

Pretty Ballerinas held up, merchant follows suspect

By ISAAC OLSON

A man indicating he had a weapon in his pocket held up Pretty Ballerinas on Victoria Ave. at around 5 pm on April 10.

However, previously, the suspect had been visiting other area businesses and concerned Victoria village merchants began to take action before the Pretty Ballerinas robbery took place. One store clerk even took it upon herself to follow the suspect all the way to Vendôme Metro station while, on her cell phone, she described the man, route and situation to a 911 operator.

Despite her efforts, the suspect escaped.

Now, merchants are expressing frustration over what they say was a slow police and Public Security response to a serious crime. It was a response, they say, that let a criminal get away with armed robbery.

Based on a Station 12 police report,

Constable Annie Grondin said the tall, thin, white suspect was wearing a dark hoodie under a grey jacket and appeared to be about 30 years old. Witnesses described him as ill or intoxicated as he visited stores before the robbery, raising suspicion in area merchants.

The suspect first went into Studio Moda Fellini around 4:30 pm, but, given his rough appearance, the merchants, according to Grondin, described him as being a bit out of place in a store selling designer shoes and purses. He was eying the cash register, said Grondin, and, when the owner asked him if he needed any help, the English-speaking suspect replied, "No, I'm just looking."

He then began nervously checking out a continued on p. 25

Running Room reacts to Boston Marathon bombings



The Westmount branch of the Running Room's store manager, Chris Ochiai, and its marathon instructor, Monique Raymond, stand outside the store's window front displaying a sign with a message to people affected by the Boston Marathon bombs. See story, p. 3.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

'To finish, you have to start'

Pool opening date still veiled in 'disconnect,' uncertainty

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Until a pool opening date can be provided this week to the city by contractor president Pierre Pomerleau, rumours and conflicting times continued to swirl at the end of last week. Is it June, July or August?

Councillor Patrick Martin, who took four members of the swimming community on a site tour of the Westmount recreation centre April 15, said they were all told by Pomerleau site superintendent

Marc Plamondon that the pool could not be ready until late August.

This was the same time frame that some members of the Dolphins swim team had been given almost two weeks earlier by Sports and Recreation officials liaising on the ground with Plamondon (see April 16, p. 1).

But Martin said this differs from opening it for July – a possibly that had been mentioned but not yet confirmed by Pomerleau continued on p. 24



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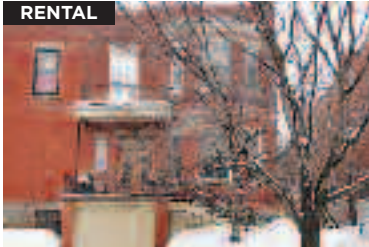
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Arena/pool donation to be marked at pavilion entrance

Veilleux 'gives back' with \$250K pledge

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

At age 91, Charlotte Veilleux doesn't expect to swim in the new pool at the Westmount recreation centre now under construction. But over the 65 years she has lived in the city, she has enjoyed many a day at the old one.

And now, with a pledge of \$250,000 to the \$6-million fundraising campaign for the complex, she hopes to help make a dif-

ference to future generations "and keep them off the streets," she told the *Independent* April 16.

Veilleux's donation is to be marked with a plaque at the entrance pavilion, whose structural framing went up two weeks ago.

"She just called me without fanfare and said she wanted to give back to her community," said Councillor Nicole Forbes, a long-time friend, who is also chairing the

community fundraising phase of the campaign.

"Naturally, when I see something nice, I want to help," Veilleux explained. "And this project is something that's quite out of the ordinary. It will be a very interesting building."

A resident of Prospect St., she said she also used to play tennis with her late husband, Guy, on the city courts and believes in the value of sports and recreation.

She said she has been following the development of the new project through newspapers and from the little she has been able to see of it from Westmount Park Church, where she attends the monthly out-of-town trips operated by the Contactivity seniors' centre.

The \$6-million campaign has now raised over \$5 million, according to campaign coordinator Camilla Leigh, a professional fundraiser.

Megeas recalls Boston Marathon bombings

BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

For the dozen Westmounters who participated in the 2013 Boston Marathon April 15, the memories of this year's race will likely never fade.

"It was like a bad movie," described Westmounter Catherine Megeas, who ran the marathon. The Victoria Ave. resident finished the gruelling run 25 minutes before the first bomb went off and was changing her clothes. "I was very close – a short two blocks away. Luckily, I was running ahead of the large group and crossed the finish line a half hour before the bombs went off."

As she stepped out of her changing room into the street, Megeas said one runner's expression said it all. "One runner passed me while looking back over her shoulder. She was completely terrified; like she just saw worst thing happen in her life. I tried texting my friends to see just what was happening but the system had collapsed and I couldn't get through to them. I wanted to run but how can you

run further after running a 42-kilometre race? It was frightening, [there was] a lot of uncertainty, and I was a bit numb, sick to my stomach."

Megeas had previously agreed to meet with her group after the race at a pub not far from the finish line. "At the pub, everyone was glued to the television sets. I just gasped as things unfolded. Nobody cared who won the race; we were all concerned by those hurt," explained the eight-time Boston marathoner.

Megeas says that what has occurred in Boston won't dissuade her from running other marathons or even another Boston Marathon. "This will change the aura of all large sports events. It has definitely taken away the innocence of a joyful event and they've taken that away from us. This is like the Olympics for just ordinary people. Now they've spoiled it for everyone." However, Megeas is nevertheless preparing for the Big Sur Marathon in California at the end of April.

Monique Raymond, a marathon instructor for *continued on p. 10*



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Residents can view how architects work

Architem chosen for island-wide open house weekend

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount architectural firm has been among those chosen island-wide to open their doors to the public during a two-day event May 4 and 5 so visitors can have an opportunity to find out how the design process works.

Architem is the only Westmount-based firm invited to take part in this year's rendition of 2013 Design Montreal Open House, sponsored by the city of Montreal and the government of Quebec.

"It's very exciting for us because this is our first time participating," said Architem co-founder Andrea Wolff. "It's an opportunity for local residents to find out how a sketch becomes a reality."

Visitors will be able to see how architects work and ask questions. "We will be demonstrating all stages of the design process and its execution. There will also be children's activities related to designing and sketching."

The Architem open house takes place Sunday, May 5 from noon to 5 pm at 4920 de Maisonneuve Blvd. near Claremont.

The selection of participating firms being featured this year was based on awards over the previous two years, she

said.

Architem was recognized for having been one of three finalists out of more than 45 entrants in a design competition for a \$30-million open-air amphitheatre in Three Rivers.

"There are not many cities that offer the public this type of opportunity to visit professionals' offices," said Wolff, a member of Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee. "Visitors of all ages are welcome."

Located at 4920 de Maisonneuve, the firm began 27 years ago in the basement of Wolff's home on Mount Stephen with three architects.

It has evolved from one of the few all-female architectural firms in Canada into an office of 13 professionals whose work includes the McGill Student Services Building and the Unitarian Church at Claremont and de Maisonneuve.

Some of its more high-profile work around Westmount includes the addition to Selwyn House, the Shaar's underground gym, the restoration and expansion of the Bronfman house at 15 Belvedere Rd. and a large addition to the house at 344 Metcalfe, which won the "Maison Coup de Coeur" heritage competition two years ago.

Sign of spring, Westmount-style



The de Maisonneuve bike path's bollards are up! This one was photographed on April 18 at Prince Albert, looking east.
Photo: Westmount Independent

Happy Tree fills up with sun saluters



Over 60 yogis participated in the “108 Sun Salutations” session at St. Catherine St.’s Happy Tree Yoga on April 18. Held on the 108th day of the year, the global event celebrates “infinite joy, abundance, health and unity,” according to Melanie Richards, founder and director of Happy Tree. So many people took part this year that the St. Catherine St. studio had to expand the class into its lounge.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Loiterer checking out cars 3 days in a row

A man seen looking into parked cars around Sherbrooke and Victoria was put under surveillance by public safety officers April 11 after he had been spotted doing the same thing on two previous days. Public Security officials said his behaviour aroused suspicions and police were called.

The man was detained, questioned and released with a warning not to loiter in the area. He was described as known to police but was not found in possession of anything that appeared to have been stolen. Aged about 40, he had a long wavy pony tail and wore a beige jacket with green on the shoulders and a turquoise tuque.

\$146 ticket issued for gravel on street

Contractors working at a house on Elm were issued a ticket for \$146 April 9 for dumping a large load of gravel on the street without a permit, public safety officers report. Trucks found occupying the sidewalk were moved off just after 12:45 pm and everything was reported in order during a follow-up inspection at 4:10 pm.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IF TREES COULD TALK...

If the tree in my front yard could have talked, what would it have said as its life was about to end?

No doubt, it would have tried to reassure me that it had a long and good life, that it was a pleasure to have been a constant companion outside my office window. Indeed, it would have reminded me that to “everything there is a season,” and of all living things, who would know better?

Ah, but the tree put on a brave front, and I am inconsolable.

The tree belonged to Westmount; its death sentence was handed down after a recent probe inside revealed significant rot.

I may be a fiscal and social conservative, but I am a shameless tree hugger. That’s my kind of sustainability. But that life and limb were old, that the tree had suffered at least two amputations over the years, were indisputable. Yet it managed to survive, producing fresh and refreshing greenery every year. Even with various infirmities, the tree was a valuable lesson to this middle-aged baby boomer: beauty is only skin deep.

My thanks to Jayme Gerbrandt at Public Works, for her considerate and thoughtful handling of the situation. Westmount can replace the tree, albeit with something

much younger that can survive a transplant.

It is comforting to know a replacement will eventually flourish like its predecessor. It may take a while, but I’m counting on it.

DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, YORK ST.

See story, p. 28.

PRINCE ALBERT PUBLIC SQUARE NOT THOUGHT OUT

The city is doing a great disservice to both merchants and residents with the proposed Prince Albert square (“Prince Albert square aims to bring community together,” April 16, p. 12).

It will eliminate at least six parking spots, not just two as Councillor Cynthia Lulham repeatedly claimed during the April 8 public consultation meeting.

Anyone who takes the time to go over can clearly see that there is room for at least six cars (see photos to the right). Assuming a turn-over for each spot of just five a day, they provide close to 1,000 opportunities to park each month.

If there were more than two cars there, Councillor Lulham then stated that it was only because the city was being lenient with infractions. That is also not correct as the signage clearly signifies that it is legal.

The councillor also claimed that the signage may have been in the wrong spot.



Photos courtesy of Denis Biro

Prince Albert below Sherbooke, where public square could be, taken April 9.



That may be the case but then it was wrong for the last 22 years I have lived here. People could always park there.

Most of the merchants in Victoria village other than the few adjacent and directly benefitting are not in favour as it significantly reduces the availability of parking so vital to their businesses.

For residents, it just makes parking, at best difficult, even more so.

Westmount residents expect decisions to be based on fact, not fiction. The city should delay the project till the long awaiting parking study is launched and completed. To permanently eliminate critical parking spots based on a faulty premise and without looking at the broader picture is contrary to the goals of supporting the merchants of Victoria village and making life easier for its residents.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

LET’S NAME THE PRINCE ALBERT PUBLIC SQUARE

Building a public square at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke is a great idea.

The square will be a positive addition to the street life of that part of Vic village – daytime and nighttime.

I’d like to suggest that the city hold a contest to name the square. There are certainly a number of people whose past and present contributions to the city could be commemorated. Or perhaps some notion of neighbourliness and harmony.

I’m sure other readers will have some interesting ideas, so how about it?

RICHARD AYLETT, CLAREMONT AVE.

CONSTRUCTION NOT TOO BAD

The new arena/pool is a huge project, and I’m sure some residents have felt the impact

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Cat in the hat?



A construction pylon sits atop a street light in Westmount Park April 17. Was it the same “hat” that a snowman in the same vicinity wore on February 24? (See “Other use for pylons,” March 5, p. 4.) Where will it end up next?

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Pool users visit site



Councillor's Photo of the Month

PATRICK MARTIN

Members of the swimming community visited the Westmount recreation centre project on April 19 to view progress. Below, they were photographed standing in the pool's changing rooms, overlooking the outdoor pool area. A mechanical shovel readies for excavation of the pools.



From left: Catherine Bond, Nancy Nelson, Skyler Wittman and Rosalind Davis.

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Long boarders ticketed on Mount Pleasant hill

Three young Montreal men were issued \$37 tickets each April 15 for skateboarding on the street, Public Security officials said. They were aged 18 and 19. They were spotted going down Mount Pleasant at Montrose at 9:53 pm and intercepted at St. Sulpice. Since they had already been warned at 9:15 pm, they were ticketed under traffic By-law 726, section 80, which prohibits skateboarding on the street.

Concrete pouring reduces parking

Complaints of a construction truck parked April 15 in a spot reserved for residents on Academy Rd. related to a day-long pour of concrete for the arena/pool, Public Security officials said. No-parking signs had instead been put up to temporarily eliminate the reserved parking area.

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of construction more than I have, but I felt I should congratulate the Pomerleau team and the Westmount project coordinator on the construction so far.

It will be a beautiful addition to the park when it's complete, but I had prepared myself for a year and a half of hell, living directly across from the construction. I expected dust, debris, and mud-filled walkways, but I must say this has never materialized.

The construction has been neatly confined behind blue barriers, with little to no annoyance to many people living nearby.

There have not been traffic problems, as far as I know, and even the traffic guards hired by Pomerleau have been friendly and outgoing, cheering people up in the mornings.

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Station 12's foot patrols resurrect previous practices

First quarter crime samplings fluctuate around last year's monthly average

By Laureen Sweeney

Crime samplings for the first quarter of 2013 in Westmount are up sequentially, but down over the monthly averages of last year. According to local police commander Stéphane Plourde last week, overall they remain relatively low.

A rash of stolen luxury cars, thefts of items from vehicles, and break-ins at local stores made news and caused the monthly deviations. A surge in graffiti reports in March probably reflects the end of winter (see table).

"The problem we had with thefts of Lexus and other luxury cars was all over the west end and not confined to Westmount," Plourde explained.

Foot patrols

The launch of foot patrols by the station March 5 is expected to increase crime prevention by enabling the two beat officers to have more time to speak with merchants and to increase police visibility on

the street, he said.

Sharing foot patrol experience

On April 3, after the foot patrollers – constables Luigi Vitaro and Adalbert Pimentel – had taken up their new roles, Plourde invited retired police officer John Parker to the station to share with them his insight and experience from 16 years walking the beat around the old Forum and Cabot Square.

"John Parker is like a legend," Plourde explained. "What he said was very interesting. Many things have changed in the six or seven years since he retired. There are more people on the street begging and drinking. But listening to him helps us to not reinvent the wheel."

"He told us to take the time to talk to merchants and the neighbours and even to people being given tickets. That gets you closer to the people and builds respect."

On April 15, Plourde said, a special task force of five officers began a blitz of Cabot Square for a few weeks to try to reinforce efforts begun last summer to correct "bad

behaviours" among homeless people or others hanging out at the park, who tended to spill over into Westmount.

Since visiting Inuit have quarters at the Y residence on nearby Tupper and can become targets of crime, a video made in November is now being used to help them be alert to theft and assault that can occur in the big city environment. The video, in both Inuktitut and English, also urges them to report any incident to police here or when they return home up north, Plourde said.

Bike patrol to complement foot patrollers

"I'm very happy to be able to have the bike patrol back again this year," he said. "They will be able to work in conjunction with the foot patrollers and bring the total number of officers this summer on the ground to four."

This is the maximum number he can deploy to foot and bike patrol from those needed in cars to respond to calls. "It's a matter of resources," Plourde said.

Recent Westmount crime samplings

Type of crime	Jan	2013 Feb	Mar	2012 av./mo.
Break-and-enter	6	8	8	7
- residential	4	4	5	
- commercial	2	4	3	
Robbery	2	2	0	2
Theft from vehicles	17	4	13	14
Theft of vehicles	8	1	3	2
Graffiti	14	5	21	12
Hit-and-run	19	24	19	16

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Public safety officers on patrol April 14 at 12:20 am came across a car parked outside 4729 de Maisonneuve near Lansdowne with the interior light on. Thinking it might have been broken into, they checked it out and found it had also been left with the doors unlocked. When otherwise all appeared in order, Public Security officials said the light was turned off, the doors locked and a business card left behind informing the owner what had occurred.

City commissions public artwork for new rec center

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Though the new recreation centre still appears to be a mass of dirt and construction equipment, city hall has chosen a pair of signature public art pieces it hopes will help transform the complex into a visually stunning destination.

The city's public art committee has commissioned Montrealers Eric Sauvé and Daniel Langevin to each create a piece of contemporary artwork to highlight the interior of the recreation centre.

"We wanted to make sure that we choose something that would please a big part of the population," said Nicole Forbes, city councillor and commissioner of Cultural and Community Services, who headed the selection committee. "But then again I'm fully aware that contemporary art is very controversial."

"I think these pieces will last. Sometimes you have pieces of contemporary art that are passé after a year. But these pieces are going to *last*," she stressed.

The committee, comprising Forbes, Westmount architects Erik Marosi and Rosanne Moss, and three representatives from the provincial ministry of Culture and Communications, whittled down a list

of 40 potential artists for each of the projects down to a handful of finalists.

The shortlisted candidates were given a tour of the construction site and nearby landmarks to familiarize themselves with the city, then asked to provide scale models of their proposals, from which a winner was selected.

According to Forbes, \$192,000 of the centre's budget was earmarked for the two public artwork pieces, which represents one percent of provincial funding for the complex, a common benchmark for government-sponsored facilities. The only restrictions imposed on the committee were that the winning bids be for pieces of contemporary art created by Quebecers.

Sauvé's artwork, entitled "Refaire surface," will hang from the ceiling of the centre's pavilion. The sculpture will feature 65 thick glass discs cracked in specific patterns, cased in steel and then hung from the ceiling at different heights, with a series of nearby lamps splaying light through the shattered glass.

"A lot of people's first reaction is, 'They look like hockey pucks!'" laughed Forbes.

The pavilion will also house the first of five murals comprising Langevin's "Vertigo," a series of painted aluminum pan-

els designed to represent the flow of water and ice. Measuring as large as 6.6 by 2.4 metres tall, the paintings will feature overlapping cool colours intersecting diagonally to create geometric forms. Langevin's four other panels will line hallways inside the recreation centre.

"At its simplest form, yes, it's a painted piece of metal, but every single line is worked and thought of. It's quite geometric, but I think it'll be quite pleasing to the eye," said Forbes.

The artists will work with the construction teams and architects to install their pieces when the complex nears completion.



On April 11, Councillor Nicole Forbes stands by an artist's rendition of the new recreation centre pavilion that will house some of the new artwork.

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No permits filed for set of empty Westmount lots

By MICHAEL MOORE

As the long-overdue rays of spring sunshine erase the final traces of winter, the melting snow is uncovering empty and undeveloped lots in Westmount that have been vacant for years.

There is no official list of vacant properties on record with city hall, making a comprehensive tally impossible, but a pair of empty sites on two of the city’s busiest streets “stick out like a sore thumb,” said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

“It is very difficult to know where all the potential for building is because it is integrated into the streetscape,” she said.

A pair of separate properties shares the same empty stretch of land on St. Catherine St. near Metcalfe, adjacent to the KIDS daycare. The former location of the Perrette convenience store, the lots are now

just a grass-covered plot of ground with a pathway to the alleyway behind created by pedestrians.

A second location is on Dorchester Blvd. west of Greene Ave. next to the offices of the Ordre des infirmières et des infirmiers du Québec. After suffering significant damage in a 1999 fire, the only remaining part of the building is its cordoned-off foundation, which is still classified as “fire-damaged and unusable,” according to the Rôle d’évaluation foncière de Montréal.

No active permits have been filed for development at any of the three sites, according to Urban Planning department records. Attempts to reach the listed owners of the lots for comment on the properties’ futures were unsuccessful.

There are no laws regulating how long a privately owned lot can stay undeveloped

and though the absence of any construction reduces the evaluation of the property, the lot’s owner is still responsible for the land’s property tax.

“There’s not a lot the city can do once the lots are safe and the structures have been demolished and back-filled,” Poirier explained.

According to Poirier, zoning by-laws regulating the type and size of any future construction can significantly reduce the appeal of a potentially costly development.

“The lot on Dorchester, for example, is zoned for only three stories because it is residential, so there’s no motivation. But if the zoning on that lot was changed to commercial, the owner might be more motivated to sell to a third party or develop it himself,” she added.

“By changing the zoning, the city can facilitate or encourage owners to further

develop, especially in the commercial district. If the owner is looking for a better return on investment, the more density allowed on the lot, the more motivated he will be to develop,” said Poirier.

However, any proposed zoning changes proposed by the lot owners would first have to be approved by city council and then by public consultation – barriers that have traditionally been difficult to overcome in Westmount.

“You don’t change zoning lightly. In Westmount, there’s a long-standing tradition where we are mostly a residential community,” she said.

“When [potential owners] come to city hall and discover what the zoning is with all of the restrictions, it’s never good enough,” said Poirier with a smile.



Two vacant lots, side by side, photographed April 2, share a plot of grass on St. Catherine St. just west of Metcalfe Ave.

Marathon, cont’d. from p. 3

the Westmount branch of the Running Room, was also at the 117th Boston Marathon when the bombs went off. “I came in 26 minutes before the blasts and was about 200 metres away when they went off. We heard screaming and saw crying and expressions of panic on people’s faces. I will never run another marathon

without thinking about this.”

But Raymond, like Megeas, remains undaunted and even strengthened by the events that unfolded on that spring day in Boston.

“There’s nothing you can do. Don’t try to make sense of it, but perhaps the biggest message to me is: if you’re going to try damper the human spirit, then don’t try this on marathon runners.”

See photo, p. 1.



Only the foundation, seen on April 2, remains from a fire-damaged building on Dorchester Blvd.

Wire raises concerns

An electrical wire that appeared to be hanging down at 4469 de Maisonneuve April 14 was checked out by Hydro Westmount emergency crews after 2:20 pm. Public Security officials said it turned out to be the wire’s protective insulation that had come off and repairs were to be carried out the next day.

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Temple's interreligious role recalled by Goldbloom

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount's first synagogue was the focus of the third installment of the Westmount Historical Association's spring lecture series on April 18 at the Westmount Public Library.

Victor Goldbloom, past president of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom between 2000 and 2004, recounted how the synagogue was founded in 1882 on Stanley St. in Montreal by members of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

The Temple's founders were followers of reform Judaism, which adheres to the belief that Jewish traditions should be modernized. Its Westmount building at the corner of Elm and Sherbrooke was erected in 1911.

Regarding that building, Goldbloom

"brotherhood" dinners sponsored by Stern, at which the guest list on some occasions included prime ministers John Diefenbaker and Lester B. Pearson.

"You would find the premier of Quebec," he said. "Jean Lesage came, Jean-Jacques Bertrand. You would find obviously leaders of other religions, very particularly of the Catholic church and the Anglican church."

Among Goldbloom's treasured memories was the time, more than eight years ago, when as president of the Temple, he invited Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte to participate in part of an all-day Yom Kippur service.

"We wanted to have a leader of the Catholic church because it was 40 years since the second Vatican council and since the document called *Nos- tra Aetate*, which really *continued on p. 26*



Former Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom president Victor Goldbloom spoke about aspects of the synagogue's history to the Westmount Historical Association on April 18.

noted that it would undoubtedly be classified as being of heritage value today, except that the original structure was destroyed by fire in 1957. A reconstructed building was inaugurated in 1960.

While Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom is the only reform synagogue in Montreal, there are several in Toronto. The reform branch of Judaism has the largest number of adherents in the US.

The late Rabbi Harry Joshua Stern, who served as the Temple's chief rabbi from 1927 to 1972, made it a pioneer in interreligious relations.

Goldbloom, who led the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews during the 1990s, recalled the annual interreligious

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Caught Greene handed



The concrete barrier blocking the bike path at de Maisonneuve and Olivier has been down for about a week and a half (left), according to Westmount Walking and Cycling Association president Dan Lambert, whom the Independent ran into on April 10. He was positive about the development, but complained that trucks at the 1250 Greene condo development were parking in the bike lane. Twenty minutes after saying so, Lambert was able to prove his allegation (right). He later provided the Independent with four other photos of the same activity that he had emailed to Public Works lobbying to get the green bollards that delineate the path in the summer up soon.

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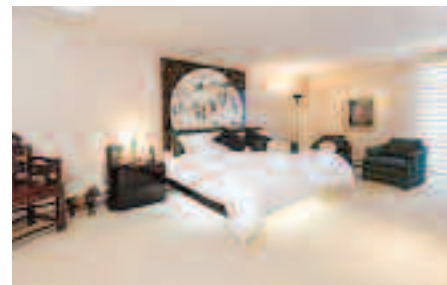


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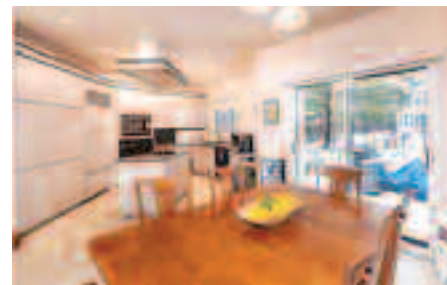


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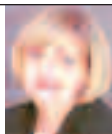
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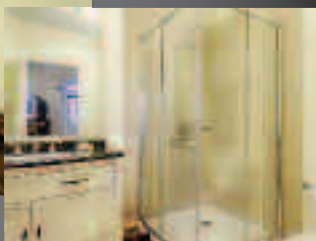
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215 Redfern on track for Sept. delivery: developer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents launching ongoing complaints about disruption from the construction site of new condos at 215 Redfern should see the end of the work in September. That's when delivery of the first units is expected and the building permit is likely to expire.

"We're on schedule for September with 85 percent sold," developer Jason Berger told the *Independent* last week. While the building has just started to be enclosed, Berger said once the building is completed, interior finishing will work up from the lower floors first.

Asbestos

Redfern resident Timothy Slonosky said he had asked a councillor about asbestos at the site in a phone conversation in April 2012, and again at a meeting that month that involved several other residents, a councillor, city officials and representatives from the 215 Redfern project. He said "issue was raised and not directly answered. I believe they said they would check with CSST, but never gave us a final report or answer."

Berger said he had still not received any complaints directly from residents, but had been aware some were saying that asbestos had been "flying around." Asbestos, however, had been removed about a year ago, he said, and carried out with the permission of the Quebec government and according to regulations.

The interior of what was formerly the Readers' Digest building was completely stripped under a demolition permit issued in September 2011 for its conversion into luxury condos.

While city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said a city inspector had

asked about asbestos, he had been told by the site's CSST (workers' health and safety board) inspector that there was none. The city would ask for confirmation in writing for the file but that the issue does not come under city jurisdiction.

Poirier said she remembers the day, however, that residents alleged there was asbestos blowing about. "It was very windy and it was insulation that was flying around."

In general, despite congestion from deliveries, she said, "I find the work site is very well organized, and I drive along the street every day. People have to realize there is construction going on."

The *Independent* was again copied last week on an email from one Redfern resident to the local police station, the Public Security Unit and members of city council, complaining about lack of traffic safety measures on the street.

Rosemount manhole causes \$600 damage

A piece of metal sticking up from a manhole on Rosemount near Sherbrooke April 12 was reported have caused \$600 damage to a car passing over it, according to Public Security reports. The driver, a woman living on Rosemount, stated she had turned northbound onto the street at about 4:30 pm when the metal cut into the oil pan causing the car to start dripping oil. The car was taken to a nearby gas station, where the problem was diagnosed. When she returned, a Public Works employee was removing the piece of metal. She was reported to be filing a claim against the city.

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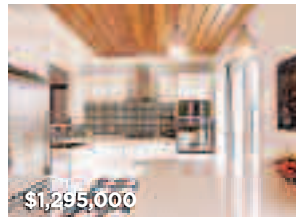
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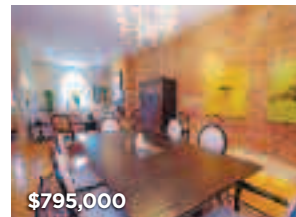
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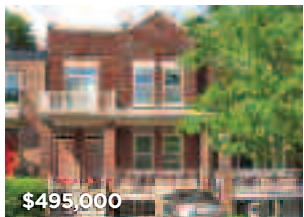
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Beautiful commercial space on the corner of Atwater and Saint-Antoine. 3,000 sq. ft. on the ground floor and 1,800 sq. ft. in the basement. Proximity to Highways. Includes a 14 car parking lot. MLS 10229082

DAVID MALKA* 514.814.3823



SUMMIT CIRCLE | WESTMOUNT \$5,750,000

Built in 2010, this extraordinary European style property offers breathtaking views. Large gourmet kitchen, stunning master bedroom, geothermal system and pool. This property is a 'Smart Home' by Creston-Solotech. MLS 9644140

JOHN DI PIETRO* 514.726.1400



DUPLEX CDN | 5911-15 COOLBROOK \$895,000

Ultra spacious and structurally solid this sun filled duplex + 3½ basement apartment has been impeccably maintained and renovated. Upper and lower occupancy available. MLS 10343054

GLENN PETERSON* 514.995.1484



LE 1200 OUEST \$940,000

Prestige building in Golden Square Mile, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom corner unit with balcony. City views. 1,540 sq. ft. indoor parking, 24h security, gym and outdoor pool. MLS 10463389

PHYLLIS A. TELLIER** 514.924.4062



INTRODUCING

THE CLIFFS \$3,999,000

Beautiful Post & Beam Gothic home set on the shores of Lac Ouimet. The property is very private, as the cliffs behind are an amazing backdrop. MLS 10656927

MARSHA HANNA†† 819.425.0619



INTRODUCING

CONTEMPORARY | BREATHTAKING VIEWS \$4,495,000

Spectacular renovated contemporary residence with breathtaking views. State of the art geothermal technology and cutting edge design elements and materials are artfully blended to create a stunning example of modern architecture in an unparalleled location. MLS 10982897

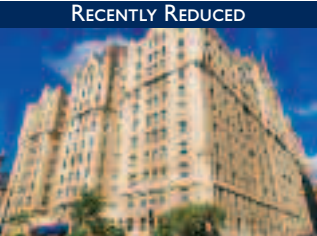
LIZA KAUFMAN† 514.232.5932



NOTRE-DAME-DE-GRÂCE \$525,000

Absolute gem on 2 levels with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 9 ft. exposed concrete ceilings, gourmet kitchen with quartz countertops, 2 terraces, garage. LEED certified building. MLS 9188179

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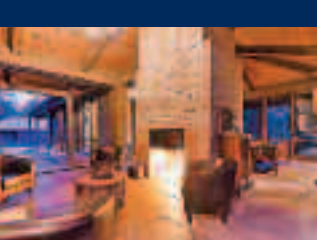


RECENTLY REDUCED

LE CHÂTEAU | SHERBROOKE W. \$895,000

This apartment is everything you expect from this heritage building. Classic and elegant, it has 2 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and large rooms perfect for entertaining. Located in Building D with direct access to Sherbrooke, this unit is a real gem. Not to be missed!

KAREN ROSSY** 514.963.6311



LAC ST-VICTOR ESTATE | WENTWORTH-NORD \$2,985,000

This 12 acre domain is like no other and define Laurentian Living at its best! The domain consists of 7 buildings and boasts over 1,000 li.ft. of shoreline on a peninsula, isolated from all neighboring properties. Built to optimize the view of the lake and pristine natural forest setting. MLS 10012151

PIERRE CHAPDELAINÉ* 819.429.1888



WESTMOUNT | UPPER CLARKE \$2,350,000

This spectacular stone residence on prestigious Upper Clarke is a rare find! An exceptional pristine, tastefully decorated, 6 bedroom executive home with garage, secluded terrace and garden where elegance and gracious living blend seamlessly.

MAUREEN BROSSÉAU* 514.935.4597
JILL SHPRITSER** 514.691.0800



TOWN OF MOUNT ROYAL \$2,295,000

Prime opportunity | Custom 4-bedroom home located in the most desirable area of T.M.R. on a large corner lot: 978.5 sq. m./10,528 sq. ft. 2-car garage. Huge garden. MLS 9368167

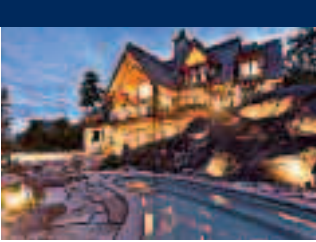
GHISLAINE ADELAND* 514.731.6378
JOHN R. DOW* 514.586.3032



DOWNTOWN | DRUMMOND ST. \$850,000

In the heart of downtown, neighbour of the YMCA, BMO and steps away from the Mount Stephen Club, this unique 2,250 sq. ft. condo occupying the entire 4th floor offers an exceptional quality of life. Private building of 10 luxurious units, full height windows, high ceilings. A rented parking space is included in the condo fees. MLS 8764754

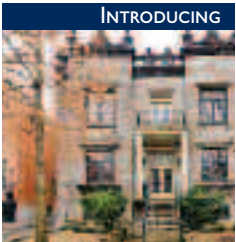
JOHANNA LEUNG* 514.995.2245



MT-TREMBLANT | DE LA SUCRIERIE \$2,890,000

From its headland, this magnificent property offers a spectacular view of the lake, Mont-Tremblant and the surrounding valleys. The residence of five bedrooms showcases wood-frame architecture, large open and bright rooms. Portal, infinite edge pool, spa, decorative fireplaces, waterfalls. A must see! MLS 10635914

HERBERT RATSCH†† 819.429.9019



INTRODUCING

WESTMOUNT | 4824 MAISONNEUVE

Fabulously large Victorian stone residence Westmount Park, Victoria Village and t Hospital. This renovated family home rooms, 4+1 bathrooms, ground floor der library. Additional features include: sou yard and deck, finished basement and garage. MLS 9391843

JOSEPH MONTANARO* 514.



ÎLE-DES-SOEURS | ORÉE DU BOIS :

Custom built elegant and spacious h proximity to a park and protected fore Great Room, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, inground swimming pool. MLS 8607159

DIANE OLIVER* 514.

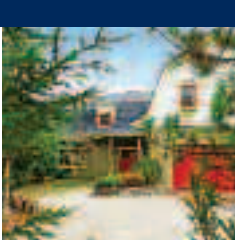


RECENTLY PURCHASED

1 MCGILL | OLD MONTREAL

Beautiful condo with views of the prestigious 1 McGill. Located on the 1 apartment with 2 bedrooms offers brightness. Many renovation in 2012.

CATHERINE ROCHON* 514.



LUXURIOUS RESIDENCE | MT-TREMBLANT

In the exclusive Refuge du Cerf with golf views. This gorgeous home features se 5+1 bathrooms, soundproofed home i gym, solarium, and spa. MLS 8551560

JEFFREY HODES* 819.



T | **SUMMIT CIRCLE** **\$1,795,000**
meets a country setting. Stunning con-orey semi featuring 3 bdrms, offers loads great lifestyle. 2 balconies plus a sun ctacular views. An oasis of tranquility at hest points of Westmount ideal for the nging for privacy. MLS 9283404

HA* 514.941.6248



Y | **VILLAGE | VILLE-MARIE** **\$1,295,000**
ian townhouse with greystone facade in steps to leading art galleries, museums, g & dining. This home boasts fabulous oms with soaring ceilings, outstanding rgeous crown moldings, exposed brick erior terrace. MLS 10431723

OLUCCI* 514.802.4004



E | **NUN'S ISLAND** **\$609,000**
rner townhouse boasting 3 bedrooms oms on 3 floors. Hardwood floors, pod ig sun drenched windows. Renovated ranite countertops & access to spacious ed double garage. MLS 9170212

3AZ* 514.892.7653



304 ROSLYN | WESTMOUNT **\$1,225,000**
Perfectly located to all westmount has to offer; well maintained semi detached home. Quality renovations throughout make this a perfect move in scenario. 4 bdrms, 2 +1 bthrms, eat-in open kitchen, 1 driveway spot & much more! MLS 10301700

BUNNY BERKE* 514.347.1928



PLATEAU-MONT-ROYAL **\$1,088,000**
Exquisite centennial residence completely renovated & decorated with style, located on coveted Laval Ave. Features large gourmet kitchen, 3+1 bdrms, 2+2 baths, family room in basement, 2 beautiful sunny terraces and lush backyard. Steps away from restaurants, boutiques, cafes. A truly magnificent home for the discerning buyer. MLS 9282489

FRÉDÉRIC BENOÎT* 514.583.9320



IN THE HEART OF LITTLE ITALY **\$535,000**
This PH nestled in a converted historical monument facing a park, with balcony allowing a view on the Mount-Royal, open concept 1 bedroom with cathedral ceilings and mezzanine, plus several sky lights, including indoor garage.The whole surrounded with the finest bistros and much more. 1,263 sq. ft. MLS 9585909

ROSA RIOLO VACCARO* 514.942.1362



DORCHESTER | WESTMOUNT **\$998,000**
Elegant Westmount townhouse of historic interest featuring expansive rooms, high ceilings, original oak woodwork, moldings and paneling. Close to shops, recreation facilities and transports. MLS 10785225

PINA PIZZI* 514.781.4826



PENTHOUSE CONDO | OLD MONTREAL **\$1,595,000**
Gorgeous Penthouse in the prestigious Orleans project, located near the Notre Dame Basilica. 3 bdrms, 2 full baths, a huge terrace facing the port, 2 indoor garages & a big private storage rm. Custom designed with high quality finishings. Absolutely stunning! MLS 10839159

KARINE DOCHE* 514.677.6244
NAYLA SALEH* 514.941.6244



LUXURIOUS RESIDENCE | ST-LAZARE **\$2,300,000**
Majestic home custom-built on 1.5 acres in peaceful wooded setting. Breathtaking master bedroom suite and exquisite ensuite bathroom. Open concept kitchen and family room lead out to backyard oasis! MLS 8660265

PENELOPE VILAGOS** 514.779.5122



DORCHESTER | WESTMOUNT **\$995,000**
Turn of the century stone facade duplex offering beautiful architectural details. Ideally located close to all amenities. Steps to Greene Avenue. The upper unit occupies the two top floors. Two generous parking spots at rear. Can be converted to a single family home, ready for your personal touch. MLS 9578659

ADRIAN ERSOV* 514.824.9535



ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL **\$1,549,000#**
Magnificent 3-storey 3,648 sq. ft. residence in world-famous iconic landmark Habitat '67. Perfect alternative to a house, featuring abundant light, luxury finishes, multiple solariums/terraces, and spectacular views of the city and river. 2 indoor parking spaces. First time on the market in 30 years!

KAREN KARPMAN* 514.497.8218



MONTEVISTA | DDO **\$1,249,000**
Exclusive 4 bedroom custom built home boasting 5,800 sq. ft. offering a large backyard, 9 ft. ceilings, wine cellar, cantina and large playground. MLS 10390925

CASSANDRA AURORA** 514.293.2277



WESTMOUNT | AV. HILLSIDE **\$749,000**
Affordable Westmount semi-detached house. Few steps to Westmount park, library, primary school, high school and new MUHC hospital. 4 bedrooms, 2+1 bathroom. High ceiling, exposed brick wall. Restored woodwork and wood floor. Ideally home for a young family. MLS 8726243

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THE RESIDENCES AT THE RITZ-CARLTON **\$1.4m-\$15m**
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GÉRALDINE LIBRATY* 514.962.5563



IMPOSING RESIDENCE | PTE-CLAIRE **\$899,000**
Fully rebuilt in 2009 with quality and style, this stunning property offers spacious rooms all around, an oversized double garage plus an immaculate backyard with in ground pool on a large lot. MLS 10456698

PATRICK VAILLANT** 514.774.6917



WESTMOUNT CONDO | CLAREMONT **\$499,000**
Spacious and bright open concept condo features exposed brick walls, original hardwood floors and a large private balcony. MLS 10096014

GENEVIEVE BETTINVILLE* 514.975.2026



HERITAGE DU VIEUX-PORT **\$1,790,000**
Modern condos, high ceilings, wood floors, large windows with spectacular views, kitchen with granite counters. Modern bathroom with large bathtub and glass shower, big closets, central A/C and garage. Prestigious building with gym, indoor pool, pool room, wine cellar, 24 hr security and many more services. MLS 10738664

CYRILLE GIRARD* 514.582.2810



ASTONVALE | HUDSON **\$779,000**
Magnificent and stylish property located on of the most beautiful streets in Astonvale, prestigious residential project built around the Falcon golf course. Exceptional charm, brightness, beautiful decor. Large wooden land. MLS 9296385

JUDITH BOUTHILLIER* 514.887.4032

COUNTRY PROPERTIES



ITECTURAL MASTERPIECE **\$1,595,000**
ntemporary style residence located in a facing beautiful Ski Bromont.Vast rooms, idows, quality materials and finishing detached garage. MLS 9007610

RS BARSALOU**450.577.0272
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CH. GOYER | HATLEY **\$1,395,000**
This high profile property impresses with the exceptional quality of its construction and materiel. The opulent falling waters spa will embellish your moments of relaxation! Live in complete privacy outside the hustle and bustle of city life. MLS 8577984

STEPHANE CLOUTIER* 819.578.7507



LAC STE MARIE | ST-ADOLPHE D'HOWARD **\$1,380,000**
Remarkable cape cod waterfront estate. Superior quality construction! Large, flat, private lot, sandy beach, volleyball court, easy access to lake and beautiful views. Gorgeous kitchen, spacious living areas on 3 levels, 5 bdrms, solarium and sunset views. Only 1 hour from Montreal.

MELANIE CLARKE* 450.694.0678



LE MAÎTRE GOLF COURSE | MT-TREMBLANT **\$987,500**
Spacious 3 bedrooms and 3+1 bathrooms home filled with sunlight with its southwest exposure. Open concept main level, wood fireplace and extra functional kitchen. Directly on golf course, shuttle service to Tremblant ski resort. MLS 9999742

RAYMOND DALBEC* 819.425.4568



LAKE DE LA MONTAGNE NOIR | LANTHIER **\$555,000**
Waterfront | Breathtaking view of the lake and mountains. Private beach 128 ft of shoreline. Rustic and Modern open concept. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. 15 minutes away from Ste-Agathe or St-Donat. MLS 9222408

STÉPHANE LARRIVÉE* 514.809.8466



SKI-IN/SKI-OUT | HILTON TREMBLANT **\$299,000**
Out of the Rental program — you can enjoy your condo as much as you want! 2 bedrooms, above ground garage, ext. spa and pool, view on the slopes, ski locker, 2 minute walk from the Gondola. Sold furnished. MLS 10870469

RACHELLE DEMERS* 514.378.8630

Marianopolis hosts week-long arts festival

By RALPH THOMPSON



Second-year Marianopolis arts and science student Yu Xin Shen, fascinated by how the conscious mind works, created this large acrylic on canvas entitled “Quintessence of Mind.”

The Marianopolis ArtsFest 2013 took place between April 15 and 19 in various locations at the CEGEP. It is an annual free spring event and a joint initiative of the English and the Liberal and Creative

Arts departments. One event was “Le Salon de Jazz,” which took place on April 18. See photos 19.



Student and artist Adam Daniel Koren (rear, wearing glasses) created a simple and meaningless artwork, which he exhibited at “Le Salon de Jazz” then planted actors in the room who faked the roles of art aficionados, including a fake art critic, in order to see the reaction to his arbitrary work of art. Bottom left, clockwise: Brandon Adam, Emmett Keyserlingk, Koren, Mort Lechter, Tara Bissett and Bunny Lechter. The top of the artwork, entitled “Faux Pas,” is visible in the lower part of the photograph.

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Marianopolis' arts' week, cont'd. from p. 18



The Jam Club performed some creative jazz renditions. The four bandmates, all in their second year in the sciences or music were, from left: Kyle Martis (clarinet), Massimo Di Iorio (electric guitar), Michael Cressaty (percussion) and Eli Gerber (keyboard).

Jazz at Selwyn for VIVO



From left: James McMillan, Selwyn House's director of advancement and director of the Old Boys Blues Band; Joe Rizzolo, father of Angelo; Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou (pediatrician and neonatologist at the Jewish General); Angela Rizzolo, Angelo's mother; and student Angelo Rizzolo, co-founder of the fund and pianist in the blues band.

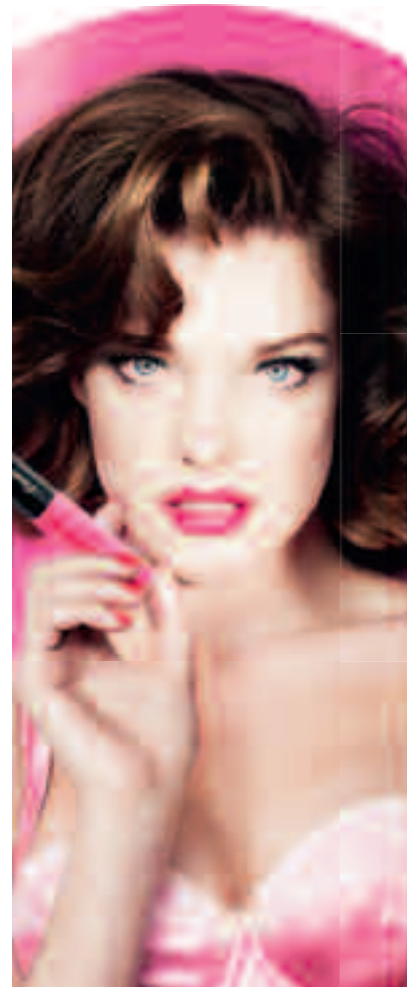
Photo courtesy of Selwyn House

The Buona Sera Jazz Evening benefit for the VIVO Fund took place April 11 at Selwyn House. The VIVO Fund to raise money for the neonatal unit at the Jewish General Hospital, which cares for babies born prematurely, was founded in 1999 by the parents of Selwyn alum Angelo Rizzolo (class of 2011), who himself was born prematurely.

Three years ago, Rizzolo, his classmate

Brandon Di Perno and Di Perno's sister Kristen took up the cause and presented the first Buona Sera musical evening, which raised over \$40,000 to help the hospital purchase a respirator for premature babies.

This year, the evening of music was provided by the Selwyn House Old Boys Blues Band, a nine-piece band made up of Selwyn House graduates.



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Plan directeur de la circulation : commentaires
La Ville invite le public à soumettre leurs commentaires à propos du **Plan directeur de la circulation et du transport actif de Westmount**. Consultez les documents au www.westmount.org, à l'hôtel de ville et à la Bibliothèque. Envoyez vos commentaires au 4333, rue Sherbrooke O. H3Z 1E2 ou à plandirecteur@westmount.org **au plus tard le 31 mai 2013**.

Conférence ville en santé : Villes résilientes
Le jeudi 25 avril à 19 h à la bibliothèque. Conférencières : Marci Babineau et Maureen Lafrenière. Info : 514 369-2014.

CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT

Fermeture de l'ave. Lansdowne du 22 au 26 avril entre Ste-Catherine et De Maisonneuve
L'ave. Lansdowne sera fermée à la circulation entre la rue Ste-Catherine et le boul. De Maisonneuve du lundi 22 avril au vendredi 26 avril afin d'effectuer des travaux nécessaires pour le nouveau Centre des loisirs. Info : www.westmount.org


Schéhérazade - une soirée au Souk
Le vendredi 31 mai au Victoria Hall. Souper et soirée dansante au profit du CLW. Billets : 140 \$, en vente au Victoria Hall à compter du 22 avril. Info : wrc2013campaign.com

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Horaires d'entretien des rues en vigueur
Un nouvel horaire d'entretien des rues est en vigueur **du 1^{er} avril au 30 novembre**. Évitez une contravention; vérifiez la signalisation de stationnement. Info : 514 989-5222.



Bois Summit : période migratoire des oiseaux
Les propriétaires promenant leurs chiens au Bois Summit doivent les tenir en laisse en tout temps **entre le 16 avril et le 15 juin**. Les officiers de la Sécurité publique émettront des contraventions aux personnes qui ne respectent pas le règlement.

Sécurité publique de Westmount sur Twitter !
 Recevez des avis sur la sécurité, le déneigement, les urgences, or signalez des graffitis. Inscrivez-vous au [@Secur_Westmount](https://twitter.com/Secur_Westmount).

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte des résidus domestiques dangereux
Le samedi 4 mai de 9 h à 17 h. Stationnement de la bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5390.

Distribution d'arbres 2013
Les résidents peuvent obtenir un arbre sans frais parmi les suivants : Poirier 'Flemish Beauty', amélanchier du Canada et ostryer de Virginie. N.B., quantités limitées. Procurez-vous le bon de commande à l'hôtel de ville, à la bibliothèque ou au www.westmount.org. La date limite pour faire une demande est **le 30 avril**. Info : 514 989-5213.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 6 mai

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Monique Polak: Igniting the Writer Fire
Le jeudi 25 avril à 10 h 30. Présenté en collaboration avec le Festival des enfants TD-Metropolis Bleu. Info : 514 989-5229.

Pique-nique de nounours
Le dimanche 28 avril de 14 h à 15 h 30. Apporte ton ourson préféré pour un après-midi enchanté de contes et de gâteries en compagnie de notre invité spécial, l'ours Corduroy ! Pour les jeunes de 3 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

Atelier d'écriture avec Andrew Katz
Le samedi 4 mai de 14 h à 15 h 30. Pour les jeunes de 9 à 12 ans. Info : 514 989-5229.

Semaine canadienne TD du livre jeunesse : Max Tell, conteur
Le mardi 7 mai à 10 h 30. 7 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd
Les mardis 8 et 22 mai à 10 h 15. Info : 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 heures : From Africa to You
Le mercredi 15 mai à 14 h. Frédéric Galantai offrira une présentation accompagnée de photos à propos de son voyage en Afrique. Info : 514 989-5299.

Holding on to memory: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease
Le mercredi 15 mai à 19 h. Avec le Dr Howard Chertkow et Marva Whyte. Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Galerie : exposition
Du 25 avril au 17 mai. Œuvres de Mary Martha Guy. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Concert : Orchestre des jeunes de Westmount
Le samedi 27 avril à 19 h 30 au Victoria Hall. Musique de Beethoven, Prokofiev, Brahms et Holst. 10 \$ pour les adultes, gratuit pour étudiants. Info : www.ojw.ca.

Les concerts du dimanche au Victoria Hall : Le DJ qui donnait trop d'information
Le dimanche 28 avril à 14 h. Une présentation qui ressemble autant à un spectacle *live* qu'à un enregistrement. Billets : 12 \$ / 10 \$ en pré-vente. Rafratchissements servis. Info : 514 989-5226.

Salon des métiers d'art : appel de soumissions
Le mercredi 15 mai de 14 h à 18 h. Le Salon des métiers d'art 2013 aura lieu les 9 et 10 novembre. Les artisans sont invités à apporter leurs échantillons pour le jury le 15 mai au Victoria Hall et à les récupérer le lendemain. Info : westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca.

CITY HALL

Traffic Master Plan: comments
The City invites comments on its proposed **Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan**. Consult the documents at www.westmount.org, City Hall or the Library. Send comments to 4333 Sherbrooke St. W., H3Z 1E2 or to trafficplan@westmount.org **by May 31, 2013**.

Healthy City Speaker Series: Resilient Cities
Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Library. With Marci Babineau and Maureen Lafrenière. Info: 514 369-2014.

WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

Closure of Lansdowne Ave. April 22 to 26 from Ste-Catherine to De Maisonneuve
Lansdowne Ave. will be closed from Ste-Catherine St. to De Maisonneuve Blvd. from Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26 to carry out essential work for the new Recreation Centre. Info: www.westmount.org.

Scheherazade - une soirée au Souk
Friday, May 31 at Victoria Hall. Wining, dining and dancing in support of the WRC. Tickets: \$140, on sale as of April 22 at Victoria Hall. Info: wrc2013campaign.com.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Street maintenance in effect
The street cleaning schedule is in effect **April 1st to November 30th**. Please verify the parking signage to avoid receiving a ticket Info: 514 989-5222.

Summit Woods: bird migratory period
Dog owners using Summit Woods must keep dogs on leash at all times **between April 16th and June 15th**. Public Security officers will patrol and may issue fines to those contravening the by-law.

Westmount Public Safety now on Twitter!
 Receive notices concerning safety, snow removal, follow emergencies or report graffiti. Sign up now [@Secur_Westmount](https://twitter.com/Secur_Westmount).

PUBLIC WORKS

Household Hazardous Waste
Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the Library. Info: 514 989-5390.

2013 Tree Distribution
Residents may obtain a tree free of charge from the following selection: 'Flemish Beauty' Pear, Downy Serviceberry and Ironwood. Please note quantities are limited. Obtain an order form at City Hall, the Library or www.westmount.org. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, April 30th**. Info: 514 989-5213.

LIBRARY

Monique Polak: Igniting the Writer Fire
Thursday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. Presented in partnership with the TD-Blue Metropolis Children's Festival. Info: 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 6

Teddy Bear Picnic
Sunday, April 28 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring your favourite teddy bear for stories, refreshments with Corduroy the Bear! Ages 3+. Info: 514 989-5229.

Creative Writing Workshop with Andrew Katz
Sunday, May 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For ages 9 to 12. Info: 514 989-5229.

TD Canadian Children's Book Week: Storyteller Max Tell
Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. Age 7 and up. 514 989-5229.

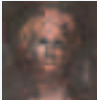
Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd
Wednesday, May 8 and 22 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series: From Africa to You
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Concert: Westmount Youth Orchestra
Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Music by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Brahms and Holst. Adults \$10, free for students. Info: www.ojw.ca.

Sunday Concerts at Victoria Hall: The DJ Who Gave Too Much Information
 **Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m.** A show somewhere between a live concert and a record. Tickets \$12, \$10 in advance. Refreshments served. Info: 514 989-5226.

Artisans' Festival: call for submissions
Wednesday, May 15 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The 2013 Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place November 9 and 10. Artisans are invited to bring samples of their work to Victoria Hall on May 15 for the jurying and to collect them the following day. Info: westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca.



Westmount Retail Watch

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Sherbrooke near Claremont: Zone, Burger King rumours quashed

Contrary to a rumour recently making the rounds, Zone, a furniture and household furnishings outlet at 5014 Sherbrooke St. near Claremont Ave., is not vacating.

“We are not moving, we are staying here,” Myriam Legault, the store’s assistant manager, told the *Independent*. “We like our store, we like our clients.”

In the meantime, according to Michael Doroshenko, director of commercial leasing with Cromwell Management, Flore, which is next door to Zone, is moving a little bit eastward into the former (final) location of Multimags at 4932 Sherbrooke.

“We’re looking for a higher-end tenant if we can find one to fill up the space that Flore will be vacating,” he said.

Doroshenko laid to rest another rumour, which was to the effect that Burger

King has had its eyes on this area of Sherbrooke for one of their fast-food outlets.

“Unfounded,” he said. “I’ve heard this rumour myself. We probably wouldn’t mind if it did happen, but there are no permits in the city of Westmount for opening restaurants. It’s a rumour that I laugh at because we hear it all the time.”

Doroshenko confirmed that mattress dealer Dormez-Vous will soon be occupying 5016-5018 Sherbrooke (See “Dormez-vous?” April 2, p. 16).

Bayshore moves in on St. Catherine St.

Westmount resident Joanne Wallace of Bayshore Home Health’s Montreal regional office, said they re-located to 4142 St. Catherine St. near Elm the last week of March after being for many years on Peel St. Among the company’s private health services are nursing, personal care, home support and companionship.

Pastry and poetry preferred

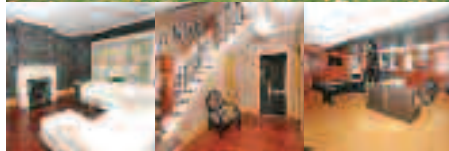


The Westmount Poetry Group contributed to National Poetry Month with poetry readings at the Westmount Public Library April 21 between 2 and 4 pm. About 50 people squeezed into the Westmount Room to listen to poets read their prepared works. One of the founding members of the group, Westmounter Jack Locke (standing at the lectern), read his poem “The Collected Works of Ezra Pound” for the “Poetry and Pastry” event organizer Ann Lloyd (standing to his left). Carol Wiens was a co-organizer. The group has been meeting for about two years, according to Locke.

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Priory medals at chess tourney



The Priory School held its 18th annual Quebec Association of Independent Schools chess tournament on April 13. Fifty-eight students participated, according to the school. From left: Felicia Xie won the gold medal in the grade 1 category, Oliver Lin won the bronze for grade 2 and Alexander Lin-Hu the silver for grade 4. They will go on to compete in the provincial tournament on Sunday, April 28.

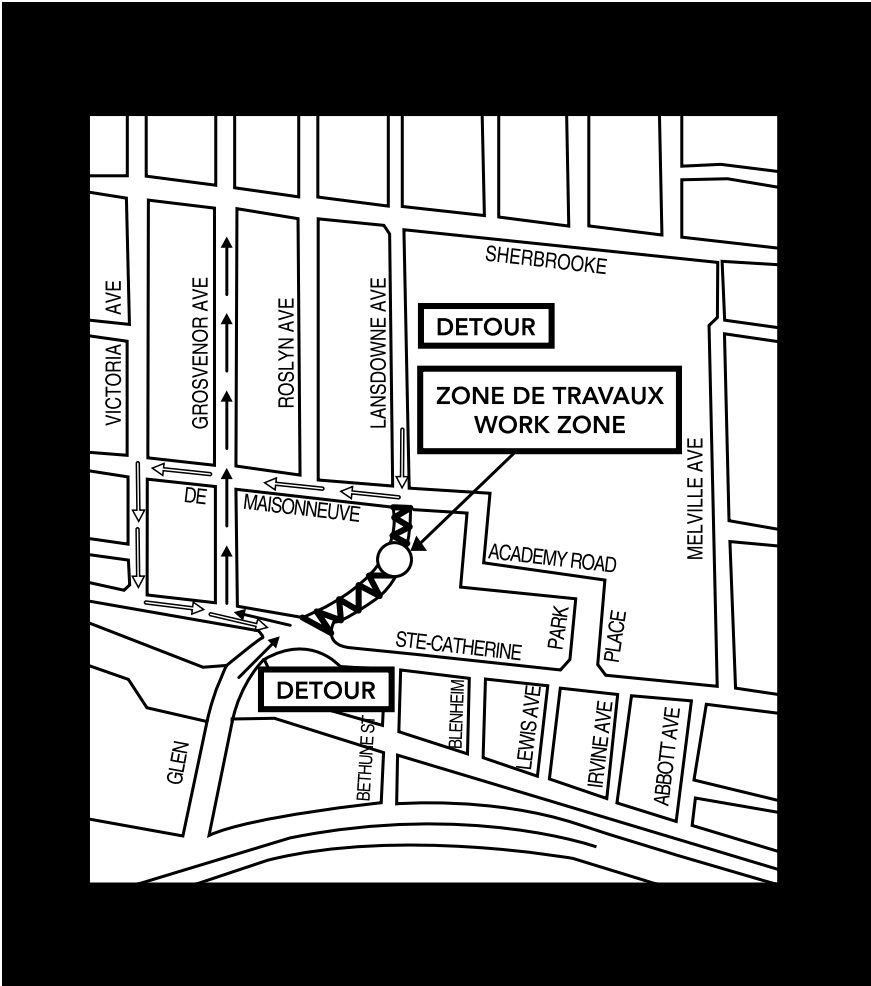
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St. Léon wins handball gold



The six players of St. Léon's girls' 11-and-under team handball team won all their games and the final, resulting in the gold medal at an April 13 tournament held at the Plateau's Centre Père Marquette. It was the final one of the season in Montreal.

Photo courtesy of Willem Westenberg



FERMETURE DE L'AVENUE LANSDOWNE ENTRE STE-CATHERINE ET DE MAISONNEUVE DU 22 AU 26 AVRIL 2013

L'avenue Lansdowne sera fermée à la circulation entre la rue Ste-Catherine et le boul. De Maisonneuve à compter du lundi 22 avril et ce, jusqu'au vendredi 26 avril. Cette fermeture est nécessaire afin de permettre à l'entrepreneur de la Ville, Pomerleau, d'effectuer les travaux nécessaires de raccordement aux réseaux d'aqueduc, d'égout et d'électricité pour le nouveau Centre des loisirs.

Des panneaux de signalisation seront installés autour du chantier et le plan des détours est affiché au www.westmount.org. Les résidents de 200, 250 et 266, av. Lansdowne auront accès à leur stationnement en tout temps. Pour signaler toute situation problématique : 514 989-5222.

CLOSURE OF LANSDOWNE AVENUE BETWEEN STE-CATHERINE AND DE MAISONNEUVE FROM APRIL 22 TO 26 AVRIL 2013

Lansdowne Avenue will be closed from Ste-Catherine Street to De Maisonneuve Boulevard from Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26. This closure is required for the City's contractor, Pomerleau, to carry out essential work to connect the new Recreation Centre to the water, sewer, and electricity networks.

Detour signs will be in place and a map of the detour routes is available at www.westmount.org. Residents of 200, 250 and 266 Lansdowne ave. will have access to their driveways throughout the work. To report a problem or special situation: 514 989-5222.

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BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the February 18 meeting of city council.

38 Holton: to cut a tree beside a garage;

55 de Lavigne: to build a rear extension on two storeys with a spiral staircase to access the new roof terrace on the existing building; to modify some window openings on the front, to replace all windows and doors, add wood paneling to surround some of the windows and to replace roofing material;

417 Roslyn: to build a rear deck and second floor sunroom, a rear access to the basement and a new door opening; to replace some windows and doors;

469 Strathcona: to create new door openings on west and north sides and replace a window;

6 Burton: to rebuild two front balconies and replace the doors;

55 Holton: at a Category I house, to renovate a solarium in the back yard;

4264 Dorchester: at a Category I house, to rebuild back balconies on first and second floors;

523 Claremont: to rebuild rear deck and erect a back fence;

122 Sunnyside: at a Category I house, to do some landscaping to include new steps, terrace and new front hedges provided they are deciduous;

9 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, landscaping to include new front planting beds, new walkway and driveway materials and to build a new front balcony;

111 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, to modify and reorganize the front planting areas and rebuild retaining walls;

3040 Sherbrooke: at Dawson College, a Category I* building, to repair a balcony;

1235 Greene: at a Category I building, to restore masonry of the front façade at the Babar-en-Ville building;

546 Lansdowne: to replace some windows;

624 Murray: to replace all windows, create new rear door and enlarge some basement window openings;

538 Argyle: to replace some windows;

4620 St. Catherine: at a Category I building, to replace the front and rear doors.

No permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved by city council March 4. The following ones were approved at the March 18 meeting.

3040 Sherbrooke: at Dawson College, a Category I* building, to restore the stone

slabs at the front entrance and steps in accordance with original plans;

690 Victoria: landscaping to include a rear terrace, hedges, shrubs and planters; to replace the driveway pavers and erect a side gate;

469 Lansdowne: to renovate front balconies, entry stairs and rear deck;

250 Clarke: to replace all windows;

657 Belmont: to build a one-storey rear addition under an existing second-floor addition and replace all windows;

40 Oakland: at a Category I house, to build a two-storey rear extension including second-storey terrace; to build a detached accessory garage at the rear;

226 Prince Albert: to replace the front door.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the April 2 meeting of city council.

21 Gladstone, 4110-4112 St. Catherine: to extend the first storey at the rear over an existing structure; to modify elevations to pierce new openings and replace some of the windows;

378 Victoria: to erect a sign for "Park";

492 Grosvenor: at a Category I house, to enclose a second storey porch to build a sun room;

64 Sunnyside: to landscape and add a pool in the back yard;

66 Somerville: to build a one-storey extension at the back and replace a door with a window;

510 Victoria: at a Category I house, to enlarge some rear windows and convert a door and window into a garden door;

662 Murray Hill: to replace some windows;

4873 Westmount: at Marianopolis College, a Category I building, to modify the name on the existing sign;

357 Clarke: to replace some windows and modify two back doors;

446 Lansdowne: to replace some windows;

15 Windsor: to replace some windows;

10 Ingleside: to rebuild the ground floor portion of a rear sunroom and build a smaller deck and a patio;

5 Renfrew: to replace some windows;

4 Hudson: to replace some windows;

354 Olivier: to reduce paved portions of the back yard replacing them with vegetation;

4302 Montrose: to build a three-storey extension at the rear (see story, April 16, p. 7);

591 Argyle: to build a three-storey ex-

tension and two balconies at the rear (see story, April 16, p. 7).

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the April 15 meeting of city council.

4873 Westmount: at Marianopolis College, a Category 1* building, landscaping to include a new walkway and lighting in the parking area;

15 Park Place: at Westmount Park School, a Category I building, to replace some doors;

4334 Westmount: at a Category I house, to demolish a rear balcony to build an attached garage with roof terrace;

729 Upper Lansdowne: at a Category I house, landscaping to include a pool, balconies, terraces and fence as well as redo walkways and driveway;

1280 Greene Greene: to install a sign for "Les 5 Saisons";

127 Arlington: to rebuild front porch and stairs;

520 Lansdowne: to replace some windows and doors;

250 Clarke: to replace balcony doors of

entire building;

393 Roslyn: to modify some side and rear window openings to build new window and door openings;

4462 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I house, to replace the rear balcony railing and build a new back fence;

95 Côte St. Antoine: at Selwyn House School, a Category I building, to modify rear entrance of the Lucas Building and replace windows and doors;

441 Mount Pleasant: to replace some windows;

36 Anwoth: landscaping to include new terraces, steps, retaining walls and new surfacing of the walkway and driveway;

4278 Sherbrooke: to replace some basement windows.

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McGill seeks to establish Canadian-Scottish studies chair, hopes for degree

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Two pillars of philanthropy oriented to things Scottish, the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal and the McEuen Scholarship Foundation, have joined forces to drum up financial support for a chair in Canadian-Scottish Studies at McGill University.

Westmounter Christopher Manfredi is dean of the faculty of Arts, where the chair is to be established. He says McGill's origins are deeply rooted in Scottish immigration to Montreal.

Many major companies in Canada, including the Hudson's Bay Co., Canadian



Christopher Manfredi, dean of the faculty of Arts at McGill, will be overseeing the creation of a chair in Canadian-Scottish Studies at the university.

Pool, cont'd. from p. 1

himself, he said.

Martin still believes the contracted date of May 31 would have been do-able so the pool can be ready for June. He said, however, he was "very disappointed" during the site visit to discover the pool excavation had not yet started, though it had been scheduled for April 9 or 10 (see April 16, p. 1).

"To finish, you have to start," he said. "Obviously the swimmers were despondent."

Pacific Railway, the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal, were first established in Montreal by members of the Scottish community. McGill University itself was founded through a philanthropic gift from Scottish fur trader James McGill and the university continues to maintain strong ties with universities in Scotland.

The Canadian-Scottish Studies chair would be set up within the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. The chair's occupant would also be jointly appointed to McGill's department of History, which is part of the faculty of Arts.

Training scholars

According to information posted on the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal's website, some of the chair's key responsibilities will be to undertake new research on Canadian-Scottish heritage, enrich ties with Scottish academic and cultural institutions and train the next generation of Canadian-Scottish scholars.

"Being able to attract a leading scholar who has an expertise on the impact of the Scottish diaspora not only in Montreal and McGill, but also in North America and Canada more generally, is, I think, something that will greatly enhance some of our programs in Canadian studies and history," Manfredi told the *Independent*.

McAuslan on committee

Former Westmounter Peter McAuslan, who sits on the committee overseeing the fundraising process, said they are hopeful that a full program of Canadian-Scottish studies offering a degree or specialization can eventually be developed in addition to the chair.

Roadblocks discussed

"We certainly were," said Nancy Nelson. "We were given to believe that there was little possibility of having the pool this summer." She said that Plamondon spoke of a number of roadblocks causing delays such as possible contaminants, the ramp into the site and the parking of workers' cars (now resolved).

"It seems the roadblocks should have been known a long time ago," she said. "Patrick [Martin] was trying to suggest solutions but there seemed to be a discon-

My mother-daughter honeymoon



Parenthood
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SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

My daughter and I spent spring break in Costa Rica together. It's been a long time since we went away alone. We needed it for all the usual reasons: sun deprivation, too many face plants into too many snow banks, and the need to recover from our first and snowiest winter of dealing with street parking.

Normally we go to the Cayman Islands, where I once lived and still have friends. It's easy and simple – she has friends to play with, and so do I. But this time I wanted a place that we didn't know and where nobody knew us. We wanted to be alone, as Greta Garbo would say.

Because it's just the two of us, it's easy to live together as complacent couples do: in parallel, not taking the time to truly love one another and talk to each other about real things – we can live this way and keep the machine that is our lives chugging along pretty decently. Sometimes that's the way it has to be: we are human and we are busy.

Deafness?

But these last months have been hard. I could see that my daughter was struggling at school, at home and within herself. What that poetic sentence really means is that I was beginning to go partially deaf from the sound of my own shouting, and I suspect our neighbours were too.

Something had to be done.

A year ago we sold our home and moved into a new neighbourhood. Two weeks later, I started a new job in a new in-

dustry, working for clients in yet another new industry, with more responsibility than I'd ever had before. I was hired despite not having all the credentials required for my role, and I've never learned so much so fast in my life – unless you count the first year of motherhood with close to the same levels of fatigue.

I think it's safe to say that my parenting suffered, and recently I understood that my child must have too. I started seeing and treating her as another responsibility to be managed, rather than as a little girl who thinks, dreams, worries – and needs to know that I will listen when she speaks.

I should tell you that I feel guilty about this, but I am not going to. I understand now that I just couldn't do better at the time, and that's that. My child is so independent that I didn't realize the impact that so many changes would have on her (and on me). And now that I have, I am working on doing better for us both.

From far everyday

This trip to Costa Rica was to make up for all that, to forgive myself for all that, by walking away from all of that. The truth is that I needed to fly far, far away from my everyday world, to press the reset button and give myself the space and time to explore this girl of mine, and vice versa. It was time to let my gaze rest on her and wrap itself around her tall, growing self.

We went horseback riding, we flew through the forest on zip lines, we swam till we were water-logged, we drank coconut vanilla milkshakes, we learned to surf, we drew our favourite moments, we talked. It was a mother-daughter honeymoon.

It felt like a gentle recovery from an illness I didn't know I had. Because sometimes being her everything leaves me nothing left to be what matters most: the person who takes time to love her.

nect between the site and the city."

Nelson said the Dolphins swim team had been told the city would have an opening date for the pool for them on Monday, April 22, but was skeptical. "It's been like that all along. It's never conclusive – I guess that's the way with construction. But Monday is when we're signing up the team, and we really need to know."

Representing swimmers at the site visit

with Nelson and her lifeguard son, Skyler Wittman, were Catherine Bond and Rosalind Davis (of the masters' swim group).

Meanwhile, this week, work will take place to connect the new recreation centre to the city's water, sewer and electricity networks on Lansdowne. This requires closure of the street between St. Catherine and de Maisonneuve.

Robbery, cont'd. from p. 1

purse on display, so the owner called her husband on the phone and told him loudly to “come to the front, please,” said Grondin. Perhaps spooked, the suspect left the store and headed next door to the Fournil bakery.

Bakery co-owner Tawn Friedman told the *Independent* that her clerk was alone in the store at the time. Suspicious of the man’s odd behavior, the clerk called to the back of the store, asking for her male colleague (who wasn’t actually there), to come help her up her at the cash, said Friedman. The ruse worked and the suspect left, but the clerk called the Westmount Public Security Unit to report suspicious behaviour, which, according to the police report, included “being more interested in the cash drawer than the pies.”

Grondin said the suspect then walked into Pretty Ballerinas and immediately said, “I’m going to rob your store now.”

Making threatening gestures with his hand in his jacket pocket, he took all the cash and rolls of change from the till. Finding about \$200, he then said, “Where is the rest?” The clerk told him that was all there was, and he left. Willa Leus, co-owner of Pretty Ballerinas, later said most of the store’s transactions are in credit or debit, meaning there is rarely much cash in the till.

A neighbouring store clerk saw the robbery taking place, locked her store and called 911. Requesting that neither her name nor her store’s name be used in the story, she followed the suspect south on

Victoria Ave. with her cellphone to her ear. The man, she said, seemed aware that he was being followed.

“I didn’t want to be one of those people who stood by and did nothing,” said the clerk, noting, after many years in retail, she’s no stranger to hold-ups. “I wasn’t going to tackle him or anything, but at least if I followed him, saw what he looked like and kept track of him until the police got there, I thought I could help. But the police got there a little too late.”

When he got to the Metro station, Grondin said, he hopped in a taxi, pulled a change of clothes out of a cloth grocery bag and switched his garb. When he saw the store clerk eyeing him with her cell phone in hand, he ditched the cab and bolted into the station, disappearing into the rush-hour commuter traffic. From there, authorities lost the scent. Grondin said there have been no arrests.

Criticisms

Friedman said that Westmount’s Public Security never responded to her clerk’s call nor did any security officers show up in the following days to touch base with and comfort the row of stores that were affected by the man’s actions. Friedman and Leus both questioned the slow response of the police and noted that it was finally Station 15 from Montreal’s Southwest borough that showed up at the Metro station. Vendôme Metro is in Station 11’s jurisdiction.

Friedman said her bakery has been broken into several times continued on p. 27

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Westmount Youth Orchestra performs a symphony orchestra "Voyage through time and space: The music of Beethoven, Brahms, Prokofiev and Holst," 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Tickets: adult \$10; free for

children.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

"The DJ who gave too much information," 2 pm at Victoria Hall in the Lodge Room. Tickets: \$12, advance tickets \$10. Refreshments.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

The screening of "**Orchestra of Exiles**," a new documentary by director Josh Aronson," 8 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe. Info: Arlene Scher at 514.937.9474, ext. 169. Free.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Household hazardous waste collection, 9 am to 5 pm at the Westmount Public Library.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

• 2013 Design Montreal Open House in Westmount, noon to 5 pm at **Architem**, 4920 de Maisonneuve Blvd. For all ages. See story, p. 4.

• **Harvey Levinson** discusses "The city of Prague and its Jewish quarter," 12 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Cost: \$5 (includes lunch and lecture). Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

MONDAY, MAY 6

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

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head, a little coat, a dark nose and chin. She is docile and affectionate, an adorable mixture of kitten shyness and moxy.



Tyson

Bella and Tyson were abandoned outside, and it became evident that they had come to rely on food being left for them at the back door of someone who would feed them. So Lina Drasse did what had to be done: she brought them in, had them vet-

ted and sterilized – and has made them ready for a nice new home.



Bella

Let me tell you a bit about them. Bella is a very cute 5-month-old, a white domestic short-hair with black markings in fashionable patterns: a hat on her

Tyson is a bit bigger and older. He is a one-and-a-half year-old grey domestic short-hair with similar markings yet in unique patterns. He is a bit shy but not enough that he minds being cuddled and picked up. He is a curious and intelligent fellow.

Despite their lives outdoors, they have become very healthy.

For more information on Bella and Tyson, contact Lina Drasse at 514.573.2030 or linadrass@hotmail.com.

Happy update: Angelo was adopted into an Ontario family on March 31! ("Lively young Angelo needs younger home," March 26, p. 21).

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Goldbloom, cont'd. from p. 11

transformed relationships between Catholics and Jews," he said.

At a point in the service when there was an "exchange of the peace" and those wearing prayer shawls placed them around the

shoulders of the person standing next to them. Goldbloom and Rabbi Leigh Lerner had placed their shawls around Turcotte's shoulders.

"It's unfortunate that we don't allow photographs during the Yom Kippur service," said Goldbloom, noting that he enjoyed the moment thoroughly.

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Allister organizes weekend away fundraiser for SPCA's Annexe



Jayne Allister

Westmounter Jayne Allister has been organizing a fundraiser to benefit a special branch of the Montreal SPCA, called the Annexe. It provides shelter, food and socializing for large groups of animals brought in from puppy mill seizures, hoarding situations and “special cases” from the SPCA's main shelter.

Allister and other Westmount residents including Julie Brochoka, Arlene Devine, Paula Engels, Darline Rosenhek, Nancy Bloomfield, Reggie Robbins, Marilyn Jones-Gotman and Marcia Roszler are volunteering for the event.

Tickets are \$50 for “Le Weekend,” a weekend at Allister and her husband's country house in Vermont for five people, or three couples, with dinners, wine, yoga, house and garden tours and hiking. Allister said 100 percent of proceeds will go to the Annexe.

The draw is Wednesday, May 1. To purchase a ticket, email leweekend@spca.com and include your telephone number or call 1.888.366.7722. Allister is a volunteer and board member of the SPCA.

Robbery, cont'd. from p. 25

ers being on the premises up to 20 hours a day. She said there is a problem with loiterers causing trouble on the streets and in the alleyway behind her place, but authorities do little to deter this type of behaviour which, ultimately, adds to the unease many merchants and shoppers feel in Victoria village.

Friedman and Leus both said they pay a heavy tax burden to have stores in Westmount. Friedman said taxes are so high, it makes it hard for independent store owners to survive and yet, she added, authorities “do nothing to protect businesses.”

“I was appalled that nobody from Westmount Public Security or the Westmount police station came in to see how everything is going,” said Friedman. “They were very slow and they didn't do any follow-up.”

After interviewing the merchants, the *Independent* called Station 12 back for a chance to respond to the complaints, but the voicemail message was not returned as of press time. Grondin had noted to the

Sweet Pea steals hearts in west end



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JAYME WILMANN

Sweet Pea is a most darling little pittymix. At a smallish size of 43 lbs and only eight months old, this girl has been stealing hearts all over NDG since she was



Sweet Pea

found wandering along Addington Ave. a couple of weeks ago. She is being boarded at the Animal Health Clinic while an employee looks for a home for her.

Well-behaved with children and other dogs, healthy, and pretty-as-a-picture, are you wondering why Sweet Pea is considered an underdog if she is so perfect?

Her only crime is that she has pit bull in her – which puts an immediate red X on her for many who are looking to adopt a dog.

On the surface, it seems crazy that this

happy-go-lucky pup – who will roll over for belly rubs, kiss any stranger and happily adjust her play style to match that of any dog she is interacting with – could be considered unadoptable. Yet pit bulls are considered by many to be dangerous dogs, and this alone greatly reduces her chances of getting adopted.

Many boroughs across Quebec, including Hampstead, St. Laurent, and Lachine outlaw the breed, reducing even more the pool of potential adopters.

Sweet Pea is a silly, bouncy and energetic puppy at times, but she also possesses an unusual softness for a dog her age and is very attentive with people. She wants nothing more than to please and to be loved. (Okay, and to play!)

Sweet Pea would do well in an active family, where she is able to receive lots of love and exercise. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Gauvin at 514.582.1874.

Underdog updates

The Annexe of the SPCA reports that young Sherlock is still looking for a home. (“Imperfection is his beauty,” March 12, p. 19). But Globe-trotting Petey (February 19, p. 19) was adopted at the end of March.

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Independent that she did have in her reports information indicating police did question several store clerks in the area.

Public Security assistant director Greg McBain said his officers were on the scene within one minute of receiving the call. He said officers talked with the worker at the bakery and then went into Pretty Ballerinas to console a store clerk, who was in shock after the robbery, while another officer patrolled the area for the suspect.

He said public security officers are unarmed and while they may intercept a thief if they catch one red-handed, the officers will not go after suspects in a case like this. Armed robberies, he said, are a police matter.

In reviewing the reports, he said his officers followed protocol exactly as trained. As far as people loitering or causing disruptions in Westmount, he said it is a touchy issue. Some merchants and customers actually appreciate the friendly nature of many of the “loiterers.” If there are complaints about loitering, Public Security

will ask the person to move along, but issuing tickets is relatively ineffective because they most often don't pay their fines anyway.

“Luckily for us, nobody was hurt,” said Leus. “It's the first time that it's happened and hopefully it won't happen again.”



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Lawn bowling primer

It's not what you think

BY SHELLEY KERMAN

As a Westmounter, you have probably walked or driven by the Westmount Lawn Bowling greens many times. You have glanced over the hedge, wondering what those people are doing. I lived within a few blocks of Kensington and Sherbrooke all my life and never even enquired about what the game was all about.

As it happens, by way of a friend, I gave it a try last summer and was totally surprised by what I found. The game is interesting, very challenging, fun and social.

Anytime I would tell someone about this newfound interest, and explained the basics of the game, I found a real lack of understanding of what lawn bowling is.

So here are some of the guidelines of the game. The bowl (or ball as you see it) is not round in shape. It is shaped like a bowl and it is weighted on one side, so when it is rolled, it rolls along the line of an arc, not straight. For example, if you are aiming at a target straight ahead of you, you have to roll the bowl to your left or right in order to hit your target. What is really required to bowl accurately is to have good force on the shot, and a good line so the ball comes around and rests near the target.

It is a challenging game requiring focus, concentration and skill. A game lasts for approximately two hours. Being outdoors in the summertime here in Westmount, a minute from your home, is really too good an opportunity to pass up.

The club offers clinics for beginners and ongoing weekly groups to play in while learning the game. Wednesday nights are open all summer long to just come down and roll a few bowls to try it out.

We also enjoy pot luck dinners, BBQ's and a fun coming together of new and dif-

ferent people. The club welcomes people from all over the island and is not restricted to Westmount dwellers.

So please stop by and roll a few bowls and see what this 100-year-old tradition is all about. This game has been around for so long – aren't you just a bit curious?

This bowling green is a little jewel in our neighbourhood that has not been embraced by our community, and it is so

much fun. You will be pleasantly surprised.

At the end of May, we will be holding an open house. The dates are Tuesday, May 27, Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29 from 6 pm to 9 pm, and Saturday, June 1 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Members will be there to welcome you to have your first go at lawn bowling. On Saturday morning, we will be holding a

pancake breakfast. Bring your kids, as there are small bowls for them and there will be kids for them to play with who have some experience themselves.

Please wear closed flat shoes. You can refer to our website at www.bowlswestmount.ca.

Shelley Kerman is a Westmounter, who is new to the sport.

Tree up, tree down



This city tree at York and St .Catherine was cut down by subcontractors on April 15.



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Verge speaks at Study's career day



Lynn Verge was one of The Study's guest speakers at its career day April 10. A Newfoundlander, Verge is executive director of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. She spoke to grades 9, 10 and 11 students about her education and career. She received a law degree from Dalhousie University, having completed her final year at the University of Toronto at the age of 22. In the early 1970s, around 10 percent of graduates were women, she said. Verge went on to become one of the first two female cabinet ministers in Newfoundland and Labrador and its minister of Education. She was leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador, and leader of the opposition from early 1995 until just after the 1996 general election.

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Nézet-Séguin conducts for MMFA benefit



*Social Notes
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On March 16, **Yannick Nézet-Séguin** conducted a benefit concert for the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA). Tickets were \$150.

Nézet-Séguin’s resumé shows his début at New York’s Carnegie Hall with the Philadelphia Orchestra and international tours, including Germany (with the London Philharmonic) and Japan (with the Rotterdam Philharmonic).

In a nice nod to his extraordinary talent, the concert was named “Yannick Nézet-Séguin has *carte blanche*” and featured a selection of works by Brahms, Ravel, Debussy and Schubert.

He also played a four-hand piano piece with award-winning pianist **Jennifer Bourdages** of the Orchestre Métropolitain. The performance was followed by a reception in the Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavilion, where the 300 guests were greeted by

gala co-chairs **France Denis Royer**, elegant in black and tweed and **Michèle Plourde** in a touch-of-spring apricot pink.

Westmounters enjoying the event included **Michel Blouin** and **Louise Vernier Blouin**, chic in a Dino Gasari mink jacket; **Alexandra MacDougall** and **Hubert Colas** with their three sons; **Slim** and **Mary Vanaselja**, lovely in leopard; **Eric Michaud** and **Tania Dupont**, her simple LBD (little black dress) shoulder-adorned with sequined epaulets; and **Jeffrey** and **Suzanne Legge Orr**.

Noted enjoying the Simpléchéic amuse-gueules were patrons **Michal Hornstein** and **Pierre Bourgie**, as well as **Eric Richer La Flèche**, the CEO of Metro stores, proud supporter of his wife Michèle Plourde’s organizing efforts as co-chair.

Thanks went out to partners Scotiabank and Power Corp, and sponsors Bell, Astral Media, BMO Financial Group, Louise Druckman, the Jean Monty Family, Bernard Shapiro, and Louise and Jean-Yves Fortin.

The evening, organized by the volunteer association of the MMFA, raised over \$40,000 to support the museum and its programing.



From left: Michal Hornstein, Louise Vernier Blouin and Michel Blouin.



Tania Dupont, left, and Eric Michaud



Yannick Nézet-Séguin, left, and Jennifer Bourdages



France Denis Royer, left, and Michèle Plourde.

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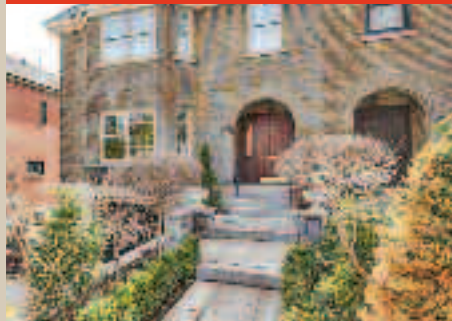
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