

Ludmer, church lose bid to stop work on arena demo

## Work begins as judge rules plans meet promised criteria

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Within hours of a Superior Court ruling April 20 rejecting a bid to stop the new Westmount recreation centre, work began to remove furnishings from the old arena, prepare for its demolition and lay out a security perimeter.

“I’m pleased we can now get on with it,” said Mayor Peter Trent.

“No one need ask again when the work will start,” said project chair Patrick Martin. “It has begun.”

Judge Richard Mongeau dismissed the request by project critic David Ludmer, Westmount Park United Church and

Robert Tait, a church official, for a freeze on work until an injunction hearing could take place.

He found that final plans and costs for the complex had not changed substantially, as claimed by the plaintiffs, from those the city had proposed to taxpayers two years ago and were described in the loan by-law (see story April 17, p. 1).

He also found that the public interest would be better served by allowing the project to proceed and that no irreparable damages would be caused to the plaintiffs by doing so.

In rendering the decision verbally – a written decision is expected April 25 – the judge explained that a request for a freeze was exceptional and required proof not only of a solid case for an injunction but also of urgency.

In this case, the plaintiffs had not availed themselves of other opportunities to take legal action to stop the project, including those presented by the demolition hearing in March and its appeal process. Urgency was rather on the side of the city to start

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## Driver wakes up upside down



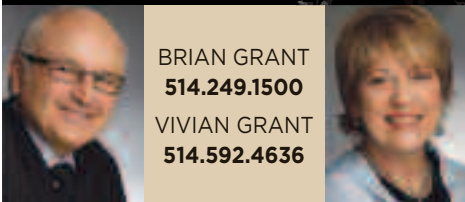
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A car crashed April 16 on the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke. See story, p. 3.

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# Public Security cracks down on building and garden material on streets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers have been ordering workers at a number of construction sites to clean up the street, as recorded recently in a number of incident reports. They're also on the lookout for residents and contract gardeners who move debris onto the public way without removing it right away.

"They have to clean up," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. "It's not acceptable for people to blow or rake peat moss, grass cuttings and other such debris onto the sidewalk or road and expect the city's sweeper to clean it up."

Such practices, he said, contravene nuisance By-law 257, section 6, which calls for fines starting at \$100 for an individual and \$200 for a contractor/company.

In three days, April 11 to 13, at least four offenders received warnings concerning the way construction material was placed on the street. Even with a city occupation permit, it must be done so as to


limit obstruction and dirt, McBain said. Builders at 344 Metcalfe were told to get a permit before placing materials in the street. Dump truck operators were ordered to move their vehicles from the street and clean up a trail of dirt trekked from outside 740 Upper Lansdowne along Sunny-side. Piles of stones were also found on the road in front of 4335 Westmount Ave. while a heap of gravel was discovered on the street at 421 Argyle.

## Woods too dark

While a public safety officer was checking out Summit Woods at 1:40 am April 15, a vehicle arrived to wait for three people, who reportedly went for a walk in the woods but found it too dark. The group was warned about the midnight park curfew. The trio, aged 17 or 18, lived in Westmount, Beaconsfield and Côte St. Luc.



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# WMA has busy final meeting before AGM; disapproves of injunction bid against arena

BY JOANNE PENHALE

The Westmount Municipal Association's (WMA) latest meeting on April 16 featured Councillor Cynthia Lulham explaining the city's building permit process. There was a sharp turn in the discussion when local dog owners interrupted her talk to raise the issue of a dog run.

Also at the packed meeting, the WMA voted to denounce the recent injunction request filed against the city's arena/pool project (see p. 1 for news), and made plans for its May 9 annual general meeting, for which the association was still looking for board nominees.

Lulham, whose municipal dossiers include urban planning, architecture and green spaces, had taken time out of a concurrent council meeting to speak at the WMA meeting. She explained steps residents must take when seeking necessary permits to build or renovate. After the proper paperwork is filed, applications are reviewed by the board of inspections. If the board finds the plans contravene any by-laws, residents must alter the plans. "It can be a lengthy process," Lulham explained, and often depends on the level of experience the architect has of the by-laws. Once approved by the board of inspections, applications for exterior work go to the Planning Advisory Committee, which looks at the aesthetics of a project. "We're trying as much as possible to maintain the mountainous and green environs of Westmount," Lulham said.

She showed the publicly-available pamphlet describing the building permit process, and sheets that explain the guidelines for specific alterations, such as doors and windows, or landscapes. She also

spoke about a fast-track permit process adopted by the city last year to encourage residents who are simply replicating worn-out features of their home.

## Dog owners arrive at meeting

The WMA voted to support the installation of a dog run in the area of Westmount Park normally used by Shakespeare in the Park – at least during arena construction. This followed eight dog owners raising the potentially permanent loss of the Lansdowne dog run. Those concerned said they would be satisfied with the relocation. Lulham told attendees the Shakespeare group could set up beside the library, where the outdoor skating rink is in winter.

Three days before the WMA meeting, an injunction request to halt the arena construction was filed in Quebec Superior Court. After some debate over whether the WMA ought to comment on something before the court, the WMA resolved to denounce the injunction in a public letter that was published on their blog the following day.

The WMA executive discussed its upcoming annual general meeting and said it was seeking more members, as well as candidates for the board of directors. The Wednesday, May 9 meeting will be at 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

## A Town resident interested

A resident of the Town of Mount Royal attended much of the meeting as a visitor, saying she was interested in the comparably bigger membership base of the WMA than a similar residents' group in the town.

# Car flips after driver loses consciousness

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Station 12 said a 57-year-old Côte St. Luc man is lucky to be alright after he apparently lost consciousness in his car.

Police were called to the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria at 1:52 pm on April 16 when witnesses saw a 2007 Ford Fusion flipped onto its roof.

"When the officers arrived, the driver

said he lost consciousness, and when he awoke, he was upside down in the car, but he had no idea why," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "He suffered no serious injuries but he was taken to the Montreal General Hospital to be checked out."

Police say one city of Westmount tree was destroyed due to the accident.

See photo, p. 1.

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# Trent responds to letter from Westmount Park City tried to settle out of court with United church

LAUREEN SWEENEY

City of Westmount representatives had the right to call parishioners of Westmount Park United Church regarding its legal attempt to stop the arena/pool project, Mayor Peter Trent said April 20.

“We were trying to avoid a court case and hoping to be able to meet with someone in an effort to ease their fears about the project.”

Responding to a cease-and-desist letter that the church had sent to Trent April 18 complaining about calls from Councillor Cynthia Lulham to some members of the congregation, he explained that in fact the courts tend to look favourably on efforts to reach out-of-court settlements.

## Legal action puzzling

Trent said he was “puzzled” as to why the church, a member of the community and a religious institution, had become a party in the legal action along with project critic David Ludmer.

“It appears the church is riding on the coat tails of a legal demand for a freeze,” he said. “Their problems seem to have nothing to do with the legal argument that taxpayers are not being properly served. So not being a taxpayer it’s strange they’re involved.”

The church, he pointed out, was concerned that vehicle access to the main door on de Maisonneuve would be blocked by the new recreation centre and that construction work might damage the building (see story April 17, p.1). Representatives had met with city director general Duncan Campbell for 90 minutes on March 13, he said, and had been shown design sketches, he said.

The church had asked the city March 29 to provide it with a copy of its certificate of insurance “which we promptly acknowledged.”

It was also unclear, he said, how forcing the city to incur legal charges would help the church resolve construction concerns.

# New soccer club forms in Westmount

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Westmount youngsters looking for an extra dose of soccer will be able to showcase their inner Pelé this summer with the formation of a new club.

Established by parents frustrated with the city’s soccer-less summers, the aptly named Westmount Soccer Club will be running three programs at the U13 and U10 levels designed to complement the spring soccer program run by the city’s Sports and Recreation department.

After years of parent-organized friendly games, the club’s U13 boys team will be making its first foray into a competitive setting. The team will be participating in the Lac St. Louis A league, taking on teams from in and around the island of Montreal.

Team tryouts will be held in early May before the team makes its debut on Sunday, May 13 at Westmount Park. According to organizers, practices will be scheduled to allow players to participate in the city’s spring soccer league as well.

The club will also be running non-com-

petitive U10 teams in both boys and girls divisions, focusing on skill development.

Starting after the spring soccer season finishes in late June, the U10 teams will participate in friendly intercity games with an eye towards joining a competitive league in 2013.

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## BIXIS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS?

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This is a great idea.

On one hand, it gives greater mobility to the folks at the home so that they can get around more easily and, on the other, it removes the need for anyone to park their vehicles and spend more money in the Victoria village area, thus saving folks the money they will require to pay for their increased property taxes.

I cannot help but muse that the less parking there is in this area, the more pedestrian it becomes.

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## GREAT MUSIC AT EARTH HOUR

At the Earth Hour event at Victoria Hall on March 31, we had the pleasure of being entertained by a wonderful musical performance.

Peter Weldon, an active Westmount citizen, was the maestro for this group, as well as playing the bass and harp harmonica: Jane McGarrigle was the arranger and pianist. The vocalists were Jack Nissensen; Mary Ann Lacey, who performs at Westmount's "Concerts in the Park;" and

Maureen Lafrenière of Westmount's Communications department. Ralph Thompson, president of the Rotary Club of Westmount, was the fiddler, and Alan Jones played the Irish pipes, metal recorder and guitar.

Their performances were great. All, with several of them being professional musicians, gladly donated their time and effort for this event.

STAN GROSSMAN, DE MAISONNEUVE AND EARTH HOUR COMMITTEE MEMBER

## ON DEFICIT FINANCING

With tongue in cheek, I submit the following commentary on the recent provincial and federal government budgets, which, as usual, push the problem of balancing the budget off into the never-never land of the future:

The way in which Canada (like Quebec and governments of many other countries) gets by year after year with deficit financing and still manages to pay the interest on a steadily growing burden of debt is not unlike one of the strategies devised by Earl Jones to finance his lavish lifestyle.

Jones fleeced his clients by depleting their capital to pay them the interest on their investments. Here's how it works when governments do it the legal way: Creeping inflation enables the govern-

ment, in effect, to print more money, which can be put towards making the regular interest payments on bonds issued to cover its debt. Finally, on maturity the bonds are redeemed at their face value but with a devalued currency, which includes a significant proportion of newly printed inflationary money. Hence upon redemption, the real value of the bond holders' original capital investment – as measured by its purchasing power – has significantly decreased, sometimes by as much or even more than the total of interest payments made by the government in financing its bonds, particularly considering that an appreciable portion of that interest is usually clawed back to the government as income tax.

For example, compared with the real purchasing value of the dollar when a 10-year Canadian government bond was issued in 2002, the bond would be redeemed in 2012 with 81-cent dollars (and noting the Canadian penny is going the way of the dodo bird, those 81 cent dollars should perhaps be rounded down and considered as 80-cent dollars).

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## NO ARENA INJUNCTION, PLEASE

I really can't believe what a very few people want to do to the residents of Westmount. Who suffers? The kids and adults who use the recreational facilities of Westmount and the rest of us who do not, but believe in our city. Our mayor and council were elected by residents who believe in them.

This should make it "the majority rules." The mayor and council, in my opinion, went beyond the beyond getting this arena project together. It is time that the rest of us, who are not opposed to this issue, make our opinions known. We need to voice our positive views on the arena project.

Let's just get on with it!

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*Editor's note: Please see developments on this issue, p. 1.*

– KM

## Burning book brings firefighters to park

A Public Works cleaner spotted a small fire in Murray Park April 3 at 8:40 pm, Public Security officials said. Firefighters were called and extinguished a burning book and some leaves at the west end of the park near the tennis courts. It was a copy of *Judas Strain*.

## Kippen receives another medal from queen



Westmounter Bruce Kippen was recognized with a Queen Elizabeth II diamond jubilee medal in commemoration of her 60th anniversary on the throne. The certificate, signed by Governor General David Johnston, thanks Kippen for his "dedicated service to his peers, to your community and to Canada." Kippen's work with the Canadian Unity Council helped create Encounters with Canada, a youth forum that takes place throughout the school year at the Terry Fox Youth Centre in Ottawa. The 30-year-old program has hosted 90,000 students over its history. He is continuing his interest in Canada's future by working on a book about the country's economic opportunities post-financial crisis, currently entitled Canada – A G-8 Leader in the 21st Century. Price-Patterson Ltd., which has a shareholder in common with the Independent's parent company, has consulted on the project.

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## Fallen man driven home

Public safety officers went to the aid of an inebriated man April 15 who fell at Prince Albert and Somerville shortly after 3:15 am. The 25-year-old had been noticed initially by patrollers as he walked east along Sherbrooke St. in an unsteady manner.

Public Security officials said he sustained two small cuts in the fall and told patrollers he had no money and was unable to walk the rest of the way to his girlfriend's home in Point St. Charles. They called police who were reported to have driven him to the home.

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## Point/counterpoint

# Traffic study comments

By BOB COWLING

This is a preliminary response offering a few “inconvenient truths” and questions that I hope will be considered before a final report is issued on the current Master Traffic Plan and study. The headings and their order track those in the prioritized list of objectives recently circulated by the city.

### Reduce through traffic

We are situated where we are situated and there's nothing that can be done about that. Our city, rightly or wrongly, is already regarded by some as rather precious and elitist and throwing up roadblocks (or even less drastic measures) will simply add impetus to anti-Westmount sentiment with possibly very unpleasant repercussions. The merger model, unfortunately, is not totally dead, and this is the kind of selfish attitude that could hasten its resuscitation. Go easy!

### Reduce and manage vehicular speeds

Westmount is already a forest of reduced speed signs, mid-block and other stop signs and speed bumps, most of which go beyond what is necessary. It is practically and financially prohibitive to enforce these regulations on anything but a sporadic basis. For this reason – and also because they are perceived as unreasonable – they are more honoured in the breach than the observance. This in turn tends to foster a more general contempt even for sensible regulation. Reduce the number of regulations, ensure that they are proportionate to the mischief sought to be prevented and enforce them rigorously.

### Enhance walking conditions

Hard to quarrel with that one. Here the devil will be in the detail.

### Enhance cycling conditions

The non-cycling silent majority witnesses everyday the flagrant and in some cases brazen disregard by cyclists of all traffic regulations and common courtesies, from running red lights and stop signs, and going against traffic on one-way streets, to cursing and threatening pedestrians in the right who dare get in their way. There are of course some who are not in this category, but not nearly enough. When was the last time a cyclist received a citation for anything? At night, many cyclists wear dark clothing and are unequipped with lights or reflectors, risking

death or serious injury to themselves and causing consternation to unwitting motorists.

Obviously cycling is to be encouraged for health and environmental reasons. Much has been done in this regard, and it is now high time we demanded responsible behaviour from cyclists in return and certainly before further improvements are offered.

### Ensure public transit is a choice

Nothing wrong with that. In my experience, public transport (STM) is doing a good job with buses and Metro [cars] running pretty well on schedule and with reasonable frequency. The attitude of bus drivers and even most ticket sellers has also improved markedly in recent years. Are there some areas of the city that are not readily accessible to existing routes? This could be a matter to study. Obviously public transport cannot be brought to everyone's front door, except handicapped service.

### Better manage parking

Again, the devil will be in the details here. But may I add that there is nothing more infuriating than a meter that is out of order or hooded. As an incentive to timely repair, no tickets should be given where a broken meter is involved. Also, can something not be done to reduce the number, complexity and vast variety of current parking restrictions?

### Minimize congestion and travel delays

A motherhood statement which needs fleshing out. Part of the problem with congestion is Westmount's apparent aversion to properly synchronized traffic lights. I am convinced this contributes to the congestion often experienced, e.g., between Claremont and Greene. There is frequent congestion and resultant furious horn sounding caused by motorists stopped for minutes at a time while attempting to turn left from the southbound lane into the Metro grocery store on Victoria. The double yellow line should be repainted and violations enforced periodically.

### Minimize the effects of external projects

Fine. But we must expect to bear our fair share of some temporary inconvenience. Projects like the MUHC Glen site and the new arena/pool centre will benefit all of us when completed, and we need to show a little patience.

### Provide alternatives to vehicle ownership

Bixis? And a talked-about similar system using vehicles? May be other ideas.

### Ensure management of deliveries

Sounds good but obviously will require extensive consultation. Double parked delivery trucks are annoying but they have a job to do. The pity is that delivery lanes were not made mandatory behind commercial streets. Too late now?

### Optimize traffic

Sounds good but not that easy to enforce.

### Reduce noise and pollution

I commented above on the proliferation of stop signs and speed bumps in another context. They also contribute, I believe, to noise and pollution resulting from vehicles being constantly in low gear, which results in increased fuel consumption and production of exhaust containing noxious gases that contribute to health issues and climate change.

*Bob Cowling is a resident of Parkman Place.*

*A member of Westmount's cycling community has been invited to respond in a piece of equal length in a future edition of the Independent.*



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# **Maintenance necessary in** **Summit Woods, Fretz tells** **historical society**

By MARTIN C. BARRY

It takes maintenance to keep a forested green space like Westmount's Summit Woods in a natural state, John Fretz of Lansdowne Ave. told members of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) on April 19.

Fretz, who was the third speaker in the association's 2012 spring lecture series, was instrumental in having the former Summit Park renamed Summit Woods.

He said he doesn't agree completely with Westmount's practice of allowing trees and vegetation at the top of the mountain to grow almost completely untended like a forest.

While the city adopted a minimal inter-

vention policy more than 20 years ago, he suggested more maintenance may be necessary to keep the space natural.

One of the results of the current policy, according to Fretz, has been an uncontrolled invasion of common buckthorn, a species of shrub whose seeds are spread by birds that find the buckthorn's berries delectable.

Although Fretz was critical of some of Westmount's practices, such as blowing snow from Summit Circle down the northern face of the mountain, causing extensive damage to the trees, he praised the city for making sure the summit is treated as an urban forest, in contrast to Mount Royal Park where nature is punctuated by tables and benches.



*John Fretz addressed the Westmount Historical Association on April 19.*

## **Summit trail signs up,** **signpost being built**

Signs asking people to stick to the trails in Summit Woods have been erected by the city's Public Works department while a wooden structure rising at the crossroads of trails is, in fact, the seasonal sign board.

"The trail signs are temporary," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Urban Planning and Park commissioner. At this time

of year the woods are still wet and muddy and especially vulnerable to being trampled. The spring leash laws are also in effect for dog walkers.

Meanwhile, she said, the sign board is being built on site (see April 17, p. 11). "It's not some kind of illegal shelter someone is building."



# Gas leak on Westmount Ave. blacks out 200 homes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A gas leak on Westmount Ave. between Argyle and Aberdeen on April 7 shut down electricity to some 200 homes in the area for more than four hours, city officials said. Eight houses were ordered evacuated and left without power throughout the day.

It was the Saturday when many people might have been expected to be marking the Easter-Passover holiday, though the power outage was not as extensive and lengthy as the one resulting from a gas leak on de Maisonneuve February 8 that affected some 6,000 addresses.

"Thankfully the inconvenience was limited," said city director general Duncan Campbell.

"But a sad thing was that they had to put four holes in the new street," he added of the work by gas crews. Westmount Ave. had been reconstructed in 2008 (see October 21, 2008, p. 1).

It was not known how the latest leak occurred, Campbell said.

Public Works officials said a report from Gaz Métropolitain stated the leak had initially been suspected to have originated at a private house on Westmount Ave. Work is under way there on private property to build a garage. But the repairs, according to Gaz Met, were actually done at the service entry to number 4340.

Efforts by gas crews to pinpoint the

source took until the following day, Sunday, April 8, when the leak was finally reported to have been capped at 7:15 pm.

## Source found next day

The odour of gas was initially detected at 8:47 am in the exposed ground at an excavation at 4335 Westmount Ave.

In relating how the incident unfolded, Public Security officials said their call for assistance brought the fire department, police, gas crews and Hydro Westmount to the scene. They worked in coordination throughout the day, particularly in blocking traffic and assisting residents.

Power to the 200 customers was turned off as a safety precaution at 10:35 am. Firefighters ordered the evacuation of eight houses on Westmount Ave. – two of which were vacant. Residents requiring shelter were taken to the fire department bus.

By 2:58 pm, power was restored to most homes except the eight houses directly affected. Gas intervention crews brought in a back hoe and other equipment to help in the search for the source. Four excavation holes were made on Westmount Ave.

Residents of evacuated houses were informed they could return at 7:30 pm though crews continued to work into the night to search for the source. A technician was left on the scene once they departed until workers returned the next morning to investigate further.

## Former anti-doping org. head Pound addresses Rotarians



Former International Olympic Committee vice president Richard Pound, who also used to head the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), spoke to members of the Rotary Club of Westmount on April 4 about efforts to combat drug abuse. The Arlington Ave. resident told the Rotarians that more than 20 percent of teenagers admit to having abused prescription drugs and three-quarters of them stole the drugs from their parents. "If you've got medicines at home, keep them in a secure place and keep track of them," was his advice to parents.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Work stopped

Jack hammering was stopped just after 1:42 am at RCMP headquarters on Dorchester at Greene March 20 when public safety officers discovered it was being

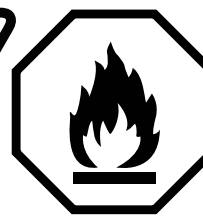
done without the required permission for overnight work. Public Security officials said they had received a noise complaint from a resident of Olivier.

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# It's back – Westmount Rotarians gearing up for auction and sale

By MARTIN C. BARRY

After a four-year hiatus, the Rotary Club of Westmount's auction and garage sale will be taking place June 1 and 2.

While these events have long been a Westmount tradition, the momentum was broken four years ago when the city announced plans to shut the arena, where the event had always been staged.

With the arena now closed for reconstruction, the Rotarians have decided to start holding the sale and auction at a new venue: the Royal Montreal Regiment armory at 4625 St. Catherine St.

"We're really excited, and we're hoping to have a good turnaround," said Josée St. Pierre, manager of the Scotia Bank branch on Greene Ave. and Rotarian. She is coordinating the event.

According to St. Pierre, the Westmount Rotarians are in the midst of gathering items. "If people are moving or if they have things that they want to give away,

we'll be happy to pick them up," she said.

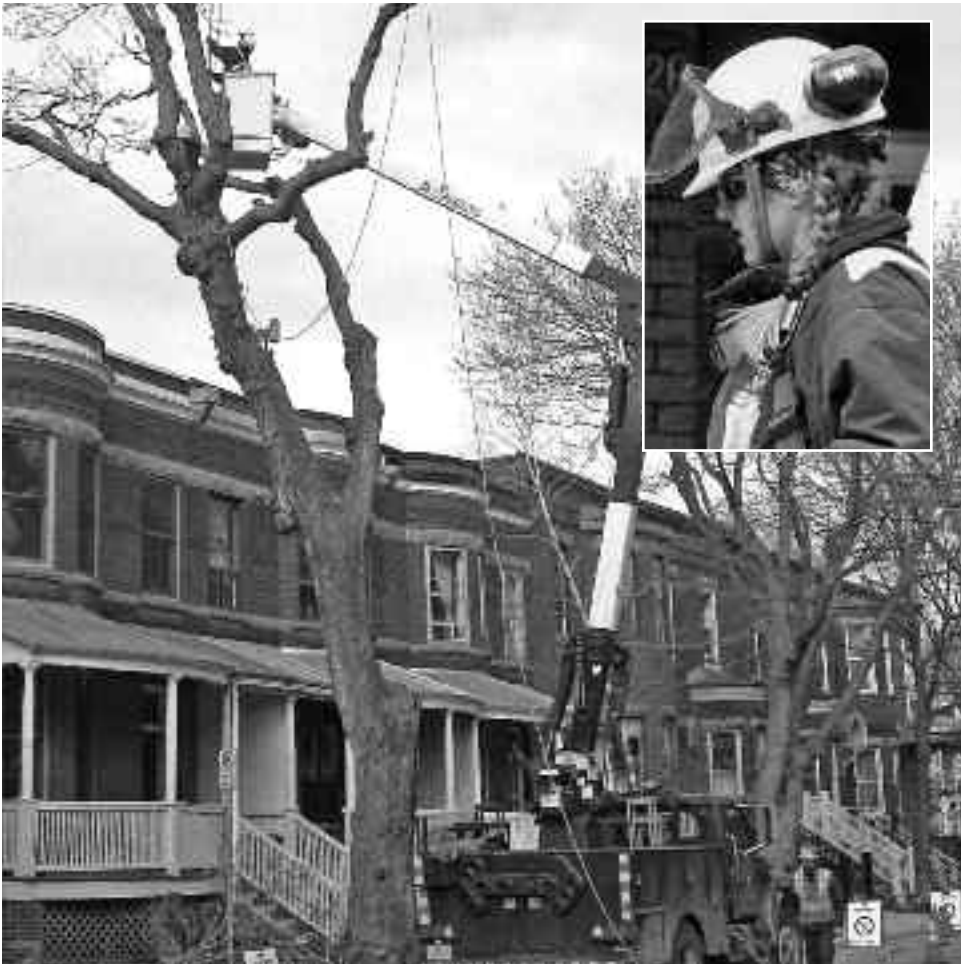
However, there are exceptions to what will be accepted: no books, clothing, bed linens or electronics. But good quality small furniture, home accessories and kitchenware are okay. Volunteers will be picking up donations on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until mid-May, and the donors will be notified beforehand.

St. Pierre said the Westmount community has been very generous in the past and the Rotarians hope that spirit will manifest itself again.

The best items are sold during the auction, which will be taking place this year on the evening of Friday, June 1. The regular sale will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Electronic payments (Interac and credit card) will be accepted, along with cash payments. To have items picked up, call 514.935.3344.

# Introducing city's first female tree climber



Westmount worker Emilee Mailes works on cutting down a tree on Prince Albert near York, April 5. Mailes is the city's first female tree climber. She started earlier this year with the tree crew.

Photos: Westmount Independent and Michele MacDougall

# Tuition hike protests reduce local policing, Plourde says

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Even though few of the two-month-old student demonstrations have taken place in Westmount, their impact is being felt by police staffing in Westmount, local Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde said last week.

Westmount's station contributes personnel to the police contingents required to work at the protests in other parts of the city, thereby pulling them away from regular duty. That translates into reduced on-street patrolling in Westmount, according to Plourde. In his own case, he must pick up local administrative work at night to make up for time spent when he is either in charge of protest security in the Westmount precinct east to Guy or serving as command backup downtown for Station

20, he said.

"It's a lot of work for us because sometimes the student groups don't tell us what route they will take," he explained.

# Library sale raises more than \$15,000

The annual Friends of the Library book sale took place in Victoria Hall during the weekend of April 14 and 15. The total raised was \$15,740, more than \$1,000 more than last year's total. "The hall was packed with shoppers from the moment we opened our doors on Saturday morning until the moment we closed them on Sunday afternoon," said Carolyn O'Neill, president of the Friends of the Westmount Public Library.

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# Dobby kicks off Sunday concerts



Westmounter Tim Dobby, classical guitarist, performed in the Gallery at Victoria Hall on April 1 to an audience of about 50 people. This was the first in a series of four Sunday afternoon concerts organized by Westmount's Community and Cultural Events department. Other performances include Under the Three jazz on April 29 at 2 pm in the gallery, Dolce Musica classical music May 6 at 2:30 pm in the concert hall, and folk musician Matthew Stern on June 3 at 2 pm in the gallery. Tickets cost \$12 or \$10 in advance.

Photo courtesy of Community Events, city of Westmount

# Fraudulent parking tickets circulating



Police are warning Westmounters to be on the lookout for false parking tickets being found on some cars in Outremont which may make their into Westmount, city officials said April 20.

They are believed to be related to the student demonstrations, according to the police alert.

# Video captures garage break-in suspects

By DAVID GOLDBERG

A video camera captured four young suspects who broke into a Landsowne Ave. apartment building garage in order to break into cars.

The incident happened between 1:00 and 1:23 am on March 28. Police say the quartet used a tool to force open the apartment's front door, then gained entry to the garage.

"Once inside, they looked over several vehicles," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "They smashed the driver side window on a Honda Accord, and stole several items from another Accord."

Those items included work tools and a client agenda.

The suspects then used a remote control door opener from one of the vehicles to make their escape. They are all described as white males, 20, thin and 5'9.

# Le Sieur recognized as one of the top checkers

By ALBERT KRAMBERGER

Westmounter Maximilien Le Sieur, who plays for the Shawinigan Cataractes, was a finalist for the Guy Carbonneau trophy, handed out annually to the top de-



Maximilien Le Sieur

Photo courtesy of the Cataractes

fensive forward in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Le Sieur, who recorded 20 goals and 17 assists and was a plus 29 in 61 games this past season, was one of two runner-ups for the award, which was eventually grabbed by Quebec Remparts' forward Frédéric Roy, who had 27 goals and 65 assists in 64 games and was a plus 35.

The Guy Carbonneau trophy, named after the former Habs captain, has been

# Loitering crack-down by police

As police crack down on people who loiter downtown, pushing them westward, Public Security officials said, offenders are being made aware of the fact that they can't move into Westmount.

To drive home the point, public safety officers have been focusing on the commercial area just west of Cabot Square where a number of people have been cautioned recently to move out of Westmount.

Between April 12 and 15, at least seven incidents were documented in the lanes south of St. Catherine and Tupper where people were found drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, breaking beer bottles and indulging in sexual activity.

awarded every year since 2005.

Le Sieur, a six foot-two, 203-pound winger, and the Cataractes will play in the Memorial Cup in late May as Shawinigan is the host city for the four-team round-robin tourney, which will also feature the league champions of the Quebec, Ontario and Western junior hockey leagues.

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On the Market

# Hallowell duplex a classic Victorian

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Royal LePage Heritage real estate broker Marie-Yvonne Paint was listing, at press time, a classic Victorian duplex at 73-75 Hallowell St. for \$825,000. Facing west, it is located south of Dorchester and across the street from the Westmount Athletic Grounds.

Built in 1894, the well-maintained, semi-detached property has a greystone facade on the outside, and preserved original and very detailed wood and plaster mouldings inside. The duplex has a beau-

tiful ambience, both inside and out.

The property is separated into two individual apartment units. Each residence has three bedrooms, but number 73 has one bathroom and a powder room while number 75 has one bathroom.

Both have large living and dining rooms with original plaster and wood detailing that give it a rich touch of Victorian. Detailed radiators are visible.

The bedrooms are a comfortable size with adequate space for adults or children. The bathrooms are clean and modern. The south interior wall of both units has had the plaster removed, exposing the original



The kitchen in number 75 at the Hallowell duplex has a section of its original 118-year-old pine cabinets still in use on the wall.



The semi-detached, Victorian greystone duplex located at 73-75 Hallowell is being listed for \$825,000. One unit has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, while the other has three bedrooms and one bathroom.

red brickwork (a style that reached its peak in the late 1980s).

Number 75 has painted over some of the brick with a white tone in the upper floor of the apartment, which goes nicely with its wooden floors. Both units have mostly original wood floors, doors, doorways and a striking spiral wooden staircase.

The kitchen in number 75 has some of its original wood cabinetry – a rarity. The other wood cupboard space is of modern wood cabinetry, which combines well with the old.

Asking price: \$825,000  
MLS#: 8681266  
School and municipal taxes: \$7,664.  
Broker: Marie-Yvonne Paint, Royal LePage Heritage.

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## Blood clinic sets 4-year record



Simone Comeau-Geddry of Victoria Ave. was among the more than 100 people who helped set a four-year attendance record at the city of Westmount's blood donor clinic held by Héma-Québec at Victoria Hall on April 11. While Comeau-Geddry has donated blood many times before near her place of work in LaSalle, it was her first time at the Westmount clinic. "I can just walk here," she said, noting the convenient distance from her home.

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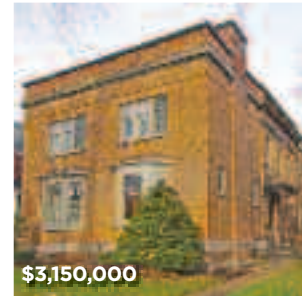
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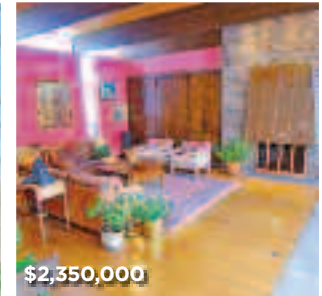
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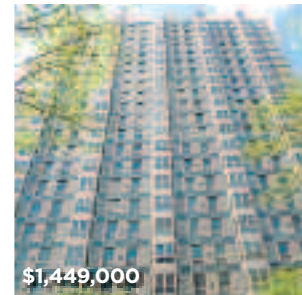
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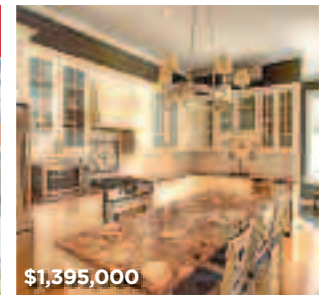
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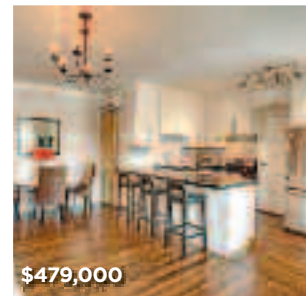
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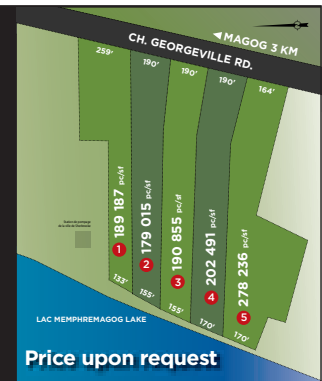
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## Decisions, decisions

Priory School grade 1 student Oliver Lin won a qualification certificate for the Quebec Chess Challenge during the Priory School's 17th annual Quebec Association of Independent Schools chess tournament on April 14. Close to 60 students entered the competition, playing for a chance to head to the provincial chess tournament on April 29. Grade 3 student Alexander Lin-Hu won a silver medal and Scott Matthew, grade 5, won a bronze medal.

Photo: courtesy of The Priory



## Don't let the bed bugs bite



The Teen Tour Theatre group performed the play *Bed Bugs* written by Leah Guenario and directed by Aviva Wolman-Wener. Some 90 people attended the humorous play performed April 14 in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall.

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# Contactivity has tea to celebrate its 40th



Contactivity Centre celebrated its 40th anniversary as a seniors' community centre with a special tea party on April 19. Awards were given to volunteers of the centre. Gisle Guilbord played the celtic harp, while Contactivity members enjoyed tea and goodies.

Photo courtesy of Contactivity Centre

# Manoir's Bourinot receives outstanding volunteer award



At a ceremony April 18 to honour Manoir Westmount volunteers, from left: leisure/volunteer department supervisor Simona Buth presents a plaque to Dini Bourinot, who was recognized with the Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2012, along with manager Tom Thompson. Bourinot is a resident and long-time volunteer who has been a resident council representative, liaison for handicrafts and the annual bazaar, devotional services music coordinator and organist, and occasional pianist.

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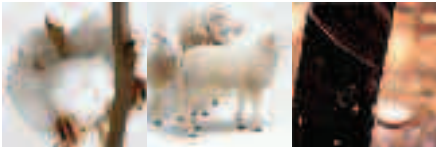
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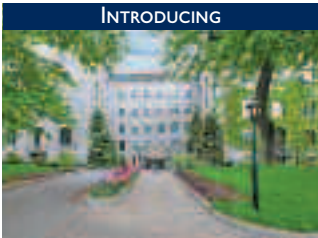
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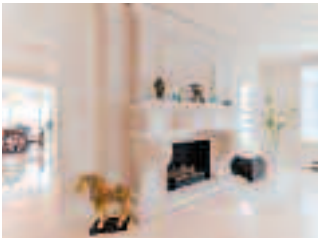
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# TRENDSETTERS

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

During one my regular outings on the mountain recently, I noted a tall, athletic-looking lady with sun-blond hair and a huge smile, Avi Marcovitch. I asked her about her favourite Westmount haunts: “Coffee at Second Cup, Reuben sandwich at Nick’s, party sandwiches and foie gras mousse at Pâtisserie de Gascogne, curried chicken salad at Real Bagel; the Sunday New York Times in Westmount Square and triple martinis at the Bistro! Oh, and ice cream at Bilboquet.”

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Avi Marcovitch, dressed in a Travis Taddeo-designed black jersey dress with feather cape and skirt, enjoys a soft spring evening at Summit lookout, April 12.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

### STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

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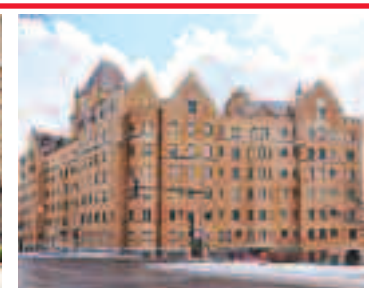
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## Hockey Beginnings

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“Hey, where have you been?”

The question was directed my way by a fellow lunchtime shinny player.

He went on. “The calibre of play has really picked up – I mean, we really miss you out there.”

True, I hadn’t played in well over a month. And I was flattered that anyone had noticed. That is, of course, until the implication of his comment sunk in.

For the past few years, I had been joining an esteemed crowd of Old Timers on a semi-regular basis. Criteria for participation in the charmingly-named and verve-inspiring “*Hockey des Anciens*” was that one had to be, well ... *ancien*. Namely, 32 years and older. Thus I had made the cut with years to spare.

Forget that my level of play was not quite up to snuff. At least I could contribute a hefty ponytail to the mix. (Actu-

ally, I was not always the only ponytail on the ice. But I was the only stick-wielding, blade-bedecked participant with recurrent PMS, qualities which, not unexpectedly, assured me a wide berth).

In spite of my initial reluctance to humiliate myself (manifested as fits of pre-game self-loathing and regular bouts of hives) the experience had, oddly enough, been rather agreeable.

The men were almost uniformly encouraging, albeit in a somewhat exaggerated, solicitous manner. I seem to have become, for many, the pet project. Perhaps it was the “How Many Times Can We Get Ingrid to Touch the Puck” pool that had begun in their locker room. Or perhaps it was simply the added challenge that it brought to the game. In either case, it virtually guaranteed that I would find myself in the same zone as the puck at least a handful of times per outing.

I also discovered that unburdened by competence, and thus unsullied by expectation, I was free to actually enjoy myself. And what I lacked in skill I made up for with the element of surprise.

The goalies, accustomed to actual shots, were handcuffed by my torpid dribblers, which occasionally managed to

trickle through their legs as they watched, bewildered. (My linemates would generally offer me the encouraging “Hey, we all fan sometimes!” unaware that I had, in fact, “gotten a lot on it.”)

## Bamboozling

Buzzing about erratically, colliding with players entirely uninvolved in the play, and falling down for no particular reason and at inscrutable times appeared to be other effective strategies for bamboozlement.

I didn’t mind that I was routinely traded to the other squad for the ex-semi pro player, in order to “balance the teams.” I stopped counting the number of times my teammates on the bench suggested that I sharpen my skates or checked to see if my stick was broken. And I learned to shrug off inquiries regarding my recovery from hobbling injuries that I never had.

On the rare occasions when I miraculously found myself carrying the puck, I pretended not to notice the picks and downfield blocks being thrown to clear my path. I was, however, marginally rankled when the other team ran interference for me. I was similarly miffed when the obstructions were accompanied by the sweeping arm gesture that fairly screamed “Pleeeeeease! After you!”

Sure, there was the occasional steamroller who would shmear me into the boards, strip away the puck and continue on his merry way. And I respected that. But for the most part, there seemed to be an unwavering commitment to contrive the illusion that I could dangle them all.

And I have loved every single minute of it.

Thank you, boys!

*Westmounter and (less now) beginner hockey player Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum helped start “Beginner hockey for women,” a new program being offered by the Sports and Recreation department.*

## Two ticketed for \$217 when caught in yard

Two Halifax men in their 20s were ticketed \$217 each for causing a disturbance April 2, Public Security officials report. Patrolers spotted them walking along St. Catherine at Bethune carrying a couple of real estate signs around 11:45 pm.

The men quickly stuffed the signs under a car as officers approached and fled into a lane, hiding on private property. Identified as aged 21 and 27, they admitted to being drunk and doing a “stupid thing.”

## Foot Solutions to donate shoes for Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls, the international shoe charity, in partnership with a local charity organization will be picking up several hundred pairs of gently used shoes from Foot Solutions in Westmount, donated by people from the Montreal community.

According to Soles4Souls, one pair of shoes is distributed every nine seconds to needy people in over 125 countries which include the United States, Haiti, Kenya, Thailand, Nepal, Peru, Mexico and more.

“The community has been extremely responsive and very happy to contribute to this great cause,” said Simon Bitton (photo with this year’s supply), owner of Foot Solutions, in Westmount. “We even had a local school (Trafalgar School) raise over 150 pairs of shoes which they contributed to our Soles4Souls campaign. In total, we have collected over 500 pairs of shoes from the community.”

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April 20: Orange paint indicates where hoarding will be installed on de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, looking east (left), and looking south alongside Lansdowne (right).



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# Injunction request denied

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the work.

## Sends ‘clear’ message

“I would think the plaintiffs would take a message from the ruling,” Trent said. “Unfortunately we had to waste time and money on legal fees, but I want to move forward and not dwell on the past. It’s clearer than ever that the project has the support of the general public and I hope this is the last pocket of resistance.”

Lawyers for the plaintiffs did not return calls by press time Monday.

But church treasurer and Westmouter Joan Hagerman said the church was “disappointed” to lose what she called the injunction request “and we hope we can work with the city concerning our community events, activities and religious services that need access to our front door.”

In the absence for a couple of weeks of the minister, Rev. Frank Giffen, the board has not met since the ruling, she said.

Ludmer, an architect living on Grosvenor Ave., told the *Independent* he

would await the written judgment before commenting on whether or not to proceed with the injunction request.

“The premise remains,” he said, “the mayor” had the indisputable right to build the project in accordance with the loan by-law which, he explained, meant in accordance to the architectural design by Lemay architects. “He has to fulfill that promise.”

The judge decided that the final Pomerleau design conformed. It was normal for changes to be made in negotiations with a contractor in an effort to contain costs. The total floor area remained unchanged at 8,200 square meters (88,000 square feet) despite different allocations of space.

## Might be inconvenienced

The judge noted that the church might be inconvenienced during construction but that was to be expected. Its main entrance is on de Maisonneuve across from the work site.

He also upheld a general assumption that the city had operated in good faith.

The judge also found that both sides had done a “titanic” job in preparing their cases and that he had applied himself in the same manner.

Trent said he did not know what the city’s legal costs would be from the court challenge. The judge ordered court costs to be paid by the plaintiffs.

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## Barking boxer

The owner of a barking boxer was contacted at work April 10 at 11:54 pm when he had apparently left open the door to a balcony on Clarke, where public safety officers found the dog. A neighbour had complained. The man returned home and took the dog inside. He was cautioned about the barking and ticketed \$75 for failing to heed a warning in February to obtain a dog licence.

## Police suspect duplicate key in Olivier theft

Station 12 police believe a suspect may have had a duplicate key in the break-in at an Olivier St. apartment.

The incident occurred sometime between 7:30 am on March 27 and 7:40 pm on March 28. When the female occupant returned to her apartment, she opened the door to find the lights on.

“She realized she didn’t leave the lights on, but she did lock the door,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “When she noticed items moved around in the apartment, she called 911 and waited for the police.”

Stolen from the apartment were several pairs of earrings. There was no sign of forced entry and the door was locked when the victim arrived, leading the police to believe a key was used.

– DG

## Trendsetter

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myself by reading magazines from fashion to décor, and from entertainment to lifestyle.

## What is your favourite way of dressing?

Sexy and unique. Sexy is not trashy but rather my go-to outfit of edgy jeans, cool leather jacket and rock-and-roll jewelry. On all occasions I accessorize, especially with scarves. I have a large collection of scarves that always add to my look. Just the other day, a client commented at the way that I was wearing a scarf and belt. She said she would suggest that for her customers.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

After my run on the mountain, it could be leggings or jeans and a t-shirt. Evenings are about well thought out designer pieces with creative accessories. I shop by name or known labels, as well as designers who do cheap chic, and I accessorize accordingly. Sometimes it is not about price, but about the total look.

## LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live (money being no object)?

I have traveled extensively, and Montreal is unquestionably the best city in the world. I love the heat of the summer but also running on the mountain in sub-zero weather! This city has a spirit and fuels my passion. If I were to choose an exotic des-

tinuation, it would be India or Turkey. And I love Morocco. If I had to choose just one, though, it would be India!

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world and from any era?

My husband, my late father (the artist Morry Marcovitch), Christopher Hitchens, David Letterman and Bill Maher.

### FASHION

Today many stores such as Zara, Forever 21 and Le Château offer the latest looks at an affordable price. Possibly Armani is the last classic old school designer to be still creating. What do you think of today’s fashions?

Fashion keeps getting better and better. It never tires – it is never spent. It is an art that is driven by creativity. I love the fact that designers are doing collections for fast fashion. Look at the latest success of Diane Von Furstenberg’s collection for The Gap, and cheap chic such as Versace and Marni at H&M, or Jason Wu at Target.

Who is your favourite designer?

Hands down Aliaï. Locally Travis Taddeo is my favourite designer. Sabrina Barilla also comes to mind.

Do you garden? Or have a favourite flower?

I have a love-hate relationship with gardening. I like the idea, I just hate the back-breaking work. But I love flowers and plants. My favourite flower is the peony, of course!



## Trent shares entrepreneurship experiences with Marianopolis



Mayor Peter Trent was presented with a glass decanter by the Young Executives Business Club. From left: Jonathan Mashaal, Aly Awaida, Trent and Elhanan Moryoussef.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Addressing the Young Executives Business Club at Marianopolis College on March 27, Westmount mayor Peter Trent offered his views on a wide range of business and leadership topics.

Based on his own experience, he gave the CEGEP students the following advice: “The way you go about your life is the measure of your morality, not necessarily what you precisely do.”

On hero worship: “You can admire people, but don’t copy them. You should follow your own instincts, not the crowd.”

On leadership and confidence: “If you ever learn that others are just as scared

shitless as you are, that will give you strength.”

Regarding labour unions, Trent said things went downhill when a company he owned became unionized. He said that during a bitter seven-month strike, “one day I walked in my office and looked behind it and there was a bullet hole in my window.”

Trent revealed that he was so impressed by former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin that he almost decided to run in federal politics for the party.

Trent was invited to speak to the club by Westmounter and Selwyn House alumnus Jonathan Mashaal, a first year Marianopolis student.

## Simba ready for home



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Simba is one of the wonderful kittens from the litter I fostered last fall.

He is a handsome 5-month-old blond and gold tabby with golden eyes. He is very attentive and bright, and can be delightfully funny and playful.

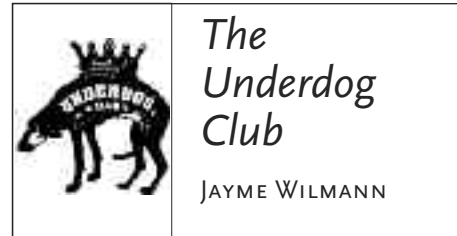
Simba is also a sensitive and affectionate young fellow. He is strong and healthy, now ready to be taken in by a family in our neighbourhood. Please don’t hesitate to contact me on my cell at 514.909.7186 for more information on Simba.

Your neighbour, Lysanne.



Simba

## Easter, full of hope



Easter was badly burned and near death when a woman rescued her from a hole in the ground in Repentigny over the Easter weekend, hence her name.

Thankfully, the woman immediately brought the little 12-pound Pekinese mix to a vet, who treated her for the deep burns

burns, she did not lash out at the humans rescuing her. In fact, she was gentle, showing a gratefulness that is possible to see in an animal.

Amazingly she is able to forgive so easily and to love again so readily. Easter is a true symbol of renewal and hope!

She is currently in foster and will be looking for a loving forever home once she is finished undergoing treatment for her injuries. She is a small dog who would be happy in almost any environment, but will need to be given time and space for her painful burns to heal, so a home with children old enough to handle her with care is what we’re hoping for.

Easter is going to carry the physical scars of her injuries for the rest of her life, and may never be the pretty lap dog she once was. But this amazing little survivor will look past the evil transgressions toward a better life.

If you are interested in adopting Easter, please contact Gerdy’s Rescues and Adoptions at 514.942.5790 or 514.203.9180.

Visit us at [www.underdogclub.org](http://www.underdogclub.org).

## Underdog Athena adopted!

Athena, the English bulldog featured in this column (“Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club,” January 10, p. 21) has been adopted by an Underdog Club follower.

Previously under the care of Frontier Animal Society, Athena and her new adoptive family proved to be a good match after the rescue organization met with her potential adopters and then visited their home. “She passed with flying colours,” said a volunteer with the Frontier, who was thrilled to let Athena out of her kennel for the last time and into the hearts of her new owners. – KM

covering her back, and for an eye infection that had long been ignored and may result in long-term damage in one eye.

While the details are unknown, it is clear that Easter had suffered drastically. Violence, neglect and abandonment, you name it, the guilty party is a human.

Yet even though Easter had suffered and was in incredible pain from her

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## Local teens warned

Four Westmount youths were warned about the city's midnight parks curfew when they were found at 12:30 am in Westmount Park April 14, Public Security officials said. Their names were entered into the department's computer. Tickets would be pending on a second offence.

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## Erratic driver pursued

At 6:25 am on March 25, a Public Security patrol spotted a car turn north off St. Catherine St. going the wrong way up Greene Ave. Discovering his mistake, the driver pulled a U-turn, jumping the curb. As the car headed back east on St. Catherine, it braked "violently" at red lights and was slow starting up on the greens, Public Security officials said. The driver appeared to be fatigued or impaired in another way and police were alerted as the car headed out of Westmount into Montreal. It is not known if he was caught.

## Caught on camera

A 15-year-old Westmount girl was caught on the city's surveillance camera urinating behind the comfort station in Westmount Park at 7:05 pm April 14. Rather than being fined, public safety officers gave her the opportunity to clean up the area using a tub of water and bleach, which she opted to do.

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## Wearing pink to promote tolerance



Royal Bank staff at the Westmount Square branch wore pink on the international Day of Pink, April 11. According to branch manager Mark Przybylowski "The team was not bullied into wearing pink on April 11! The staff all wore pink to speak out against bullying, and to raise awareness for tolerance and respect of others on this day."

Photo courtesy of Willem Westenberg

## Stolen car recovered in Repentigny

A 54-year-old Westmounter who had his brown Lincoln MKX stolen was fortunate to get his car back, thanks to the Repentigny police force.

The vehicle was stolen sometime on Lansdowne Ave. north of de Maisonneuve between midnight and 7:30 am on March 28. There were no witnesses to the theft. There was a video camera in the car.

"The following morning at 12:17 am, police officers in Repentigny saw the vehi-

cle, punched its licence-plate number into their computer and saw the car was reported stolen," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "They pulled over the vehicle and arrested the four individuals who were inside."

All four have been charged with motor vehicle theft.

Police say there was minor damage to the car. The video camera was not recovered. – DG

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# Volunteer opportunities in Westmount

## Nova seeks home support volunteers

Westmount-based Nova Montreal, a non-profit charitable organization that provides community health care to Montrealers, is seeking respite home support volunteers to provide stimulation to chil-

dren with chronic neurological disorders and/or developmental disabilities. The volunteer organizes meeting times and provides psychosocial support through play and activities. Experience with children and those who are bilingual are eligible.

Contact Lauren Pace at 514.866.6801 or [info@novamontreal.com](mailto:info@novamontreal.com)

## Contactivity looking for people to accompany seniors to appointments

Westmount's Contactivity Centre, a

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# Stir it up!



**Elliott Cohen**

One of the biggest trends in food is to eat seasonally. It's healthier because the food is fresher and more environmentally friendly because it's often local and not flown in from other countries. It's also a

great idea to support local farmers.

Early spring sees food start to lighten somewhat after the heavier comfort food of winter. (Though, in this part of the world you never know, so don't stop braising just yet!)

So now we're thinking strawberries, asparagus, peas, rhubarb, spring onions, cherry tomatoes...

I'm a big fan of roasting and grilling, creating that caramelized exterior of intense flavour and colour.

Here is a recipe for an asparagus frittata (Italian open-faced omelet) and a roasted asparagus gratin:

## ***Asparagus and cheese frittata***

Serves 8 to 10

- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 cup of your favourite cheese, shredded
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed, cut on the diagonal into 1/4-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
- 3 tbsp roughly chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Heat the broiler to high and place the rack in upper third slot.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, cheese, salt and pepper until thoroughly combined.

In a large ovenproof frying pan, heat the oil and butter over medium-high heat. When it foams, add asparagus, season well with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally until cooked through – about 5 minutes.

Stir in the cilantro. Reduce heat to low, pour in egg mixture, and cook until a 1-

inch border of egg mixture is firm– about 3 minutes. (The center of the frittata will not be set at this point.)

Place the pan in oven and broil until some spots are browned and eggs are just set – about 2 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve with a side salad. It can be served warm or at room temperature.

This Italian asparagus gratin is a very popular spring dish in northern Italy.



## ***Asparagi alla Parmigiana***

Serves 4 to 6

- Asparagus, trimmed – 2 pounds
- Butter, cut into pieces – 2 to 3 tbsp
- Parmesan cheese, grated – 1/2 to 2/3 cups
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Butter a shallow gratin or baking dish that is just large enough to hold the asparagus. Place a layer of asparagus in the dish with the tips all facing the same direction. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and some of the cheese. Keep adding layers until all asparagus and all cheese is used, finishing with the cheese.

Dot the top of the dish with the pieces of butter and place the dish on the top rack of the oven. Bake for about 15-20 minutes, or until the asparagus is cooked through and beginning to brown and the cheese is melted.

### *Asparagi alla Parmigiana variations*

Instead of the butter use olive oil or half butter and half olive oil.

Use half Parmesan and half shredded fontina cheese for a creamier gratin.

Layer a couple of slices of prosciutto in with the asparagus if you like.

Sprinkle with a little lemon zest for added zing.

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## Good deeds for Passover



During the annual YAD Montreal Family Mitzvah Day April 1, close to 400 people attended the family event at the Gelber Conference Centre. Participants brought goods that filled 250 gift baskets that were to be given to those in need for the Passover holiday. From left: Westmounter Ainsley Grove with her mother and event co-chair Valerie Azoulay Grove; Carrie Mazoff and daughter Paige Mazoff; and event co-chair Debra Schwartz Chomski with two of her children Alexandra and Zachary Chomski, who were making mosaic mirrors. "Mitzvah" is the Hebrew word for good deed.

Photo: Melanie Schwam



# Powell writer-in-residence for Château Montebello

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Long-time Church Hill resident Brian Powell can add another feather to his cap.

A poet, athlete, global traveller and former educator at LCC, Powell, 78, has started his work at Château Montebello as its official writer-in-residence, following his appointment last November.

It's a first for the world-renowned re-

sort in Montebello, Quebec.

According to Powell, who's been a regular customer at the Château for 62 years, the position comes with at least one important perk.

While the resort will be picking up the tab for his two-day stay each month, in exchange Powell will be penning a monthly piece in which he expresses his impressions and thoughts on a country retreat he has come to know probably better than anyone has over the past 62 years. The hotel will be posting the articles on its website.

"We are very, very privileged to have Brian as our writer-in-residence," said Geneviève Dumas, general manager at the Château Montebello. "He's been coming here since 1950, and he knows our property better than anybody else. Brian will be able to write about his experience as a guest."



Brian Powell, Château Montebello's new writer-in-residence, shows the first piece he penned for the resort.

## Two black birds netted

Public safety officers were called to a house on Grosvenor Ave. April 2 at 10:32 pm when two black birds were found inside. Public Security officials said the birds were located upstairs in different rooms. Sgt. Jennifer Chabot and PSO Jason Souza caught them in nets and released them outside. It was not known how the birds had entered, though the fireplace trap was found partly open. The house was between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine.

## Bad place to walk 'n' talk on cell phone

A young man was spotted sitting on the railways tracks April 3 behind 4700 St. Catherine by a resident of the condo building, who called Public Security at 6:06 pm. CP police were contacted and public safety officers proceeded to the location, where they spoke to a young man talking on a cell phone and described as being his late teens. He began walking west along the tracks.

## Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

"More **challenges of caregiving** – caring for the whole person, mind, body and spirit" with nurses Sue Britton and Joan Foster, and Zelda Freitas, 6 pm to 8 pm at Temple Emanu-el Beth Shalom. Free. Register: The Council on Palliative Care [fmpa202@aol.com](mailto:fmpa202@aol.com) or 514.499.0345.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

The works of the late **Graeme Ross** are on exhibit at The Gallery at Victoria Hall until Friday, May 18.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

• St. Matthias' Church commemorates the 100th anniversary site centennial with a **festive choral eucharist**, 5 pm at 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd. Gala reception follows in the lower hall. Info: 514.933.4295.

• **Tosca**, an opera by Giacomo Puccini, performed by The Lyric Society of Greater Montreal, 7 pm at Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$25 or \$20 for advance purchase and for students and those over 60. Available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5226.

• Centre Greene **arts and crafts program**, 10:30 am to 12 pm for kids aged 5 and over. Cost: \$5 drop-in.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

• Sunday concert in the Gallery: Under the Three **jazz trio**, 2 pm at The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$12 at the door; \$10 for advanced purchase or for students and those over 60. Refreshments.

• Westmount-Ville Marie MP **Marc Garneau's** brunch to recognize riding volunteers Louise Girouard and Francie Montgomery, 11 am to 1:30 pm at La Plaza Holiday Inn Montreal Midtown (420 Sherbrooke St. W.). Tickets: \$30 regular; \$15 youth 13-25; free for children 12 and under. Info: Jean Proulx at [westmountvillemariesecretaire@gmail.com](mailto:westmountvillemariesecretaire@gmail.com).

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Centre Greene Monday **story time**, 10 to 11 am, for kids aged 2 to 5. Every Monday. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.6202.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

**ArtNow** speakers are Branka Marinkovic Forte and Brigitte Radecki, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free. Info: Pierre Le Gourriérec 514.843.1881.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

**Mayor Peter Trent** will speak to the Rotary Club of Westmount on "The Westmount Recreation Centre: the Story So Far," 1 pm at Victoria Hall. 12 noon preamble, 12:30 pm lunch. Cost: \$20 lunch and presentation. RSVP: 514.935.3344 by the Friday before.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Westmounter **Paul Grenier**, architect and member of Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee, will speak on "green architecture" and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library.

• The **Dawson Theatre Collective** presents *Lysistrata 2012*, directed by Ann Lambert at New Dawson Theatre, 2000 Atwater Ave., 7:30 pm. Also Friday, May 4 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$12; or \$8 for students and seniors. Reserve: [lysistrata2012@hotmail.com](mailto:lysistrata2012@hotmail.com) or 514.924.5470.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

The **Westmount Y's centennial gala**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, auction, and historical tour and exhibit at the Y Centre (4585 Sherbrooke St.). At 8 pm: dinner and dancing at Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$125, available at Y Centre reception. Info: Vanessa Valente 514.931.6770, ext. 230.

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# Theft victim takes punch to the head

A 47-year-old Westmount woman had her cell phone stolen after taking a punch to the head.

The victim was on Wood near Sherbrooke around 4:30 pm on April 2. Police say the suspect approached her as she was speaking on her cell phone.

“He punched her to the side of the head and then grabbed her phone and ran off,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “The suspect ran north on Wood to Sherbrooke, then east on Sherbrooke.”

Police say the victim followed the suspect, but lost view of him on Sherbrooke near Barat. The suspect is described as a white male, 20, 5’11” and 190 lbs. He had short black hair and wore a dark vest, a grey hoodie and grey jogging pants. Stolen was the victim’s Samsung smart phone. She suffered minor injuries. – DG

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# Be bullied or be a bully – we can be both



## Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

Recently, for the first time in my parenting career, I was convened to a meeting with my daughter’s teacher to discuss an ongoing conflict my daughter’s been having with another little girl. I knew about the name-calling between them, but it wasn’t something I felt was causing long-term damage to either girl, even though it appeared that my child was the victim.

I hadn’t interfered because I saw this as an opportunity to teach my 8-year-old how to handle conflict: girls can be horrible to each other and inflict the kind of pain that feels like a bikini wax to the soul. That’s what poems like “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me” were created for – to remind kids that they have the power to choose what to re-

spond to and what to ignore.

So I tried to teach my child to use humour to deflect, to stand up for herself when necessary, to walk away when that didn’t work, and to ask for help when none of it worked, all things I have done.

Like that awful day when I was 12 years old, being bullied in the schoolyard by girls who had been my friends only the day before. It was my *Lord of the Flies* moment, terrifying to me at the time. I had no idea what to do, so I did nothing other than wait for it to be over.

Twenty years later I came face to face with the girl who led the bullying. We managed three minutes of niceties until it all came out: I told her how traumatic it had been, and she told me the things I had done to her, which I had completely (and conveniently) forgotten. We exchanged tales of dipping each other’s food in Tabasco sauce, and more (yes, I’ve truly and conveniently forgotten again). I realized that I had traumatized her too.

## Grounding the chopper

You could argue that I’m making a case for interfering in our children’s conflicts. But after reading stories of helicopter parents going mad at Easter egg hunts and pushing kids out of the way so that their own kids can get more eggs, I’ve decided to ground any helicopter instincts I might have.

There are too many stories of 10-year-olds who can’t tie their shoelaces, and 25-year-olds whose parents call their employers to negotiate on their behalf. I’m trying to teach my child to stand up for herself, and to reach for me for support, not refereeing.

Meeting with my daughter’s teacher was enlightening in the same way that meeting your accountant is enlightening, i.e. necessary but painful. Just as I had forgotten my own bad behaviour years ago, I found out that my child is not just a victim either.

Both little girls complain that the other is bugging and insulting the other on a regular basis. Nobody can tell who is saying what to whom, and the truth is that unless I grow my own helicopter wings and hover over them in the schoolyard, we can’t. What I can do is teach my daughter the other side of how to handle a bully, and that is how not to be one, because whether we admit it or not, we all have it in us to be both.

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# Westmount’s balconville



People buying units in a nine-storey condominium building going up at the corner of Côte des Neiges (4470) and Forest Hill Ave. on Westmount’s northern boundary will have something unusual to brag about: while almost all of the building is in the city of Montreal, the rear balconies are within the city of Westmount. Westmount’s Urban Planning department recently issued a construction permit for the balconies. Part of the underground garage is also in Westmount.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

# Stink bomb or firecracker?

Public safety officers were called to a house on de Maisonneuve near Redfern April 14 after a small package left on the front porch burst, emitting the odour of rotten eggs. The object, described as about the size of a pack of baseball cards, was discovered by residents just before 8:30 pm. It was wrapped in shiny silver plastic and was set off when touched by a foot. It was not known whether it was a firecracker or a stink bomb, officials said.

# Found dog collar

A red leather collar with dog tags was found April 13 and returned to the owner of a Lhasa apso on Somerville, Public Security officials said. It was not known how the collar became separated from the dog.



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<div></div> <div><b>HÔTEL DE VILLE</b> <b>Série conférences ville en santé</b> Le Projet ville en santé de Westmount présente Paul Grenier, architecte, le jeudi 3 mai à 19 h à la Bibliothèque. Il discutera de la <b>certification LEED niveau or</b>, un objectif pour le futur Centre des loisirs. Entrée gratuite ; bienvenue à tous. Info: 514 989-5284.</div> <div><b>Comités consultatifs : invitation aux bénévoles</b> Westmount est à la recherche de résidents pour siéger au Comité consultatif d'horticulture et au Comité consultatif du Bois Summit. Vous trouverez un résumé des mandats et des activités de ces comités au <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a>. Toute personne intéressée est priée de soumettre sa candidature par écrit auprès de la conseillère Cynthia Lulham au 4333, rue Sherbrooke O., H3Z 1E2 ou à <a href="mailto:clulham@westmount.org">clulham@westmount.org</a>. </div> <div></div> <div><b>ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES</b> <b>Concerts du dimanche à La galerie</b> Soyez des nôtres les dimanche 29 avril et 6 mai à 14 h pour un après-midi de musique et de rafraîchissements. Le 29 avril: le trio jazz <i>Under The Three</i> ; le 6 mai: <i>Dolce Musica</i>. Billets : 12 \$ / 10 \$. Info: 514 989-5226.</div> <div><b>La galerie : exposition</b> La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une rétrospective des œuvres de Graeme Ross (1929-2008) du 26 avril au 18 mai 2012. Info : 514 989-5521 ou <a href="mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org">victoriahall@westmount.org</a></div> <div><b>Art Westmount : Appel de dossiers</b> La Ville de Westmount invite ses artistes à participer à la 4<sup>e</sup> édition d'<i>Art Westmount</i>. Cet événement aura lieu les 29 et 30 septembre de 10 h à 17 h. À noter que le week-end Art Westmount fait partie des Journées de la culture, une célébration panquébécoise des arts. Les formulaires de participation sont disponibles au Victoria Hall et au <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a>. Date limite d'inscription : le jeudi 31 mai 2012. Info : 514 989-5521 ou <a href="mailto:artwestmout@westmount.org">artwestmout@westmount.org</a>.</div> <div><b>Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount : appel de dossiers</b> Le salon des métiers d'art aura lieu les 10 et 11 novembre 2012. Les artisans sont invités à soumettre leurs échantillons au jury au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, entre 14 h et 18 h le mercredi 23 mai et les récupérer le lendemain entre 16 h et 19 h. Les nouveaux candidats sont priés de présenter leurs œuvres en personne. Info : <a href="mailto:westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca">westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca</a>. </div>		<div></div> <div><b>CITY HALL</b> <b>Healthy City Speaker Series</b> The Westmount Healthy City Project presents architect Paul Grenier on Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Library, speaking on : <b>Digging for Gold: the WRC Targets LEED Gold Certification</b>. Free admission; everyone welcome. Info: 514 989-5284.</div> <div><b>Council Advisory Committees: invitation to volunteers</b> Westmount Council is looking for resident members for its Horticulture Advisory Committee and Summit Woods Advisory Committee. Please consult <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a> to know more about the mandate and activities of each committee. Interested residents should send a written application to Councillor Cynthia Lulham at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, H3Z 1E2 or at <a href="mailto:clulham@westmount.org">clulham@westmount.org</a> . </div> <div></div> <div><b>COMMUNITY EVENTS</b> <b>Sunday concerts in the Gallery</b> Join the <b>Under the Three Jazz Trio</b> on Sunday, April 29 and <b>Dolce Musica</b> on May 6 at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of music and refreshments in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$12 / \$10. Info: 989-5226.</div> <div><b>Gallery exhibition</b> The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present a retrospective exhibition featuring the works of Graeme Ross (1929-2008) from April 26 to May 18, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521 or <a href="mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org">victoriahall@westmount.org</a>.</div> <div><b>Art Westmount: Call for Artists</b> Westmount artists are invited to participate in the 4th edition of <i>Art Westmount</i> which will be held Saturday September 29 and Sunday, September 30 from 10am to 5pm. This event will be part of the <i>Journées de la culture</i>, a province-wide celebration of the arts. Participation forms are available at Victoria Hall and at <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a>. Deadline to register: Thursday, May 31, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521 or <a href="mailto:artwestmount@westmount.org">artwestmount@westmount.org</a>.</div> <div><b>Artisans' Festival: call for submissions</b> The Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Artisans are invited to submit samples of their work to the jury at Victoria Hall, 4626, Sherbrooke St. W. on May 23 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and to pick them up the next day between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. New applicants are asked to present their samples in person. Info : <a href="mailto:westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca">westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca</a>. </div>		<div></div> <div><b>LIBRARY</b> <b>Words and Music Series – Les blues au Québec avec Gérald Côté</b> Join ethnomusicologist Gérald Côté on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. for this presentation on the African origin and history of the blues (Note: presentation in French). Info 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Creative Writing Workshop</b> Join Andrew Katz for a creative writing workshop for 9 to 12 year-olds on Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Storytime Room. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Author Talk : Shoshana Litman</b> Join author Shoshana Litman to celebrate the TD Canadian Children's Book Week on Monday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. For children 7 years and up. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Readers to Readers Book Club</b> Join our morning book club with a twist. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 10:15 a.m. to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386. </div> <div></div> <div><b>Summit Woods: migratory period</b> Rminder for dog owners: during the bird migratory period - April 15 to June 15 - dogs in Summit Park must be kept on leash at all times. To ensure that this regulation is respected, Public Security Officers will carry out random patrols and issue \$75 fines to any violators. Info : 514 989-5222. </div>
<div><b>DATES À RETENIR</b></div> <div><b>Le 28 avril à 19 h</b> Opéra Tosca - Société lyrique du Grand Montréal Victoria Hall</div> <div><b>Le 6 mai de 9 h à 17 h</b> Collecte des résidus domestiques dangereux Bibliothèque</div> <div><b>Le 7 mai à 20 h</b> Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville</div> <div><b>Le 12 mai à 9 h</b> Compost gratuit pour les résidents Ateliers municipaux</div> <div></div>		<div></div> <div><b>BIBLIOTHÈQUE</b> <b>Words and Music Series – Les blues au Québec avec Gérald Côté</b> L'ethnomusicologue Gérald Côté propose quelques pistes de réflexion sur le sujet et présente les caractéristiques du blues ainsi que son code génétique africain le mercredi 2 mai à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5386. (<i>N.B.: conférence en français</i>)</div> <div><b>Atelier d'écriture</b> Invitation aux enfants de 9 à 12 ans : participez à un atelier d'écriture avec Andrew Katz le dimanche 6 mai à 14 h (Salle des activités). Info : 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Conférence : Shoshana Litman</b> Venez célébrer la Semaine canadienne TD du livre jeunesse avec la conteuse et écrivaine Shoshana Litman le lundi 7 mai à 9 h 30. Pour les enfants de 7 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Cercle de lecture</b> Joignez-vous à notre prochain cercle de lecture le mardi 8 mai à 10 h 15. Aucune liste imposée, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Info : 514 989-5386. </div> <div></div> <div><b>Bois Summit : période migratoire</b> Rappel aux propriétaires de chiens : pendant la période migratoire des oiseaux, soit du 15 avril au 15 juin, les propriétaires promenant leurs chiens au parc Summit doivent les tenir en laisse en tout temps. Les officiers de la Sécurité publique patrouilleront le secteur et émettront des contraventions de 75 \$ aux contrevenants. Info : 514 989-5222. </div>		



# Purim cocktail party aimed



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The first-ever Iron Art Battle Purim

Cocktail was a colourful success with over 350 people crowding into Gallery Gora on March 8.

Tickets were \$20, which covered dessert and an open bar. Seven artists created art works on site to compete for the grand prize – a vernissage and month-long exhibition at the Segal Centre Art Lounge.

The winner was **Ivy Rotchin**. Runner-



Max Cukier, Chelsea Copelovitch, Laura Scheim and Jon Schouela.

Photos: Tristan Brand



Bram Paperman, Randall Ettinger, Stephanie Ohnona, Richie Scheim, and Moe Liebman.

up was **Randee Crudo**, who will have one of her paintings exhibited at Laurier BBQ.

The other talented artists were Westmounter **Lee Haberkorn**, along with Elyse Jacobson, Danielle Kasner, David Levy and Megan Schwartz.

Event co-chairs were **Randall Ettinger, Stephanie Ohnona** and **Richie Scheim**. Westmounters enjoying the fun night included **Tara Laufer, Bram Paperman, Bon-**

**nie King, Max Cukier, Chelsea Copelovitch, Stephanie Hops, Bruce Isenberg, Andrew Kliger, Andrew Lassner, Amanda Luterman, Jason Paperman, Jason Portnoy, Aren Prupas, Brian Rosen, Ashley Rotchin, Sarah Segal and Matthew Stotland.**

The Purim celebration was not a fundraiser – it was an out-reach event held to bring

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## Don't worry, bake happy!

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Anna Jean Pollock, 24, of Kensington Ave. recently released her first cook book, *A Young Woman's Guide to Baking*.

The idea of the book is to encourage young women to use the art of baking as a way to relieve stress and channel energies. It is intended to be the first of a series and focuses on cookie recipes.

Pollock turned to baking as an outlet for her emotions when she was struggling with the passing of her mother. "I found I could relax by baking for family, friends, bake sales and for the soup kitchen at St. Patrick's Basilica." "I wanted to incorporate a spiritual aspect into the basic everyday things," she said.

As well as working on her cookery books, Pollock is also studying sociology at Concordia. *A Young Woman's Guide* is available on Amazon.



Anna Jean Pollock speaks with the Independent from in her kitchen on Kensington Ave. over a plate of freshly baked home made cookies.



# to bring YADs together

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young Jewish adults (YAD) together. YAD Outreach co-chairs were Westmounters Paperman and Moe Liebman, working with Sari Hasen Arazi and Erica Segel Isenberg. YAD Outreach is part of YAD Montreal, a group of young Jewish adults whose mission is to make a difference

within the community, both locally and internationally, through social, professional and philanthropic activities.

An art-full time was had by all as guests enjoyed pastries by chef Murielle Cohen, snacked on food from Adar and enjoyed the enchantment of spontaneous creativity.



Bonnie King, Leslie Feldman, Lauren Pekofsky and Kim Heilpern.

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## Hanger does the trick for real estate agent

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3. Donald Huffman with 10,260 points
4. John Bower with 9,400 points
5. Jacqueline Ricard with 9,110 points.

## 215 Redfern had to stop on Saturday am

The use of heavy equipment as prohibited on a Saturday was stopped April 14 at the condo construction site at 215 Redfern. Public Security officials said a person in charge stated a city permit allowing the work had been obtained but could not produce it. He was described as cooperative and halted the work shortly after 8:25 am.

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