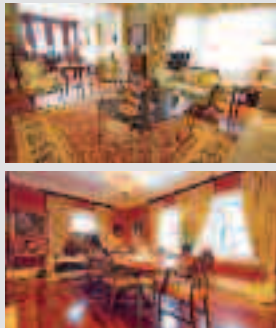


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# Some moments of the 28th winter carnival captured through a lens

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Kids race down the slopes of Murray Park in inner tubes the evening of February 3, during the Westmount Winter Carnival.



Kloda Focus Group leads an enthusiastic group of kids through dance movements at the "Under the Sea" family dinner, February 4, at Victoria Hall.



Jillian and elder sister Allyson proudly display their painted faces February 5 at the arena.



Four-year-old Shalev Cooperstock shows great delight after having his face painted at the Westmount arena February 5.

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# Mayor: Arena project manager to be hired in March

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and a manager or firm to be hired by the  
end of March, according to Mayor Peter  
Trent.  
“We want this manager to drive the  
schedule and ensure all our tenders come  
in on target,” he said. “We also want this

person on hand for the public information  
meeting.”  
This would further postpone its date.  
Originally planned for September 2010,  
architects required longer than expected to  
fine-tune design and costing details (see  
January 11, p. 1).

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# Traffic lights re-configured at Victoria, standardized

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The cycle of traffic lights at Sherbrooke and Victoria has been reconfigured to standardize the sequence with other intersections, improve pedestrian safety and correct the east-west progression of traffic.

The adjustment was made January 28 based on concerns raised by Lansdowne Ave. resident Richard Lock (see December 14, p. 4).

“That’s the advantage of a small city,” he told the *Independent* on learning the change had been made.

The new sequence now allows pedes-

trians to cross in all directions immediately after east-west traffic is stopped at the red light, confirmed Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, who chairs the city’s Administrative Traffic committee.

Previously the pedestrian lights followed green signals for southbound traffic on Victoria to turn left (east). This often resulted in a backlog of cars continuing to turn after the onset of the pedestrian signals.

It standardizes the sequence with other lights on Sherbrooke at Claremont and Prince Albert, and creates a more orderly flow of traffic, she explained.

She said Hydro Westmount discovered that only a simple correction to the controller mechanism was required to make the change. Tweaking of the light at Grosvenor was expected to follow shortly.

## Storm causes slippery hills, Clarke closed

Last Wednesday’s snowstorm, February 2, and the first major one of 2011, caused slippery hills in Westmount, including the closure of Clarke Ave. twice due to accidents.

While the city had five salt trucks on the road (one more than usual), they too were caught up in morning rush-hour traffic and the intensity of the driving snow, said director general Duncan Campbell.

The first accident caused a minor injury when two cars collided on Clarke near the south intersection of Anwoth Rd., according to Public Security. Officers were called to the scene at 7:49 am along with the fire department and Urgences Santé. The hill was blocked off while salting took place.

It was closed again just after 11 am when a southbound taxi hit a parked car near the same location and ended up facing north and becoming stuck in a snow bank.

“The biggest issue was how quickly the snow was coming down,” explained Greg McBain of Public Security, who was in attendance at the second accident scene.

## Snow removal request: Watch out for signs, curbs and driveways

With snow fall continuing, Public Security officials are asking residents to watch for snow removal signs, driveways and snow-covered curbs when trying to park. Cars parked over the sidewalk can impede sidewalk cleaning.

This warning comes after a number of tickets were issued and cars towed from snow removal zones over the past two weeks. Tickets for towed cars cost \$107.

In an unrelated incident January 26, a patroller witnessed a sidewalk plow hit the passenger side of a silver Mercedes parked outside 453 Claremont Ave. at about 10:42 am. The owner was contacted.

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## Public Security gains an assistant director

# McBain named to new #2 position

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Leadership changes for the Public Security Unit were slated to take another step forward with the appointment of an assistant director at the city council meeting after press time Monday.

The choice of Sgt. Gregory McBain, 38, to the position follows the naming a

tain.

A strong advocate for the importance of establishing close community partnerships, McBain has been with the municipal force for 18 years. He was cited by city council in 2000 for outstanding response to a number of challenging Westmount incidents.

Raised in the small farming community of St. Gabriel de Valcartier, north of Quebec City, he is now a resident of Pointe Claire and the father of two sons. He began working with Westmount in 1992 as a summer parks ranger while completing police technology at John Abbott College and spent a year playing professional hockey in northern Italy.

McBain has been serving on the city’s administrative traffic committee and has fulfilled a number of roles, including being the first bike path patroller.



Gregory McBain

month ago of the new director David Sedgwick. It now puts the Public Security direction in the hands of two long-serving members of the unit.

McBain’s title of assistant director also elevates the position of second-in-command, formerly filled by the rank of cap-

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# Pension changes won't affect current pensioners

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Employees pay 9 percent of salary into the defined-benefit (guaranteed) pension plan while the city contributes 11.6 percent of salary.

The current formula enables an employee with 30 years service to retire at age 50 with 75 percent of salary averaged over the last three years.

Costs aside, the plan runs counter to the long-term retention of employees who are retiring when their experience and talent are most valuable to the city, Kulaga said. Many then go on to work elsewhere.

### Exploring changes

As a result, the city has been exploring ways to modify the pension formula following an actuarial evaluation of the pension fund last year, Kulaga said, that revealed a deficit of \$15.6 million.

A preliminary report from the administration is expected to be filed with the city council for review by the end of the first quarter.

"I want to make it very clear that any changes would not affect current pensioners, whose pensions are safe and secure,"

Kulaga said. "Neither would they apply to years of service already accumulated by active employees. We're only talking about future service from the date any changes might be adopted."

"Our aim is to make the plan more equitable for taxpayers who have to support this program, and as part of that to address the issue of reducing the future liability related to it."

The city granted successive improvements to the plan in the 1980s and 1990s because of the pension fund surplus. The city even took a contributions holiday. At the time, the economy was strong and returns on investment were high, Kulaga explained.

Among the plan's features is the "80 factor" that enables employees to retire once their combined total of age and years of service reaches 80.

Another is using the three last years of salary (usually the highest) as an average on which to base the pension.

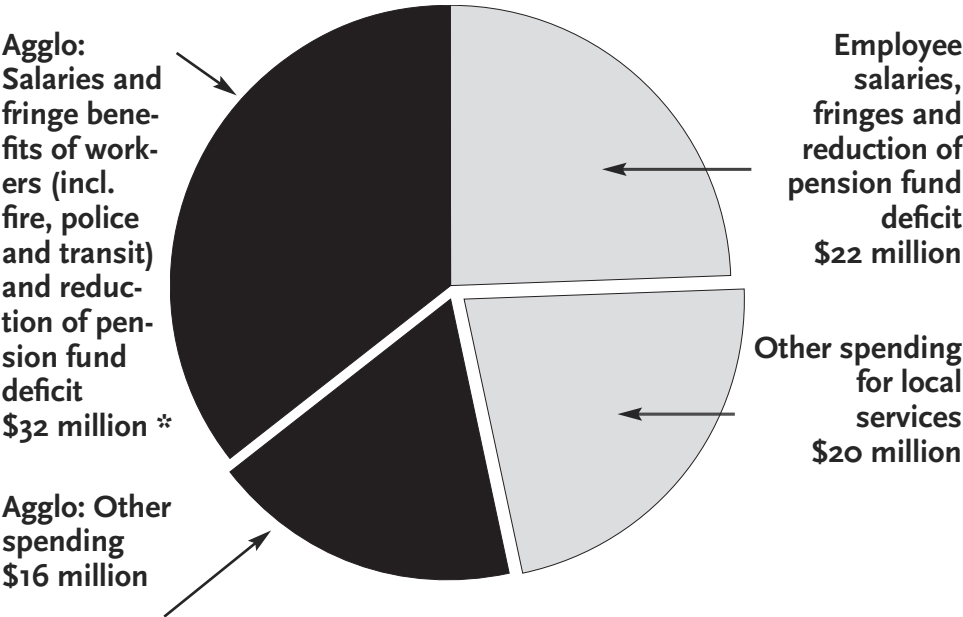
The Westmount plan also has a bridging benefit that adds 0.5 percent to the basic pension formula of 2-percent per years of service. "The intention here was to provide a bridge between the age at employees' retirement and their 65th birthday when other government programs kick in," Kulaga said.

### Merger added costs

Contributing to the cost of the program was a 30-to-40 percent increase in salaries during the merger years with Montreal, "which has a big impact in determining retirement benefits."

"With the economic meltdown in 2008 and the number of baby boomers reaching retirement, the city is no longer in a financial position to be able to offer such a

Westmount's 2011 budget – \$90 million



\* Figures from Mayor Peter Trent.

generous formula," Kulaga said. "At the same time, it has to bring pensions back in line with what's reasonable and equitable in today's financial reality."

Defined-benefit pension plans are coming to an end because they are no longer sustainable, he explained. These are plans in which the employer is responsible for making up any shortfall, including ones due to underperformance of invested funds.

"The trend in the private sector has been to move toward defined-contribution plans in which the employee has more responsibility and assumes more of the risk," he explained. "But the public sector has been slow to follow."

The negative impact on municipalities was brought to the fore recently by ballooning employee costs and pension fund shortfalls affecting Montreal and agglomeration budgets. The cost of a Montreal/agglo worker's salary and fringe benefits has been reported at \$100,000.

This resulted in Westmount mayor Peter Trent urging Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay to solicit action from the Quebec government to help municipalities revise their pension programs (see story January 11, p. 3).

"A concerted effort between municipal and provincial authorities would certainly speed up the implementation of necessary corrective measures," Kulaga said.

## Pensioners at a glance (2009)

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Total pensions	\$5.2 M
Average age	72.2
Av. years retired	13.2



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## Table of employee costs to city, budget

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2011	\$16.1 M	\$1.66 M	\$2.9 M	\$20.6 M	291	\$70.6 K
2010	\$15.6 M	\$1.63 M	\$2.7 M	\$19.9 M	295	\$67.5 K

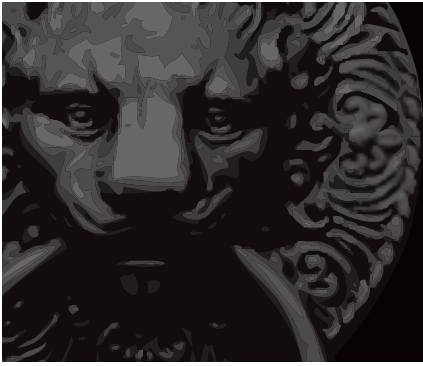
Source: Westmount Finance department.

## Table showing city retirees\* or beneficiaries Dec. 31, 2009

Age category	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90+	Totals
Number	3	23	46	37	36	28	33	18	12	236
Combined pensions \$	134,557	837,438	1,300,590	811,614	659,145	590,317	453,433	294,264	142,951	5,224,309
Average pension \$	44,852	36,410	28,274	21,936	18,310	21,083	29,740	16,348	11,913	22,137
Years retired	0-4	0-9	0-14	0-14	0-24	5-24	10-29	10-29	15-30+	

\*Includes all retired municipal employees, excluding Westmount police and firefighters (now under Montreal administration).

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The article also stated she was the No. 14 seed and had "upset No. 3 Lauren Davis of the US along the way."



Eugenie Bouchard in Murray Park, May 2010.

Photo: Eric Bindman for the *Independent*

### Roslyn's Eddy Nolan makes p. 1 news

In "Fight becomes personal," (the *Gazette*, February 3, p. 1), reporter Brenda Branswell writes about Nolan's recent announcement that he has cancer and the rallying support Roslyn students, their families and staff have shown him. According to the article, Nolan has two bags filled with cards containing "encouraging messages" from students.



Eddy Nolan leads Roslyn School's kindergarteners in their Terry Fox run, September 23, 2010.

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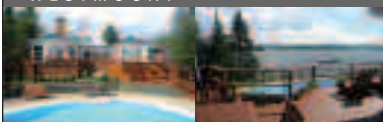
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Back to My Cat. She is a short-haired, striped grey and black beauty, who is the picture of health. She must have been very loved because she is one of the most affectionate cats at the SPCA Montérégie

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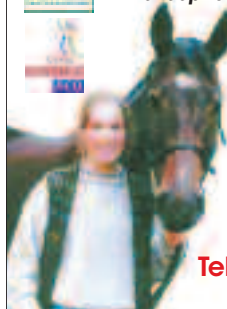
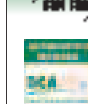
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# More community leaders around Westmount share

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

## Gary White, director of YMCA Westmount

**Q: What kind of summer camp did you attend?**

A: For several summers I attended a summer hockey day camp in Verdun, where I grew up in the mid '70s.

**Q: Were you brought there by your parents kicking and screaming or were you**

**excited?**

A: I loved my experience there...looked forward to going every day, and if it had been possible, I would have attended every week of the summer.

**Q: What were your favourite activities, and do you still enjoy those activities as an adult today?**

A: I loved being on the ice, being with my friends, getting tips from great instructors. I particularly enjoyed the scrimmages at the end of the day. Two of the instructors at the camp were Ray Bourque

and Denis Savard, back when they were in their late teens playing Major Junior Hockey in Montreal. They would join in the scrimmages at the end of the day. This was before they went on to Hall of Fame careers in the NHL. It still amazes me to think that I had a chance to play alongside those two guys when I was 12 years old, even if they were holding back big-time!

As a parent looking back, I now realize we underestimate the value of the time kids spend just hanging out [during] unstructured time.

I still play hockey once or twice a week, and if it wasn't for my busy schedule, I'd play even more.

**Q: What is your funniest memory?**

A: My parents would give me money 'cause we could go off on our own for lunch. But I was always told to "get something healthy" – whatever that meant to a 12-year-old in the mid '70s! I think I ate Kentucky Fried Chicken every day for two weeks. I hope my dad isn't reading this.

**Q: What is your worst or scariest memory?**

A: As part of the camp we had to do an hour of dry land training every day. I hated it. It felt like boot camp. Ironically, "Boot Camp" is a popular fitness program at a lot of YMCAs these days!

**Q: What can kids learn at camp – through being with other kids and being led by camp counsellors – that they can't learn at home?**

A: I always hope our Westmount Y day camp experience will be a little bit about what kids learn (in our case, swimming lessons are the focus of their "learning"), but a lot more about how they feel while they are learning. I want camp to be a place where kids feel accepted, encouraged, and valued by their counsellors and

fellow campers, where they feel like they can celebrate the things that make them unique. I want camp to be a place where kids feel safe and there isn't a lot of pressure. Safe in a very literal sense (in the pool or on the playing fields), but also safe and comfortable in their skin. Hopefully, kids are getting these things at home, or at school, but unfortunately it isn't always the case.

**Q: Did your parents send you every summer?**

A: I attended for two or three summers.

**Q: Did you make any lasting friendships through summer camp?**

A: Most of my closest friends are people I met at summer camp, including the god-parents of my children.

## Neil Mackinnon, Scouts Westmount leader

**Q: What kind of summer camp did you attend?**

A: As a child my first [experience of] camp was a Cub Scout at Camp Jackson Dodds. In my teenage years, I went to Camp Tamaracouta also run by Scouts Canada.

**Q: Were you brought there by your parents kicking and screaming or were you excited?**

A: Initially, I didn't want to go, but by the end of the week I wanted to stay with all my new friends. It's a fantastic place to spend your summers.

**Q: What were your favourite activities, and do you still enjoy those activities as an adult today?**

A: Canoeing and swimming were my favourite activities then. Today, 35 years later, I am able to share my love of the water with both my children and the Scouts in my ..... continued on p. 12



Gary White

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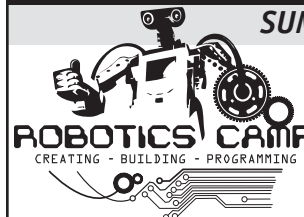
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# their camp experiences

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**Q: What is your funniest memory?**

A: Kit night or talent night always had everyone laughing until our stomachs ached.

**Q: What was the worst or scariest memory of summer camp?**

A: Losing my brand new flashlight down the smelly outhouse

hole and watching its light fade away.

**Q: What can kids learn at camp – through being with other kids and being led by camp counsellors – that they can't learn at home?**

A: Kids are more relaxed. They are free to let loose and explore. In doing so they discover a lot about themselves and gain great experience in the outdoors. And they also learn great life lessons too. Ones they'll remember all their lives!



Neil Mackinnon

**Q: Did your parents send you every summer?**

A: Yes! I asked to go every year until I started working in the summer.

**Q: Did you make any lasting friendships through summer camp?**

A: Yes, I was very lucky to meet some great people I am still friends with today.

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shelter. She appreciates attention and loves to curl up and sleep on your lap. You would be lucky to be the object of her affection, so please consider adopting her.

Charlot is strikingly handsome – a long-haired white and cream cat with a wonderfully pink nose and lots of charisma. A delightful fellow, this cat is easy-going, enjoys the company of people and other cats, and loves to be brushed and petted. Charlot is two years old, very healthy, neutered, and has had all his shots. For more information, please contact Cindy at the SPCA Montérégie at 514.386.5960 or email [info@spcamonteregie.com](mailto:info@spcamonteregie.com). *Your neighbour, Lyzanne*

# Two local SAQs due to close this spring

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

The Société des alcools du Québec's (SAQ) headquarters in Montreal has confirmed that its Classique store in Westmount Square and its Sélection store at the Pepsi Forum on St. Catherine St. will be closing in the spring.

Though the representative could not confirm a specific date of closure, she said that both outlets would be closed by April. The reasons given for the closure are the expansion of the SAQ branch on the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke. "The newly renovated outlet will replace the two smaller outlets and will offer a more comprehensive service, for example tastings, as well as a wider range of goods," said another customer service representative.

SAQ employees at the Westmount Square outlet were asked not comment by management about the closure of the store. Shop manager, Julie Côté, did however emphasize that all staff were being relocated to an SAQ outlet of their choice and that no one would be losing their jobs.

"Current staff can choose which SAQ they want to go to once it closes here," she said.

Alexandre Joly, treasurer of the SAQ employees' union, the Syndicat des employés de magasins et de bureaux de la SAQ, (SEMB SAQ), spoke against the closure of the two outlets saying that the SAQ's attitude is "unacceptable" and that their reasons for closing the Westmount branches are "poorly justified." He expressed concern about part-time employees who may not be so easily accommodated in the relocation of staff, and added that in recent meetings SAQ senior management has talked about "optimizing rental costs" and foresees the closure of other small SAQ outlets.

Joly said he felt it is important to keep the smaller local outlets open as they benefit surrounding businesses.

When several businesses in Westmount Square were asked to comment on the impending closure however, there was no strong reaction either way from owners or managers. When ..... contacted to give an opin- *continued on p. 14*

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# Tug o' war and tuques vertes mark part of ECS's Spirit Week



On February 2, as part of several days of events held at ECS during its annual Spirit Week, a team of alumni was challenged by a team of grade 11 students to a tug-of-war in the school gymnasium. The "Old Girls" ended up winning the best of three. From left: Andrea Usher-Jones ('83), Sydney Warshaw ('06), Sue Brass (Phys. Ed. teacher) and Caitlin Beavis-Hardy ('06). ECS holds Spirit Week around this time each year to help its students beat the "February doldrums."

Photo: Martin C. Barry



Grade 6 ECS students enjoy an afternoon at Mount Royal during their "Tuques Vertes" event on February 1. The whole school took part in skating, tubing and drinking hot chocolate as part of the annual event, which celebrates the partnership between ECS and Les amis de la montagne. From left, front row: Caroline Anber, Leela Merritte, Keili Moore; back row: Emma Harries, Isabelle Buchanan and Marissa Hatzigeorgiou.

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## Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- **Quasar saxophone quartet** at Victoria Hall, performs "From Bach to Zappa," 7 pm. Tickets: \$20; seniors and students \$15, available at Victoria Hall or at the door.
- **"The history of quilting in fashion"** with Pamela Grimaud, Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 2 pm. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- **Imani Gospel Singers**, Atwater Library, 12:30 pm. Free, donations invited.
- Tickets go on sale for **"Library of the Early Mind: A Grown-Up Look at the Art of Children's Literature"** that will be screened, followed by Q&A with co-producer Steven Withrow, Thursday, May 19 at Selwyn House School. Cost: \$10. Ticket info: hoytec@selwyn.ca.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- • George Wall Shakespeare lecture on **"Henry V,"** 11 am at the Atwater Library. Cost: \$20. Info: 514.935.7344. Also Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 pm.
- "Great Trials" lecture series by McGill's Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas continues with **"The Trial of Shylock"** with English professor Paul Yachnin,

5:30 pm, Westmount Public Library. Cost: \$15 per lecture. Register ahead online with credit card: [www.mcgill.ca/iplai](http://www.mcgill.ca/iplai). Info: 514.398.6154 or [iplai@mcgill.ca](mailto:iplai@mcgill.ca). Seats may not be available at the door.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- The Westmount Historical Association **"Greene Avenue Talks"** presents France Vanlaethem and Phyllis Lambert speaking on Mies Van Der Rohe and Westmount Square, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Cost: free for members; \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 514.989.5510.
- Psychotherapist and author Alyson Schafer speaks on **parenting techniques** at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom, 7:30 to 9 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Free. Info: [mshulman@selwyn.ca](mailto:mshulman@selwyn.ca).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

James Barry, Simone Nicole and the Left of Center Theater Company present **"Aladdin and the Lamp,"** 2 pm, Victoria Hall. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors and students; \$8 for children 12 years and under. Tickets available at Victoria Hall. Performance repeats on Sunday, February 20, same time.

## Polite drunk gets driven home

Public safety officers called police to the rear of 50 Columbia Ave. January 30 just after midnight when a man was found sitting in the lane inebriated "but polite," they said. He claimed to live at the Y residence on Tupper St., where he was driven by police.

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ion on the matter, calls were not returned.

Pamphlets are being distributed by the SAQ employees' union encouraging customers to voice their complaints about the closure of the two Westmount outlets to the SAQ complaints department at 514.254.2020.

## Lost a fridge lately?

A five-foot fridge was found in the street at 167 Edgehill Rd. January 26, Public Security officials report. It was not known how it ended up there unless it had fallen off a truck or had been pushed into the street, they said. The appliance was found following an anonymous call at 5:52 am and was subsequently taken to the Public Works yard.

## Car yields good haul

A wallet containing \$250 and credit cards was discovered stolen early Saturday, January 29 from the front passenger seat of a car parked on Columbia Ave. where it could be clearly seen, Public Security officials said. A GPS device and a small tool box were also taken when a side window was smashed. The incident generated another of several recent crime prevention appeals to leave nothing visible in a car.



*The SAQ store in Westmount Square, set to close this spring.*

## Flashing lights on Carleton

A number of emergency vehicles responded to a house fire at 609 Carleton Ave. shortly after 5 am, January 24, Public Security officials report. While the incident attracted many trucks, it was described as a relatively small fire in the furnace-electrical room. Public Security was called out by the fire department to assist. Power was reported to be out in the surrounding area.

## Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the two best sessions in January 2011 were:

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### **NEW ON THE MARKET**



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This lovely semi-detached is on the market for the first time since 1955, spectacular large lot on a great street. Renovator's Delight!!!



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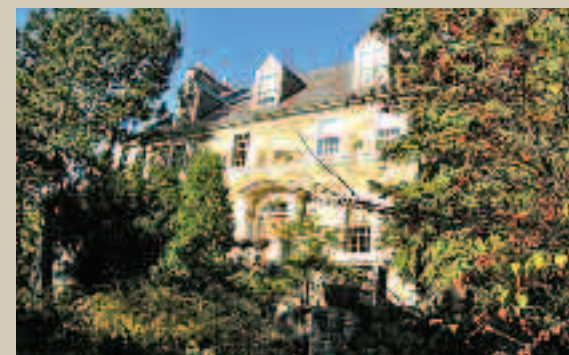
## **VILLE MARIE – 3086 St-Sulpice \$2,300,000**

Executive luxurious detached residence just minutes to downtown on a quiet street adjacent to Westmount.



## **DOWNTOWN – 1200 de Maisonneuve West \$865,000**

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