

Family Day program May 25 features new street hockey

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Twenty teams were reported to have signed up by the end of last week for the street hockey tournament, which, according to Sports and Recreation officials, is this year's new attraction for Family Day.

While the annual day-long program takes place in Westmount Park, Saturday, May 25, registration for the hockey tournament – for men, women and children – closes Friday, May 17. Food trucks are also being featured.

A fundraiser for the Westmount recreation centre, the tournament is also providing an opportunity for residents to

donate used hockey equipment to the Montreal Canadiens' Bleu Blanc Bouge program.

Another new attraction this year is the participation of the Westmount Youth Orchestra, which will hold a rehearsal session open to the public from 10 am to 1 pm at Victoria Hall.

The program for this year's Family Day includes many of the tried-and-true activities, according to assistant Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

These include inflatable games, races, a climbing wall, the army's aerial runway and boat rides on the lagoon, the petting zoo, pony rides and a tug of war. Carnival-style games will also take place in the afternoon.

Public Security will also be on hand to verify the installation of baby seats in cars and the bike patrollers are planning to check bicycle safety in the morning, according to di-

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Westmount Park School's Suzao receives Tony Licursi bursary



From left: co-scholarship winner of the Tony Licursi Bursaries, grade 6 student Helen Suzao from Westmount Park School; EMSB vice chair Sylvia Lo Bianco; Impact director of soccer operations Matt Jordan; EMSB chair Angela Mancini; and co-scholarship winner Vittorio Dryden from John F. Kennedy High School. For story, see p. 8.

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Three pools emptied illegally

Three swimming pools were found in the process of being emptied illegally within four days, April 23 to 27, Public Security officials report. Under city by-laws, pools must be drained by a hose fitted directly into the sewer.

One incident was noticed April 23 when Public Works reported at 10:26 am that water was overflowing on The Boulevard between Cedar and Mount Pleasant because the hose was not appropriately feeding into the sewer.

The next was discovered April 25 when

reports of a bad odour on Lexington led public safety officers to a house where a compressor was in use for emptying a pool. The hose was short of the sewer by 30 or 40 feet, however. Workers agreed to return the next day with an extension.

Then, two days later, a patroller came across water flowing down Arygle at 12:35 am and traced it to the emptying of a pool on Westmount Ave. The water was running freely into a sewer and no odour was detected. The resident was advised later in the morning about the proper procedure.

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Westmount Art Scene
**Bachinski and Grossmann –
figuratively speaking**

BY HEATHER BLACK

This month, two well-known figurative artists are featured at Westmount galleries. Walter Bachinski’s colourful pastel scenes enliven Han Art, while Angela Grossmann’s painted and pasted portraits dominate Galerie D’Este.

Walter Bachinski at Han Art

Rendering scenes and stories in pastel colours on paper, Bachinski is known for his classic and mythological themes. Adding black to vivid red, blue and green, he combines optimism with drama to create a compelling tension that draws the viewer in.

For the large triptych “Birth of Venus,” Bachinski depicts the goddess with horse and rider on a half shell and with a harp. In the first panel, she is soft and elusive, while in the third, a dark and mysterious siren. The rich red, blue and green of the scenic background creates a unified composition.

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Residents advised not to flush

Summer sewer rehab starts off on Lansdowne, Prince Albert, more to come

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's annual rehabilitation of sewers started last week on Lansdowne May 2 and 3 and was scheduled to take place this week May 6 and 7 on Prince Albert between St. George's Place and Chesterfield.

Other locations to follow also involve the insertion of a liner, according to assistant Public Works director Alain Cazavant. These include sections of Claremont, Aberdeen, St. Catherine, Sherbrooke, Mount Stephen, Clarke and Cedar.

"We are reviewing the process for notices to residents in order to optimize the information," he said. "It will be distributed to all residents being impacted by the work and in a larger perimeter where odours may be detected from closure of the sewer services."

This will involve a city notice five or seven days prior to the start of the work, describing the general work planned and followed by a 24-hour confirmation notice

from the contractor.

Under the supervision of Public Works engineer Cristian Sipos, the work involves about half a day of preparation such as minor repairs, sewer cleaning and preliminary inspection.

This is followed by structural lining work, which takes about one day per section (one intersection to another), including the opening of the sewer services and final inspection at the end of the process.

During this time, usually one traffic lane will remain available, Cazavant explained. Sewer services will be shut down for about 12 hours for the addresses impacted, and there could be a risk of odours from the resin used in the lining process.

During the shut-down period, residents are advised not to use water and toilet facilities, Cazavant said – or, at most, limit flushing to once. The contractor will go door to door with another notice when the service is restored.

There are many advantages to sewer re-

habilitation over replacement, which can take several weeks, he explained. These include the lack of excavation, reduced impact on traffic, quick reinstatement of sewer services, reduced cost, and extension of the service life of the sewer by some 50 years.

Woman assaulted, refuses help

Public safety officers found a woman walking west along St. Catherine just east of the Glen April 16 after receiving a call at 3:21 pm for a woman causing a disturbance at Abbott. She was reported to have calmed down and suffered a "fat lip" from being hit by her boyfriend with whom she continued to talk on her cell phone as officers attempted to help. Public Security officials said she did not want to press charges, would not identify herself and proceeded south on Glen Rd.



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Payments to Pomerleau now \$18.5M

Councillor Patrick Martin was expected to announce at the city council meeting May 6 the city had already paid out \$18,548,850 to the contractor, Pomerleau Inc., by that date.

This is for work completed on the Westmount recreation centre as of the end of February and accounted for on the March cheque register.

It also includes payments of \$576,890 and \$1,694,555 paid in April for work performed to the end of March.

The cumulative total includes taxes, some of which the city recovers as a municipal rebate. The payout does not include the city's 10-percent hold-back that is payable upon successful completion, he said. – LS

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Plant exchange has new hours this year

Market farmers invited to display, sell plants May 16

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

This year it is hoped that for the first time market farmers will provide exhibits and information at the city's perennial plant exchange to be held Thursday, May 16 by the Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC).

"Invitations have been sent out to Ferme Mange Tout, Ferme du Zephyr, Arlington Gardens and Action Communiterre," said Jayme Gerbrandt, city inspector of horticulture and arboriculture.

"We are hopeful some, if not all, will be able to attend and display their goods as well as have vegetable plants for sale," she said.

While the event takes place at last year's outdoor venue in the courtyard in front of the conservatory in Westmount Park, this year's rendition has new times.

People may bring in their plants for exchange (no more than six of any one variety) from 4:30 to 6 pm. They will have a shorter period than usual to exchange their vouchers for other plants from 6 pm to 6:30 pm.

After that time, and until 7:30 pm, anyone may purchase at a cost of \$2 each the remaining plants as well as those grown by the city. Proceeds go to provide for future projects at the greenhouse.

The event does not accept goutweed, annuals, shrubs or house plants, Gerbrandt explained. Plants grown by the city for this year's event include new varieties or colours of echinacea, lavender, alyssum, dianthus, gaillardia and viola.

Compost available Saturday

Free compost will be available to Westmount residents May 11 at the Public Works yard at the foot of Bethune St. starting at 9 am, according to environmental coordinator Marina Peter. Residents should bring a shovel and bags or other containers. There is no fixed cut-off period but it is generally when the supply runs out or at the end of the day. Whatever compost remains after the distribution will also be available along with various gardening and environmental information kiosks at the perennial plant exchange Thursday, May 16.

Two leaf blowers too noisy

Answering a call for noisy leaf blowers April 19 on Upper Roslyn, public safety officers took sound readings from two in use and found both exceeded the maximum allowable limit under the city's noise by-law. The gardeners were told to use a rake instead, which they reportedly did. May 1 ends the spring clean-up period after which leaf blowers are prohibited until the fall.

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Alternatives planned, proposed

Questions, changes arise from later pool opening

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As news began to sink in last week to many concerned residents that the new pool would only be opened for September, it generated many planning decisions for parents, Sports and Recreation officials and swim team organizers alike.

How many student life guards can work once schools resumes? Can the site be secured on weekday afternoons to allow for swimmers? Can morale be maintained in the volunteer-driven Dolphins swim team without a home pool for a second summer? How can the fundraising Aquatics Festival take place without a pool?

“And what I care most about is the kids learning to swim who have no voice,” said Skyler Wittman.

A university student and a Dolphins coach, Wittman, is one of two already hired by the city as an assistant pool manager. The other is Laura Meagher.

In addition, a token number of seven

summer life guards will work at the wading pool in Murray Park and the Melville sprinkler in Westmount Park.

“We’re supposed to be getting the best, newest pool around, and we can’t get it open on time. It’s an embarrassment,” Wittman added.

“It’s troubling,” said Helen Campbell, of the opening news coming so late. She’s chairing the Aquatics Festival fundraiser for the Westmount recreation centre that was supposed take place August 24 with a line-up of Olympic swimmers and other activities.

Campbell is also in charge of the Dolphins parents’ committee comprising some 70 volunteers. She now fears many may drop out learning they’ll have a second entire summer driving back and forth to alternate pool sites for practices.

The team’s registration had already plunged to 71 this year over the 200 two years ago, which Campbell attributes to the uncertainty over opening dates.

But like Wittman, she said, it’s probably young kids and the general population needing the pool to cool off who will be most affected. “What a lot of people forget is that we live in an old community, many of us in older houses and apartment buildings that do not have air conditioning – or backyard pools.”

Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan said that lifeguards could probably be found for weekends in September but the feasibility of opening weekday afternoons after workers on the arena leave for the day had yet to be worked out.

Originally scheduled for delivery May 31 under the city’s design-build contract with Pomerleau Inc., the pool’s delay until August 30 was announced by Mayor Peter Trent April 22 after obtaining confirmation from the contractor (see April 30, p. 3).

Alternate arrangements

While uncertainty pre-
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEEKING A CHOICE IN METERS

I have just read “Explaining Westmount’s smart meters” (April 30, p. 7). I appreciate [city director general] Duncan Campbell’s clarification of “smart meter” terminology for residents who are trying to understand this complex issue.

That said, I still have concerns about Westmount’s radiofrequency-emitting meters.

We are all bombarded by diverse sources of radiofrequency radiation (whether we know it or not) from cell phones, WiFi, cell phone antennas, Wii games, security systems, baby monitors etc. on a daily basis.

Considering that the World Health Organization has classified RF radiation as a possible human carcinogen, it is in everyone’s best interest to reduce their exposure as much as possible. It is also important to remember that children are more vulnerable than adults.

According to a recent *Independent* article (City won’t be exchanging RF meters after all,” April 9, p. 7), the digital meter that Hydro Westmount has been phasing in “is currently available in both RF and non-RF versions.”

Mr. Campbell, will you please allow concerned Westmount residents to choose the non-RF model?

MEGAN DURNFORD, VICTORIA AVE.

2 DIFFERENT METERS EXIST

Further to the column published in the April 30 issue “Explaining Westmount’s smart meters,” (p. 7), Hydro Westmount has two models of Itron’s digital watt-hour meters presently in use.

Its model C1S is a manually read digital meter that does not transmit or receive wireless signals. The model C1SR is a remotely read meter that both transmits and receives wireless signals and is configured on Itron’s mass-produced AMI smart meter platform but is not programmed to perform as a smart meter. When the C1SR meter is remotely read every two months for billing purposes, it receives a paging command to transmit its meter reading to the nearby paging unit held in the hand of Hydro Westmount’s meter-reading person.

Unfortunately, the C1SR meters also “bubble up” every 30 seconds to spontaneously transmit a very low power radio frequency (RF) signal with a duration of less than 0.1 second – and from the viewpoint of Hydro Westmount this is an unnecessary aspect of the AMI smart meter platform that for some unknown reason is not suppressed in the Itron meters delivered to Hydro Westmount. (The bubble-up RF transmissions are a relic carried over into the design of AMI meters from a previous generation of remotely read AMR

Magnolias magnificent



At the end of Surrey Gardens in the shadow of St. Joseph’s Oratory, the magnolias were blooming, May 2.
Photo courtesy of David Asch

meters that could only transmit their meter readings and other information via a collector network but had no capability to receive anything and therefore had to transmit frequently because they could not receive paging commands to transmit only when necessary.)

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

DELAYS ENDEMIC?

I was very disappointed to read of the August 30th pool opening in the April 30 issue of the *Independent* (p. 3).

The Westmount pool is the centre of many people’s summers here in lower Westmount, and it is late to be making any alternate plans. Two years seems an eternity at this point.

I read with interest the reasons for the three-month delay and found that they were not pool-specific (e.g. Bell cable, old water pipe and soil testing). If that is so, can we now expect the ice rinks to be similarly delayed by three months?

Sadly the pessimist in me thinks not.
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Correction

The *Independent* was given incorrect information for a story April 16 (“Greening’ of Vic village revealed at vision meeting,” p.1). It was stated that a previous zoning exemption had been made regarding ceiling height to ensure a grocery store remained at the current site of the Metro store on Sherbrooke. Rather, a zoning change in September 2012 for zone C5-20-04 provided an exemption that would allow for only a grocery store at street level to have a frontage of more than 40 feet, or less than 20 feet, in the event a building were to be altered or rebuilt.

Opinion

Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling responds to the Master Traffic Plan

BY IRWIN EDELSTEIN, AUDREY JUHASZ, TRACEY WINTER, JEFF ROTHER, DON TADDEO, BRIGITTE ST-LAURENT, STEPHEN AND RIMA MAISLIN, AMY BRANDMAN, ALAN GINSBERG AND ELISSA BERNSTEIN

Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) read with interest the Master Traffic Plan and is in full agreement with the opening principle: "The city of Westmount wishes to undertake a global examination of its transportation system to maintain its citizens' quality of life."

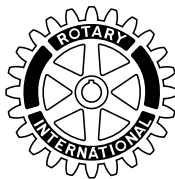
The Genivar report incorporates a significant number of fact-based observations WCSC has made over the years: most of the traffic on the two-way bike path on de Maisonneuve Blvd. is through traffic (70 percent); St. Catherine St. and Sherbrooke St. account for 25 percent of all bicycle commuter traffic and could therefore better be used for active transportation; de

Maisonneuve Blvd. in Westmount is defined as a *local* street, not intended for through traffic, which belongs on *arterial* streets fed by *collector* streets.

There are very few winter cyclists (25 plus) travelling on a sub-standard path (no bollards) depriving the city of income given the high usage of parking in the Westmount Square, Alexis Nihon and Dawson area. Foremost, Genivar confirms the two-way bike path on de Maisonneuve is not standard because it is too narrow and does not have the requisite physical barrier and buffer space separating it from the vehicular lane (see p. 25 of the report).

But then Genivar adds: "That being said, there is a demand for this cycling facility since more than 2,000 cyclists use this path (8 am to 6 pm only). There are more cyclists during this ten-hour period than vehicles during the entire day along most sec- continued on p. 10

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Student Suzao receives bursary at May 1 Impact game

The English Montreal School Board (EMSB) held a special evening at Saputo stadium, which attracted more than 2,600 students and staff, for a May 1 game be-

tween the Montreal Impact and the Toronto FC. During half-time, two EMSB students were presented with \$500 Tony Licursi bursaries. One was Westmount Park school's grade 6 student Helen Suzao. According to an EMSB press release, she "maintained an average of 85 percent or more in all subject areas...and also plays soccer at a high level. She was the team captain of our girls' soccer team in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association soccer tournament." The bursary is awarded to "children who have excelled in school and in sports." For photo, see p. 1.

Terrier mix found

Public safety officers reported taking a brown and white Boston terrier mix to the SPCA April 20 after it was found at St. Sulpice and Ramezay Rd. at 5 pm. It was not wearing an identification tag and no one called looking for it.

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Gas leak on Redfern caused by gas probe

A gas leak on Redfern north of de Maisonneuve April 26 resulted in the evacuation of several homes, shut down electricity and blocked traffic on the street as well on de Maisonneuve at Clarke, Public Security officials said.

Public Security was called to the scene at 11:05 am at the request of the fire department, and they remained until 1:48 pm when the gas line was capped and all was reported back to normal.

While the city's Public Works department was not involved in the leak, said assistant Public Works director Alain Cazavant, "we understand it was done by an employee of Gaz Métropolitain, who was involved in an investigation of the gas line when he put a bar into his own installation."

Police initially blocked the street but were required elsewhere at 11:25 am when Public Security took over. – LS



Looking north on Redfern at the corner of de Maisonneuve, April at 12:30 pm. A bus with the lettering "Aide aux Sinistrés" was seen nearby.

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New city clerk comes to Westmount



Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza, left, Westmount's new director of Legal Services and city clerk, attends a farewell luncheon April 30 for assistant city clerk Nancy Gagnon on her last day with the city after more than 17 years (see February 17, p. 3). Iturriaga Espinoza was to be officially appointed at the May 6 council meeting. She has been working latterly as a lawyer in private practice. Photo: Laureen Sweeney



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Clearing the way for the pool at the arena/pool construction site between 7 and 7:30 am on May 2.

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WCSC opinion, cont'd. from p. 7

tions of de Maisonneuve.”

Wither standards and professional oaths of service for the public good?

WCSC needs to remind Genivar and the city of Westmount that the two-way bike path does not even conform to the minimal National Association of City Transportation Officials, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's standard of eight feet per lane or 2.5 meters for both directions. The average width of the path between Greene and Claremont is 2.38 meters (7.75 feet per direction), with significant narrowing at Olivier, Kitchener, Kensington, Lansdowne, Grosvenor and Prince Albert (7.5 feet per lane). Add to this the lack of a physical separation and buffer space between the two-way path and the vehicular lane to understand the full extent of the safety hazard.

Standards for bike paths are set by national bodies for a reason – foremost, to assure the safety not only of those using a bike path facility but also of those who are transporting and living in its immediate vicinity – namely, pedestrians and automobile drivers and residents.

Genivar's statistics confirm WCSC's statements that de Maisonneuve has been denatured as a “local” street, as has Westmount Park. (We could find no mention of

this problematique in the Genivar report – notwithstanding the recommendation made last spring by the Montreal agglomeration committee – on which our mayor sits – that bike paths and pedestrians in parks don't mix and that cycling traffic should skirt city parks.)

The Genivar report also questions the necessity of traffic signals (lights) on de Maisonneuve at the Victoria, Lansdowne, Metcalfe, Greene and Wood intersections, in the interest of easing traffic flow in accordance with current best practices. The consequences for pedestrian safety and overall quality of life for citizens along the bike path are enormous if this measure is implemented.

Finally, the Master Traffic Plan states that upgrading the bike path on de Maisonneuve is a priority and “A preliminary analysis shows that there are several alternatives available to upgrade this path along de Maisonneuve.”

WCSC requests to be an active partner in helping help find alternatives instead of reacting to a *fait accompli* and to help make sure that the quality of life of all Westmount citizens be equally maintained, indeed, enhanced.

Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) is a lobby group made up of about 15 members living in Westmount. The majority of the signatories of this opinion live on de Maisonneuve.

Station 12 Reports

Merchant steps forward with more info on Vic village robbery suspect

BY ISAAC OLSON

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

A front-page article in the *Independent* about the April 10 hold-up of Pretty Ballerinas jogged the memory of a Westmount-based merchant who has since phoned police with more information about the robbery suspect.

In the meantime, police are piecing together clues in what seems to be a case of serial hold-ups by the same individual around the island, said Station 12's Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The article was published on April 23 and, the Sherbrooke St. merchant called on April 25 to report he too had seen the suspect casing his store earlier in the month, Pimentel said. The constable declined to give the merchant's name to protect him against possible retaliation. The merchant, said Pimentel, was able to give more of a description of the suspect, helping to confirm suspicions that this robber is connected to similar crimes throughout Montreal.

Pimentel said, “We appreciate this merchant taking the time to call us as the information was very helpful to the investigator.”

Pimentel didn't have the exact number of hold-ups this individual is suspected of, he said, but he has raised the suspicions of merchants around the island by his odd way of casing the establishments even when he didn't rob a store, he said.

Follow-up to April 23 Independent article

In response to the *Independent's* April 23 article in which some area merchants claimed there was little to no follow-up from police, Pimentel said, according to his reports and in talking with the officers, there was more than one follow-up. And, he noted, there continues to be an investigation into the matter on a Montreal-wide basis.

When the 911 call came in at 5:14 pm on April 10, Pimentel said Station 12 was busy with an arrest at the exact same time. Neighbouring Station 11 was dealing with a robbery in eastern NDG – working to

verify whether it was the Westmount suspect committing back-to-back crimes.

He said it was Station 15 from the Southwest borough that responded to the call, getting to the Vendôme Metro station, where a store clerk had followed the suspect at 5:19 pm. The suspect, at that point, had made his escape into the throngs of rush hour Metro commuters.

After double checking the area, Pimentel said the police were back at Pretty Ballerinas by 5:37 pm and later spoke with other merchants involved as the suspect was seen visiting area stores before committing the crime, said Pimentel.

Two days later, said Pimentel, a sergeant detective went back and interviewed the witnesses, which included merchants from several stores along Victoria Ave. just south of Sherbrooke St. The investigator, said Pimentel, was collecting more information and looking to see which, if any, stores had surveillance cameras in place.

This suspect is described as having pale skin and looking unclean. He is about 30 years old with short, blondish hair and an unshaven face. He had bad teeth, stands about 1.76 meters and is thin, said Pimentel.

Same pattern

The suspect's pattern seems to always be the same, said Pimentel. He will walk into the store and case the place, looking, perhaps, to see how many people are working because, it seems, he targets stores where only one employee is on duty. He may look in the windows or hang around outside the store, observing the activity inside.

It's these types of behaviours, Pimentel said, that merchants and shoppers alike should be aware of and vigilant about.

“If it looks suspicious, call 911,” said Pimentel, noting he doesn't want people to be alarmed, but, instead, aware of this individual. “Just because we know he has been casing the area, we think it would be wise for merchants to be vigilant.”

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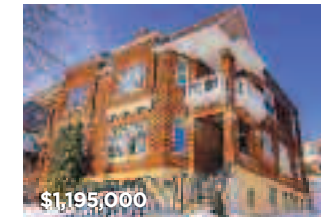
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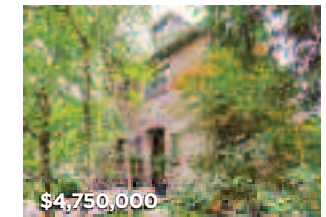
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Photo: Ralph Thompson

Brandt, Saint-Germain compete in dragon boat squad



Photo: Michael Moore

Westmounter Sibylle Brandt, front right, powers through the water at an indoor practice site on May 2 for her breast cancer survivor’s dragon boat team, “Two Abreast.” Founded in 1997 to exemplify hope of active lives to others afflicted with the disease, the 24-member racing squad has competed in dragon boat festivals around the world. “There’s such a positive pressure to be there for each other as a team,” said Brandt, who will join another Westmounter, Mariette Saint-Germain, on the boat. The squad is looking to add another 10 members and is encouraging breast cancer survivors to experience the sport at its Thursday, May 16 info session. For more information, visit twoabreast.ca.

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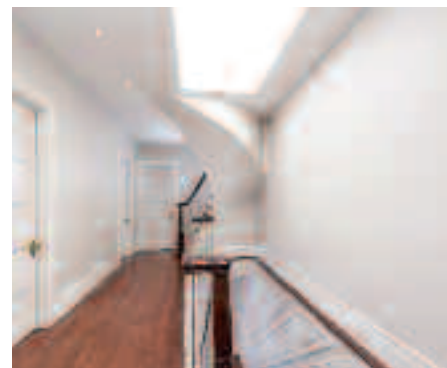
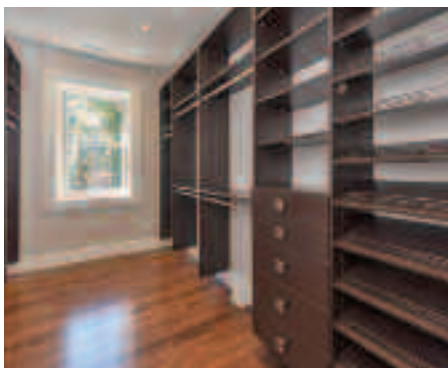
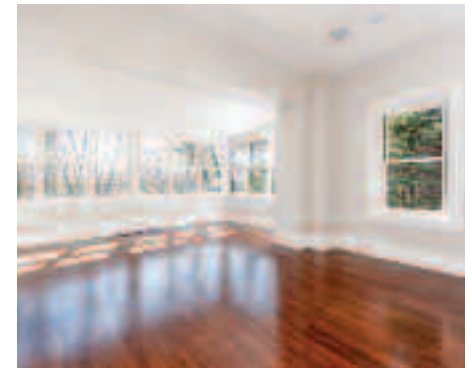
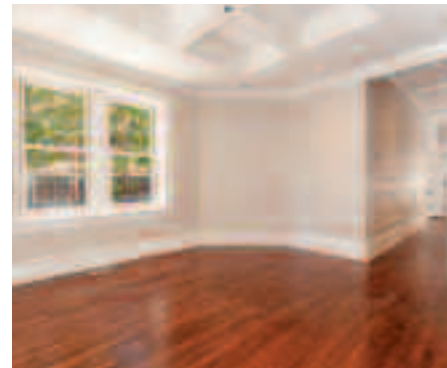
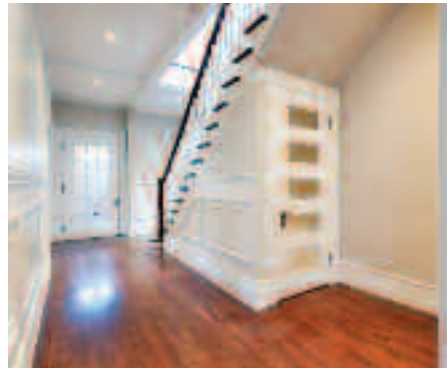


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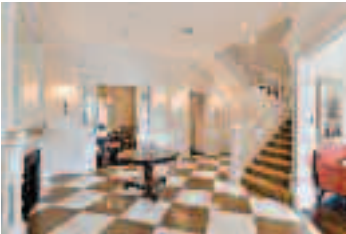
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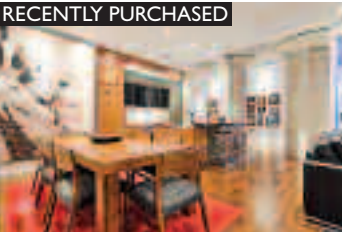
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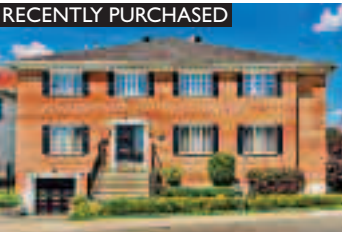
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*Social Notes
from Westmount
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

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Possibly it was the influence of the TV series *Downton Abbey*, but ladies looked, well, lady-like. Skirts were mainly the order of the day. Shoes were tasteful pumps, with one stand-out being a gleaming gold pair worn by Westmounter **Rosemary Niro**.

Honorary co-chairs were **Valeria Rosenbloom**, pretty in pink, and **Diane Guerera**, elegant in ecru hues.

Co-chairs were **Stephanie Hoolahan** and **Rhoda Vineberg**, who co-sponsored the event with Westmounter **Elaine Mintz**.

Vineberg, also a Westmount res and former Westmount city councillor, attended with her husband **Robert Vineberg**.

Colour guru/decorator and committee member **Aurélien Guillory**, wearing a top hat with floppy pink rabbit ears welcomed guests as Alice's white rabbit.

Westmounters noted in the Ritz's beautifully restored Oval Room included **Liliana Simpson** in a vintage beige swakara suit, **Sondra Palangio** in a snazzy *Mad*

Men-style red dress, **Dale Tedeschi**, wearing a Chanel chain necklace, **Joanne Cohen** in a navy jacket with the new-for-spring emphasized shoulders and her signature

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Joelle Vineberg, left, and Fay Gomberg



Rhoda Vineberg, left, and Valeria Rosenbloom.

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Real estate agents gather to fundraise for new rec. centre



From left: Real estate agents Rochelle Cantor, Judy Litvack and Christina Miller; Geoff Molson; and real estate agent Sylvie Lafrenière, and Tim Price.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Approximately 20 Westmount real estate brokers gathered at Victoria Hall April 30 to hear about a Westmount recreation centre fundraising initiative involving them.

“It’s a cross-banner initiative,” said Westmounter Christina Miller, one of the organizers, along with Rochelle Cantor, both of Profusion Realty.

Agents were also present from RE/MAX du Cartier, Sotheby’s International Realty, Sutton Centre-Ouest and Royal LePage Heritage.

Agents who contribute \$1,000 to the centre will be a part of the group and will receive recognition, including being able to participate in an inter-broker tug-of-war on Family Day (Saturday, May 25).

City councillor Tim Price and volunteer project fundraising chair Geoff Molson explained the project, assisted by the city’s professional fundraiser Camilla Leigh. Close to \$5.2 million has been raised against a target of \$6 million, said Molson.

Sutton broker Judy Litvack was enthusiastic about the idea, saying that the public has an incorrect adversarial view of brokers and misses the collaborative aspect of their work, which this endeavour showcases.

Winds affect security hoarding at 215 Redfern

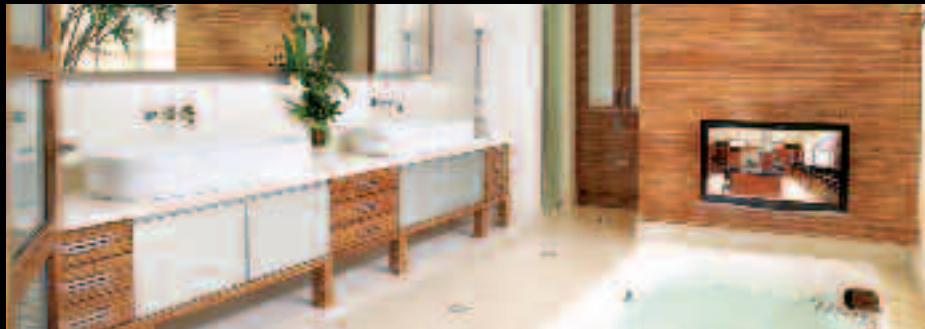
A piece of security hoarding at the 215 Redfern condo work site was found “displaced” the morning of April 20, and other panels were “slightly detached,” Public Security officials said. Strong winds throughout the night before were believed responsible. A phone message was left for the contractor and caution tape was placed around the area.

Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in March were:

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3. Lise Beauchemin with 10,150 points.
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Plan directeur de la circulation : commentaires acceptés jusqu'au 31 mai 2013

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**.

CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT

Schéhérazade - une soirée au Souk

Le vendredi 31 mai au Victoria Hall. Souper et soirée dansante au profit du CLW. 140 \$ pp. Un nombre limité de billets est en vente au Victoria Hall; vous pouvez également acheter vos billets par chèque ou par téléphone au 514 989-5226. Info : wrc2013campaign.com

Campagne pour le centre des loisirs

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SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

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.

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TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Remise de compost gratuit aux résidents

Le samedi 11 mai à compter de 9 h, aux ateliers municipaux, rue Bethune. Apportez un contenant et une pelle. Info : www.westmount.org / 514 989-5390.

Travaux d'aqueduc: Lansdowne/Ste-Catherine

Du 6 au 24 mai. La Ville de Montréal effectuera des travaux sur le réseau d'aqueduc principal à l'intersection Lansdowne et Sainte-Catherine à compter du lundi 6 mai pour une durée de 3 semaines. Les résidents affectés par les travaux recevront un avis par écrit. Consultez le www.westmount.org pour plus de détails.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Les mardis 8 et 22 mai à 10 h 15. Faites preuve de créativité lors de cet atelier où vous pourrez vous exprimer en vers dans une ambiance décontractée. Info : 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 3 juin

Cercle de lecture

Le mardi 14 mai à 10 h 15. Aucune liste de lecture, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus. Info : 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 h : *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.

Conférence : *Holding on to memory: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease*

Le mercredi 15 mai à 19 h. Le Dr Howard Chertkow parlera du diagnostic précoce de la maladie d'Alzheimer et Marva Whyte discutera des effets de la maladie sur l'individu, sa famille et la communauté ainsi que les ressources disponibles. Info: 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 heures : *Richard III: The King in the Car Park and the Play that Made Shakespeare*

Le mercredi 22 mai à 14 h. George Wall discutera de dernier roi d'Angleterre de la maison de York. 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.

Série concerts du dimanche au Victoria Hall

Le dimanche 12 mai à 14 h 30. Musique classique et plus par l'ensemble **Dolce Musica** de l'Orchestre des jeunes de Westmount. 12 \$, 10 \$ en pré-vente. Avec rafraîchissements. 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.

Échange de plantes vivaces

Le jeudi 16 mai de 16 h 30 à 20 h. au Conservatoire de Westmount. Apportez vos vivaces et obtenez des coupons que vous pourrez échanger contre d'autres plantes de votre choix. Échange à compter de 18 h; vente de plantes à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5213.

Série concerts du dimanche au Victoria Hall

Le dimanche 26 mai à 14 h 30 à la galerie du Victoria Hall. Éric Lemieux, guitare classique. 12 \$, 10 \$ en pré-vente. Avec rafraîchissements. Info : 514 989-5226.

CITY HALL

Traffic Master Plan: deadline for comments extended to May 31, 2013

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**.

WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

Scheherazade - une soirée au Souk

Friday, May 31 at Victoria Hall. Wining, dining and dancing in support of the WRC. \$140 pp. A limited number of tickets are on sale now at Victoria Hall. You can also purchase your tickets by cheque or by phone at 514 989-5226. Info: wrc2013campaign.com.

WRC Community Campaign

Sign up now to participate in the Street Hockey Tournament, the Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament and the Aquatics Festival. Visit the campaign website at wrc2013campaign.com.

PUBLIC SECURITY

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.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Free compost for residents

Saturday, May 11 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Municipal Yard, Bethune Street. Bring a container and a shovel. Info: www.westmount.org / 514 989-5390.

Water Main Work: Lansdowne/Ste-Catherine

From May 6 to May 24. The City of Montreal will carry out work on the water network at the intersection of Lansdowne and Ste-Catherine as of Monday, May 6 for a period of three weeks. Residents affected by the work will receive a written notice. For more details, consult www.westmount.org.

LIBRARY

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, May 8 and 22 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, May 14 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, June 3

2 O'Clock Series: *From Africa to You*

Wednesday, May 15 at 2 p.m. Join Frédéric Galantai for an illustrated presentation of his unique trip to Africa. Info: 514 989-5299.

Holding on to memory: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Dr. Howard Chertkow will speak on early detection of Alzheimer's disease and Marva Whyte will discuss the effects of the disease on the person, their family and the community, as well as the resources available. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series: *Richard III: The King in the Car Park and the Play that Made Shakespeare*

Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Join George Wall for a presentation on Richard III, the last King of the House of York. Info: 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery: exhibition

April 25 to May 17: Works by Mary Martha Guy. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Sunday Concert Series at Victoria Hall

Sunday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. Classical music and more by the Westmount Youth Orchestra's **Dolce Musica** Ensemble. \$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.

Perennial Plant Exchange

Thursday, May 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Westmount Conservatory. Bring perennials from your garden and obtain coupons that can be exchanged for other plants. The exchange begins at 6 p.m. and plants will be available for sale at 7 p.m. Info : 514 989-5213.

Sunday Concert Series at Victoria Hall

Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Éric Lemieux, classical guitar. \$12, \$10 in advance. Refreshments served. Info : 514 989-5226.



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Bell launches book on surviving WWII



Westmounter Dana Bell's new book, *Danusia*, was launched at a private reception at the Cummings Centre on April 29. The book documents her survival as a child during World War II. Bell said she will be donating proceeds from book sales to the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre on Côte St. Catherine in Montreal, and the Yad Vashem – Holocaust History Museum in Israel.

Photo: Veronica Redgrave

Dascal appointed Infectious Diseases chief at Jewish General

Westmount resident Dr. Andre Dascal has been appointed chief of the division of infectious diseases at the Jewish General Hospital, where he began his career 27 years ago. He is already the chief of the hospital's clinical microbiology division.

He also teaches at McGill University and is the infectious diseases and microbiology consultant to the department of Public Health of the Montreal Health and Social Services Agency.

Dascal's current research interests are in the fields of *C. difficile*, diagnostic molecular microbiology, and preparedness for natural or criminally introduced infectious disease outbreaks.

Pool opening, cont'd. from p. 5

opening date, the city had already extended its contract until "the end of summer" with the Westmount Y, Deegan said. This provides residents with some swim time for laps and aquafit as outlined in the spring and summer recreation brochure and on the city website.

To be prepared for the worst-case scenario, the Dolphins booked practice time for the entire summer at the Ben Weider pool at the Snowdon Y as well as the pool at Parc Jean Drapeau. But the split locations involve a lot of travel, Campbell noted.

And now, the co-assistant pool managers, Wittman and Meagher, are working on a summer program under the name of Lifeguards Without H₂O, something originally proposed in March as a Plan B they could run for a month or so if the pool were to be delayed, he said.

Among some of the plans they have in mind are water-cooling games for kids, movie nights in the park, "terrafit" exercise classes for seniors and leadership training for teens aspiring to become lifeguards or coaches.

Social Notes, cont'd. from p. 16

triple pearl choker, Penny Rudnikoff, Linda Smith, Odette Basmaji, Meredith Webster, Nan Lassner and her daughter-in-law Karyn Lassner, and Clarence Epstein.

Other guests included former Westmounter J.J. Jacobs in a short white Chanel jacket, Olga Shevchenko, Rona and Robert Davis, Naomi Bissell, Rachel Cobrin, Constance Pathy, Susan and Michael Stern, Eliane and William Gerstein, Susan and Jonathan Wener, Lillian Vineberg, Frances Kessner, Marla

Arnovitz, Eve Beauchamp, Judy Kaback and Miriam Foundation executive director Warren Greenstone.

But no matter how elegant the ladies looked, the scene stealers were two lovely little girls: Joelle Vineberg and Fay Gomborg, who sat quietly stringing bead necklaces.

The major sponsor was David's Tea, and valet parking, so pivotal for a downtown event, was carried out by the keen team of Bob Perras.

The Next Miriam Foundation event is an art auction on Thursday, June 6 at the Sofitel.



Warren Greenstone, left, and Aurélien Guillory.



Nan Lassner, left, and Karyn Lassner.



Lillian Simpson, left, and Sondra Palangio.

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Family Day, cont'd. from p. 1

rector David Sedgwick.

Police from the cavalry unit will have two horses at the site from 10 to 11 am, said Station 12 lieutenant Jacques Meunier.

Appeal for women hockey players

The street hockey tournament at Family Day is a timely opportunity for female hockey players to show their interest in securing more ice time at the new arena in the fall, according to one of the tournament organizers.

In an appeal to players, Ingrid Kovitch Dannenbaum said the two new full-rinks will allow for expansion of women's hockey and "marks an exciting time new time in Westmount hockey."

Organized as a fundraiser for the Westmount recreation centre, the tournament will be divided into boys, men (aged 15 and older), girls and women (all ages) and family and friends (co-ed).

Registration by Friday, May 17 is online at www.wrc2013campaign.com.

Along with Kovitch Dannenbaum on the organizing committee are Karen Anderson, Michael Osterland and Sports and Rec. employee Bruce Stacey.

Girl Rising film screened at ECS



ECS school head Katherine Nikidis addresses a crowd of more than 125 students and parents in the gymnasium on April 25 prior to the screening of *Girl Rising*, a new documentary telling the stories of nine girls from different parts of the world, who face a variety of what is described as institutionalized injustices, including child slavery and arranged marriages. According to 10X10, a global action campaign for girls' education, ECS's screening was the first in Montreal. It was the only public event of ECS's *Girl Rising Week*, which ran from April 22 to 26.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

• **Westmount Municipal Association** annual general meeting, 7 pm refreshments, meeting 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Guest speaker: Dinu Bumburu with Heritage Montreal.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

• **The Montreal Storytellers' Guild** to hold its monthly storytelling event, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Coffee/tea and cookies. Free, open to all.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Dramatis Personae's production of *Nude With Violin*, directed by Jacqueline van de Geer, starts today. Other dates include Saturday, May 11 and Monday, May 13 at 8 pm. Matinées at 2 pm on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. Pay what you can but suggested donation \$10. Reserve: 514.484.2016. Info: www.theatrewestmount.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

• **City compost distribution** for residents, 9 am at the Westmount Public Works yard on Bethune St.
• **Westmount High's carwash** fundraiser, 9

am to 4 pm at the Esso station on Sherbrooke and Grosvenor.

• **St. Margaret's** residence garage and rummage sale, 9 am to 3 pm at 50 Hillside.

• **St. Matthias Church** spring rummage sale, 10 am to 1 pm in the lower hall. Info: 514.933.4295.

• **Centre Greene's arts and crafts for kids**, 10 am to 12 pm, 1090 Greene Ave. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in fee per child. Info: 514.931.6202.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Dolce Musica Ensemble of the Westmount Youth Orchestra, 2:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$12/advance tickets \$10. Refreshments served. Info: 514.989.5226.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

"Building Greener and Healthier School Grounds" with Lauren Pochereva and Jonah Neumark of **Action Communiterre**, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for guests. Info: 514.932.9349.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Samples for inclusion in the annual **Westmount Artisans' Festival** can be brought to

the jury May 15, 2 to 6 pm. Pick-up is Thursday, May 16, 4 to 7 pm. The show is November 9 and 10. Info: westmount-artisansfestival@yahoo.ca

THURSDAY, MAY 16

The city of Westmount's **perennial plant exchange** at the Westmount Conservatory, 4:30 to 8 pm. See p. 4.

Leja memorial planned for May 17

A brief city memorial ceremony will take place Friday, May 17 at 4:30 pm at the plaque that commemorates the late Sergeant-Major Walter Leja for the role he played in dismantling a bomb in a mail box May 17, 1963. It is located at the northwest corner of Westmount Ave and Roslyn in front of the school.

Mayor Peter Trent will lay a wreath at the plaque in memory of Leja, who was critically injured when the bomb, planted by the Front de Libération Québécois (FLQ), exploded in his hands 50 years ago.

A personal view It should be better



BY AMANDA NICOL,
STUDENT GUEST
COLUMNIST

The following essay which was one of six to win the Barreau de Montréal's 2013 edition of its "Concours La justice a bonne mine."

Swishhh. The subway car sped past me as I stood on the platform, a gust blowing my hair in a flurry. I can smell the musty air as if it was yesterday.

To my left, a group of teenage boys walked past a homeless man. "Spare some change?" he inquired in a dejected tone. The teenagers look at him in a disgusted manner. Suddenly, one of the boys spat on the ground in front of the man. "Here you go," he replied. All of the boys burst out laughing. From a few meters away, I watched in horror, wishing that my mom would let go of my hand so I could go hug the man. I felt hopeless as I watched an adult being bullied for the first time. I realized at that moment that bullying must be present at every stage in life.

A lie

Telling children "it gets better" is a lie and an excuse for not dealing directly with the issue at hand. To eradicate bullying at every stage in life, we must start with the adults of the future – the children. There are two key groups of people in the intimidation equation who are rarely recognized, but must be trained. They are the bystanders and the adults. In order to get rid of this epidemic, we must create change now.

In the vast majority of cases, bullies enjoy having an audience. According to Health and Human Development, bystanders are present in about 88 percent of bullying situations. If spectators are indifferent or encourage the bully, he or she feels empowered and ridicules the victim further and further. However, according to Wendy Craig (York University) and Debra Pepler (Queen's University) bullying ceases in 10 seconds or less in more than half the cases when a bystander intervenes. Imagine: that could lead to 57 percent less fear, 57 percent fewer suicides and 57 percent more happiness among potential victims.

Bystanders have the choice to instigate, participate, encourage or inactively agree while witnessing intimidation. In order

for this to be a successful strategy, bystanders must learn how to react when they witness these horrible acts. In order to accomplish this task, the governments of each province can implement mandatory "training sessions" with certified specialists into the senior, elementary and pre-school core curriculums. Potential witnesses of bullying should be taught three useful skills. These are to recognize intimidation, to learn how to be affirmative and to know when to seek help. Bystanders have the power to make all of the difference in bullying situations by either contributing to the solution or the issue.

Role of teachers

The role of teachers and parents is often ignored when it comes to bullying. However, they must be educated about their role in this situation. First, adults must be open to discussions with children. Parents should be urged to talk to their children daily about their life at school, while teachers should make sure that students are aware that they are there for support. Moreover, adults set the example for children who surround them. This task can be as simple as adults treating their cohorts with respect. Finally, it should be mandatory that specialists be brought into schools to educate adults about becoming a supportive force. Parent meetings should be held at schools while principals ought to hold bi-weekly meetings for teachers and staff.

In conclusion, preventative measures must be taken at the earliest stage in life in order to prevent children from receiving the "it gets better" speech. Every child should feel that "it is better." In order to achieve this goal, measures must be taken in schools to educate children about being useful bystanders and adults must be instructed about their roles as well.

Had the teenage bullies I observed so long ago been educated about the consequences of their behaviour, they may have left that unfortunate man in peace even if the desire to harass him had still been present. The ancient Greeks recognized that it is not our intentions that are significant, but our actions. Let us teach one another how to act, how to address and how to respect each other. If this problem is to be solved, we must take action now.

Amanda Nicol is a grade 11 student at The Study. She has recently become involved with the organization Half the Sky.

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MUHC not giving up hope about second tunnel

By ISAAC OLSON

The McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), in partnership with transportation agencies, is finishing up a feasibility study on what would be a second tunnelled entrance connecting the hospital-owned 5100 de Maisonneuve Blvd., the



Westmounter Maureen Kiely asks about the possibility of building a tunnel given the tight space.

Vendôme Metro station and the medical facility.

The study explores the project from all angles – such as safety, cost or construction timelines – and will reportedly be completed sometime this month despite indications on a political level that the province will likely not support the \$70-million project.

Regardless, hospital officials are not giving up hope, said Pierre Major, the MUHC’s associate director of facilities development and construction. The project, which would run underneath the train tracks and connect directly to the hospital, would be a second option for commuters to the current pedestrian tunnel running under the train tracks, which is being extended to the hospital grounds.

Critics say that one tunnel, even when coupled with the Decarie Blvd. access, just won’t be enough to handle the swarm of daily commuters and that it will cause congestion in the Metro station.

“We know the station is at ca-

capacity and we’re not even here yet,” Major told the *Independent* after the April 30 Good Neighbourly Relations meeting. “Something needs to happen.”

During the meeting, Westmount resident Roger Jochym asked Major when the target completion of the tunnel would be given the hospital’s completion deadline of September 2014. Jochym represented the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.

“I cannot give you a precise answer,” replied Major. “You have to understand it’s a complex operation. The train operation and Metro operation has to be done in phasing, so the result of this feasibility study will tell us about the method of construction and educate us in terms of the timeline.”

Regardless, he noted, funding has to be available in order to realize this project. There will be modifications to the train station, Major added, to help deal with what will likely be thousands of daily commuters headed to the hospital.

When asked by Jochym who the MUHC is negotiating with on a provincial level, Major said Quebec’s Ministry of Transportation is participating because it involves a bus, Metro and train station.

Westmounter Maureen Kiely asked Major if it is even possible to build this proposed tunnel given the tight space, to which Major confirmed the feasibility study has so far found the project is possible.

Cyclist collides with car

A westbound cyclist on de Maisonneuve was taken to hospital April 17 after hitting the rear bumper of a turning car at the southeast corner of Clarke, Public Security officials report. The accident occurred at about 6:47 pm. She was reported to have injured her right elbow and upper leg and was shaken by the impact.

A public safety officer answering the call from someone at the scene attended to the woman until the arrival of the fire department’s first responders, police and Urgences Santé. The victim was transported to the Royal Victoria Hospital and her bicycle was picked up by her boyfriend.

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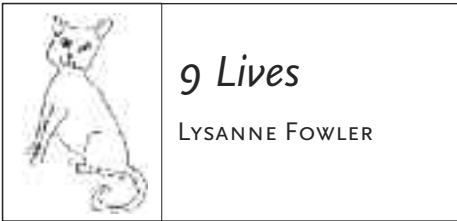
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9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Big Billy was found wandering the streets on the South Shore. He was probably dumped after years in the same family and just didn't know what to do, where to

go, when he would eat next.

He was taken in as a rescue and, from the start, he made friends with his great looks and cuddly purring ways. Because of his good nature and his sturdy size, he really wouldn't lead you to believe that he could be 12 years old. Being big and solid is a sign of good health, even for a senior cat.

Billy has been fully vetted, he is vaccinated and neutered as well.

He is ready to be part of a household again, keeping family members company and ensuring that he gets a very good share of attention.

He is quite fearful of dogs though, probably from his time surviving on his own on the streets, so it would be best if he could be in a dog-free family (with his size he could pass for a small lap dog himself!).

If you would like more information on

Billy, please page Gerdy's Rescues and Adoption at 514.203.9180 or email info@gerdysrescue.org.

9 Lives updates

Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions says Black Tip has been adopted. ("Black Tip a playful youngster," February 5, p. 19. He had tested positive for feline HIV, but the adopter took him and another HIV-positive cat in together.

Also, Bella and Tyson, the two cats found outside ("Cats rescued from outdoors," April 23, p. 26) were adopted to-



Billy

Vandals strike Vic village

Flower pots and mailboxes on Sherbrooke in Victoria village were found to have been pushed over April 16 by a Public Security patroller at 4:20 am, officials report. All were set upright. The two mailboxes were located at Victoria and Grosvenor. A pole from a bus stop outside 339 Victoria was subsequently found on the bike path. There were no known witnesses.

Art Scene, cont'd. from p. 2



Angela Grossmann "Puppet Boy."

For "Mother and Child," Bachinski juxtaposes a subdued madonna with a red-haired child staring at the viewer. The contrast between the two poses – and the averted and direct gaze – reminds the viewer of the freedom and vitality of childhood.

Harlequin, the agile jester dressed in a patchwork tunic, is also a favourite subject for the artist. In "Harlequin, Acrobat and Horse," the jester stands near a magnificent horse and an agile young man. Painted against a red background, the awkwardly posed Harlequin – perhaps a hapless suitor – looks back at a vase of flowers.

Always interesting, Bachinski's themes are symbolic and universal. The exhibit entitled "Approaching Classicism" runs until Sunday, May 12 at Han Art.

Angela Grossmann at Galerie d'Este

Known for her subdued palette, this exhibit brings colour to Angela Grossmann's artfully composed figures. "Blue Hair" is painted in monochromatic blue on vintage paper. In this work, the striped pattern of the woman's dress creates interest.

Another, "Girl with Yellow Hair," is painted on vintage piano scroll. Depicting a young woman in profile, the red outline of her head merges into a multi-coloured form.

But Grossmann is perhaps best known for her collages of overlapping photos. This portrait technique relates the individual's appearance, character and personality to societal norms. "Puppet Boy" is a complex but muted composition of a young man and his dog. Composed with photographs from many sources, a 1935 Berlin bill of sale pasted in the lower left adds a historic reference. Evoking images of pre-war Germany, the ambiguity of the subject's past and future creates a complex narrative.

By combining societal elements with the psychological, Grossmann offers compelling imagery. The exhibit "Ghosts and Dolls" continues until Sunday, May 12 at Galerie D'Este.

The vitality of figurative art

These two exhibits reveal how figurative art exposes and reflects our humanity. Whether artists like Bachinski portray mythological or psychological roles, or those like Grossman convey societal or historical influences, this month, the art form is alive and well in Westmount.

gether, said rescuer Lina Drasse.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

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Senior Bailey still game



The Underdog Club

JAYME WILMANN

Bailey is a happy, well-behaved and affectionate 15-pound mini schnauzer whose owner has become too ill to care for her. With lots of spring still left in her step, this pretty 11-year-old girl’s youthful appearance and *joie de vivre* belie her senior status.

Despite her age, Bailey effervescently bounds up the stairs and has energy to spare after her beloved walks.

She is housebroken, hypoallergenic, quiet and crate-trained, only letting out the occasional “woof” to let you know she is there. Bailey has been described as “very social” and co-exists well with cats, other dogs and people.

But as this column commits itself to the underdog qualities, we must mention that this older gal is a little overweight and whose overall health will benefit from a family who takes her for lots of on-leash walks.

Although Bailey would do well in al-



Bailey

most any environment that includes lots of love, exercise and affection, like most all dogs, she prefers to have some company during the day. (When her foster mom is on the computer, she often cuddles up and sleeps next to her.)

Bailey is on a special vet food for allergies and would need her new family to keep her on her diet.

If you are interested in this little schnauzer senior, please contact Gerdy’s Rescue and Adoptions at 514.203.9180.

Update on Sweet Pea

Sweet Pea (“Sweet Pea steals hearts in west end,” April 23, p. 27), now named Didi has been adopted! A local musician (Trigger Effect) was screening a new video and spotted Sweet Pea being walked down Sherbrooke St. From the moment he saw her, he knew it was love at first sight.

He quickly took a photo of Sweet Pea to send to his girlfriend and the rest is history. The owners names are Sergio and Kristen, and they live in NDG.



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Getting rid of graffiti



Graffiti removal technician Martin Satel used a high-pressure sprayer April 23 to remove graffiti from the Glen railroad overpass as part of the city’s annual spring graffiti removal.

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Westmounters celebrate special Koninginnedag



From left: Helen Rainville and Henry Olders, and The Netherlands' honorary consul general in Montreal, Michael Polak, and Constance Pathy.

Photo: Westmount Independent

April 30 was the Dutch holiday of Koninginnedag (Queen's Day) and Westmounters were among those present at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to celebrate the event, led by The Netherlands' honorary consul general in Montreal, Westmounter Michael Polak.

It was a special version this year be-

cause Queen Beatrix abdicated in favour of her son, Willem-Alexander.

The holiday observes the monarch's birthday, with the date being the actual birthday of Queen Beatrix's mother, Queen Juliana. Because King Willem-Alexander's birthday, April 27, is so close to the longtime date, Koningsdag (King's

Day) will generally be observed on his actual birthday. He is the first Dutch king since 1890, but, as Polak observed during his toast, his three young daughters make it unlikely anyone present will see another Dutch king "unless you live for a very long time."

Heavy winds April 25 create disruptions

Heavy winds April 25 were believed to have brought down a large section of tree at 4160 Dorchester that fell across the east-bound lane just before 12:45 am blocking traffic in both directions, according to public safety officers. No injuries or damage were reported. The tree, located on private property, was described as rotten inside. The debris was pushed aside by officers and a Public Works loader until the portion of the tree still standing could be evaluated the next morning. The matter has been referred to Urban Planning.

At 5:35 am, a ceramic section of roof flashing was also found to have blown off the Seventh-day Adventists' church at Victoria and Westmount Ave.

Later at 11:45 am, two dogs escaped from a house on Prospect when the wind blew a door open. They were found in Stayner Park wearing their licence tags.

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Wendling siblings talk to Selwyn about rare condition

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

The young Wendling siblings from On-

tario gave a talk to Selwyn House on April 18 explaining a rare syndrome called Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, which affects



Ten-year-old Tommy Wendling, right, and his sister, 12-year-old Melanie, show off their two pet rats that were part of a talk put on in the auditorium at Selwyn House April 18.

Melanie. She has hearing, vision and eating problems, as well as speech delays.

At the age of 7, Tommy, Melanie's brother, and his mother wrote and published a book called *Melanie and Tommy have Two Pet Rats and One Syndrome*, after he witnessed his sister being teased due to the effects the syndrome has on her.

It is a book about a boy, a girl, a villain, a car crash and a rat that saves the day, and is the basis for their talks at teaching institutions and foundations.

Both Tommy, Melanie, and their rats, gave their 30-minute presentation together at a desk set up on the auditorium stage to a cheering group of 200 students. The presentation included a reading from the book, a video on a race between the two rats going through an obstacle course and a 10-minute question period.

In 2012, Tommy Wendling received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award for his work in spreading awareness of the syndrome.

St. Andrew's holds annual fundraiser



The annual fundraiser for St. Andrew's Early Childhood Centre took place at the school April 12. It was organized by volunteer and parent Kim Darlington (in red sweater on the stage), who joined the band Big City Outlaws for a number. Some 80 people were at the event, which included live music, silent auction, a door prize, and food and drinks.

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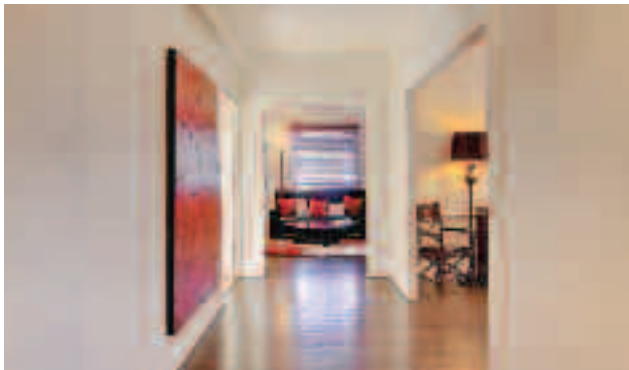
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