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Edgehill back-up generator sounds like 'helicopter' Manhole fire on Summit Cresc. cuts power to 118 homes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A small fire in a manhole April 15 outside 100 Summit Crescent tripped a Hydro Westmount circuit, plunging 118 houses into darkness at 10 pm. It generated "a lot of smoke," officials said.

While witnesses reported the incident to Public Security, stating the manhole cover had popped up and down about four times, there had been no explosion, explained Hydro Westmount's Benoit Hurtubise.

The fire was likely caused by water infiltration in a connection between cables that eventually caused a short circuit,

"most likely because of freeze-thaw temperature cycles," Hurtubise said. This was similar to the cause of a blackout April 9 (see story April 22, p. 6).

Firefighters, arriving minutes after public safety officers, responded with four trucks and called in the fire department bus for evacuation if required. They stood by until the arrival of Hydro crews just after midnight, though there was little firefighters could do concerning the underground electrical network.

One house on Summit Cresc. was evacuated but officers drove the residents to a downtown hotel, said Public Security director *continued on p. 10*

Contactivity launches walking group




Contactivity Centre community outreach worker Karen Evoy, left, briefs members of the centre's new walking group on April 24 before they set off on a trek through Westmount. See story p. 10. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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Residents should open windows less than 4": Public Security Citizens, PSO seek help for dog tumbling from upper window

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A small dog jumped or fell from an upper window of a house on Metcalfe near de Maisonneuve Saturday, April 19, Public Security officials said. Called to the scene at 4:44 pm, public safety officers found it lying on the grass surrounded by four people.

It was reported lying on its side, appearing to be "a little delirious" and in shock. Planning to transport it to the Westmount Animal Hospital, officers managed

to place it on a blanket that was carried to the patrol vehicle, where the dog calmed down.

In the meantime, the owner was contacted and sent his brother to drive "Oscar," an 11-year-old brown doodle, to a clinic. His condition was not known.

"This is a good time to remind parents that thousands of children are reported to be injured in window-related accidents each year," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

It is recommended, he *continued on p. 16*

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Signs of spring



The bollards for the de Maisonneuve bike path were up on April 24. This view is from Prince Albert Ave. looking east.

Photos: Independent.



The Bixi stand on Victoria south of de Maisonneuve was up (but already almost empty) around 9 am on April 28.

Dog owner fails to get licence after 14 days

A ticket for \$76 was issued April 17 to a dog owner on Lansdowne Ave. after a check of city records determined he had

still not complied with a warning April 1 to obtain a dog licence,

Public Security officials said.

Skateboarders generate noise complaint

Two skateboarders in a lane near 423 Elm were asked to leave the area April 21, Public Security officials said.

The youths were informed their activity had generated a noise complaint at 6:20 pm and the pair departed.

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Trent hails Couillard's selection of new ministers

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

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week of two specific cabinet ministers dealing with Montreal was hailed by Mayor Peter Trent as good news for Montreal and Westmount.

Pierre Moreau, the new Municipal Affairs minister, is no stranger to Trent. He dealt with him when Moreau was in private practice as a partner with the law firm of Bélanger Sauvé hired by the city to help work on strategy regarding the fight against forced merger.

In those days, Moreau specialized in municipal and administrative law. "He was on the same side," Trent explained.

Moreau, in combination with Denis Coderre as mayor of Montreal, leads Trent to believe that "it's going to be four years of real progress for Montreal and especially Westmount."

While Trent said he does not know Robert Poëti, the new minister responsible for Montreal, "the fact he is both Transport minister and minister for metropolitan Montreal bodes well for solving all sorts of thorny matters such as the Champlain bridge, Turcot, the Westmount sound barrier, public-transit funding and so on."

Unruly party dispersed on Sunnyside

A party of 40-50 teens "spilling out of a house" on Lexington April 19 was dispersed with assistance from police who happened to be on another call in the area, Public Security officials said. Officers had been alerted to the "large unruly group" by Public Works at 10:50 pm.

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City to 'insist' on photo radar, improve streets

Council goals aimed to update, protect Westmount as 'livable city'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Five goals set recently by city council for the next three years were announced last week by Mayor Peter Trent (see story below). A priority will be implementation of the Traffic Master Plan completed last year.

The other goals are to complete the updating of the city's master urban plan, to develop a schedule for improving the quality of streets, parks and other infrastructure, to increase the autonomy of Hydro Westmount and to improve communications internally as well as with citizens.

Listed within these goals, however, lie some intriguing details for means of achieving them. There's a reference to "insisting" on photo radar, for example, and creating a plan for the potential re-use of

houses of worship.

On tap is also establishing minimum standards for the city's infrastructure and the updating of streets and sidewalks.

"What has always distinguished Westmount from most other municipalities is that we do have unique conditions and heritage to preserve as well a strong sense of community, Trent said.

With this in mind, the goals aim to ensure Westmount remains "a livable city, whether in a fiscal, physical, architectural, environmental or social context," he explained.

They were developed by council members at a retreat March 24 and fine-tuned April 22 based on financial and staffing constraints, concerns raised before and during the municipal election in November and what was "on the mind of coun-

cillors," he said.

"People should also keep in mind that these goals are only a part of the puzzle,"

he said. There are important regional issues as well that will affect Westmount (see separate story p. 4).

Five goals developed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What's ahead for Westmount during this council's term of office has been outlined in its five goals summarized as follows.

Traffic

According to an outline of this goal, among the first elements of implementing the Traffic Master Plan are the introduction of traffic-calming devices, the rationalization of speed zones and elimination of outdated traffic-control measures.

A special emphasis is to be placed on reducing disruption from the Turcot project, improving the pedestrian "experience," upgrading and expanding the bike path network starting with de Maison-neuve, modernizing parking meters and "insisting" on the installation of photo-radar units in Westmount.

Urban Planning

This goal to complete the updating of the city's urban plan would include measures to ensure conservation of the city's built heritage including the protection of interiors and potential re-use of houses of worship. The city would also continue to implement "specific zoning measures requiring immediate attention."

Infrastructure and Parks

This priority calls for completing an inventory of the condition of city roads, sidewalks, parks, public buildings, Hydro Westmount equipment, other infrastruc-

ture assets and to establish minimum standards to be met along with a timetable for meeting them.

Hydro Westmount

As part of a previously announced aim to restructure the city's electrical utility as a more autonomous entity, the council plans to hire a consultant to study various models as "a necessary step" to rendering Hydro Westmount more efficient, sustainable and responsive to customer needs, and to open up new methods of financing and updating services.

Communications

This subject is to be addressed by the creation of an *ad hoc* communications committee of councillors Philip Cutler, Rosalind Davis and Christina Smith to oversee the preparation and implementation of a communications plan.

Its objective is to follow through with the redesign the city's website, improve internal communications and upgrade communication with citizens including the implementation of CodeRED.

This emergency messaging service is already set to launch May 1 (see story April 15, p.1).

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SEEING RED ON CODERED

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Guess what: I already get that info from Westmount regularly by email, *for free*. Like last year when there was a boil-water advisory. I was kept informed no problem. *For free*.

I bet Westmount city council could have paid a programmer a one-shot fee to set up an automated system like this. One fee. Done. Not \$12,000 a year, forever.

Oh... and I've lived in Westmount my entire life, and I'm pretty sure last year was the first boil-water advisory. As for power outages. Hey! The power goes off. The power goes on. I don't need to be told the power's off. It's pretty obvious when it happens. No need to spend \$12,000 a year for that.

The average property tax on a Westmount home seems to be about \$12,000. Well, city council, you just took one household's property taxes out of commission, forever. In my opinion, city council should stop adding cost lines to the budgets, and work on removing expenses from the them.

For example, stop adding indicators that need to be painted on the roads every year, like those yellow triangles to show where the sewer grates are. Those weren't there when I was a kid, and workers were able to find the sewers just fine. Just be-

cause an employee or councillor suggests something, doesn't mean it has to be approved. Finances are tight, and getting tighter, so please think long term, council, and start saving us taxpayers some money.

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BEST WISHES TO AREVCO AT MOVING TIME

If you've strolled down Greene Ave. lately, you can't help but notice the ever increasing number of storefronts that are either for rent or soon to be something else.

Long-time favourites such as the Nicholas Hoare bookstore and California Closets are things of the past.

Arevco Lighting has been a fixture on the street since 1956 when John Arevian bought and ran the local hardware store "Avenue Hardware." In 1975, the family business became "Arevco Lighting," and to this day has been supplying the community with quality lighting fixtures, specialty light bulbs, expert advice, and repairs such as rewiring or replacing a transformer. If a lamp is fixable, chances are they can fix it at Arevco.

Owner Greg Arevian has decided to move on down the road. In early May, he will be opening a new showroom at 4205 St. Catherine St., right next door to Mod's Hair. Well known on the street after so many years, his local clientele is thrilled that he's not going too far. His customers

come from near and far, but for certain, receive a personalized service that has become all too rare.

PATRICIA ROHAY, LE PLATEAU

THANKS FOR THE CHOICE

I applaud Westmount city council's decision to allow Westmount residents to opt out of the Hydro Westmount radiofrequency meter program.

Thousands of scientists around the world are warning policy makers that national safety standards for radiofrequency radiation (including Health Canada's Safety Code 6) are decades behind current research on the biological effects of radiofrequency radiation. In 2011, the World Health Organization classified radiofrequency radiation as a possible human carcinogen.

In the words of Jacqueline McGlade, former executive director of the European Environmental Agency: "There are many examples of the failure to use the precautionary principle in the past, which have resulted in serious and often irreversible damage to health and environments. Appropriate, precautionary and proportionate actions taken now to avoid plausible and potentially serious threats to health from electromagnetic fields are likely to be seen as prudent and wise from future perspectives."

I am proud that my municipal government permits residents to choose a precautionary approach.

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MORE THAN COFFEE AT THE COFFEE SHOP

My first time visiting Westmount was in 2011. It was spring and a new friend from my French classes had invited me over for dinner at her house on Victoria Ave. A year later, I rented a place in the neighbourhood, started to write and, while writing, I was taken by the gentle and friendly souls that I encountered everywhere in town.

Needless to say, it was love at first, second and many later sights. The type of love that is clearer or better left unexplained.

Between writing and falling in love with Westmount, I would spend some inspiring time in the coffee shops near my place on Claremont Ave.

I wrote the following piece and thought I'd send it to you.

I will be leaving Westmount next month. Hope you enjoy it.

* * *

There she is again. She comes every afternoon, carrying two or three bags, her ci-

garettes and her childish smile. She usually eats what she brings from home. Today, the menu is a big piece of cake and a bottle of Coke, and of course, she buys herself a coffee.

But talking is what she does best and beautifully. She talks in a way that many or most people just can't when they have company: perfectly matched sincere eyes and smile, in a carefree manner that only those who also talk to themselves will comprehend.

She spends the day in her own company. She must live nearby. Right now, as I am writing, I see a glance of her talkative smile. I wish I knew her secret. I have been trying - secretly in front of the mirror - a smile like hers.

Next to my table are students. While studying, they can forget school. They also buy their coffee. The young mother holds her baby and looks to the lives outside of the window. She closes her eyes with each sip from her mug.

The smell, the faces, and sometimes the music, accept you as you are. The jobless guy and his job-hunter computer; the dreamer and sometimes writer like me; the young elderly who, while making his own time, forgets the age of his body; the young, attractive girls who only remember their bodies; the homeless person who is feeling like home; and the one who, every 10 minutes, asks the time to whomever is near him. And of course there is Smile talking only to herself.

The price is ridiculous and none of the staff is aware of their power. I can explain.

You know those days when you can't forget anything and everyone, but don't even remember yourself? It was one of these days that my coffee came with a foamy flower on top. And it also came with a soft, genuine "thank you." After this episode, I started talking to myself like Smile. I told myself many, many times, over and over again, that I was deserving of flowers, delicious coffee with gratefulness, and my own time. Again, forget the cost and consider the bonus: seeing, in front of you, the Universe that makes up each Life. We are all One.

A coffee for a dream. And it changes flavour according to the dreamer. But it really gets better if the dreamer sees and listens with his heart.

FABIANA VIEIRA CINTRA,
CLAREMONT AVE.

Correction

The name of the public safety officer photographed at St. Margaret's residence (April 22, p. 1)) should have read Zachary Sobkowiak.

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SUMMIT BIRD WATCHING

The first of the summit's annual Jim Houghton Warbler Walks got off to a delightful start April 22. We sighted 14 species. The migratory flyover hasn't really begun yet so this tally was very good. Juncos were swooping across Sunnyside Park below the parapet wall.

It is ethereal to be in the woods early in the morning without the commotion of dogs off leash. It is absolutely amazing to see the forest come to life; the green carpet spreads and the budding trees slowly obscure the sky. We spotted a brown creeper, a fox sparrow, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers. We were intrigued by the remains of the phoebes' nest in the rafter of the nature board. Hopefully, they will return this spring.

The eastern screech owl that a few years ago produced a pair of owlets seems to have slipped away. But that old tree trunk has sundered and so it's a bit of a detective game to locate these owls every spring.

A pair of pileated woodpeckers – Dad is identifiable by the red lipstick-like streak above his beak – were totally unconcerned by our prying binoculars as they furiously worked at chucking out rot from a trunk to get at grubs. A merlin was sighted and soon after a murder of crows converged on it.

Murder most fowl? Let us hope not.

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This seemingly abandoned bike is on de Maisonneuve at Olivier, on the front lawn of the Bethel Gospel Chapel. Someone wants it removed.

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

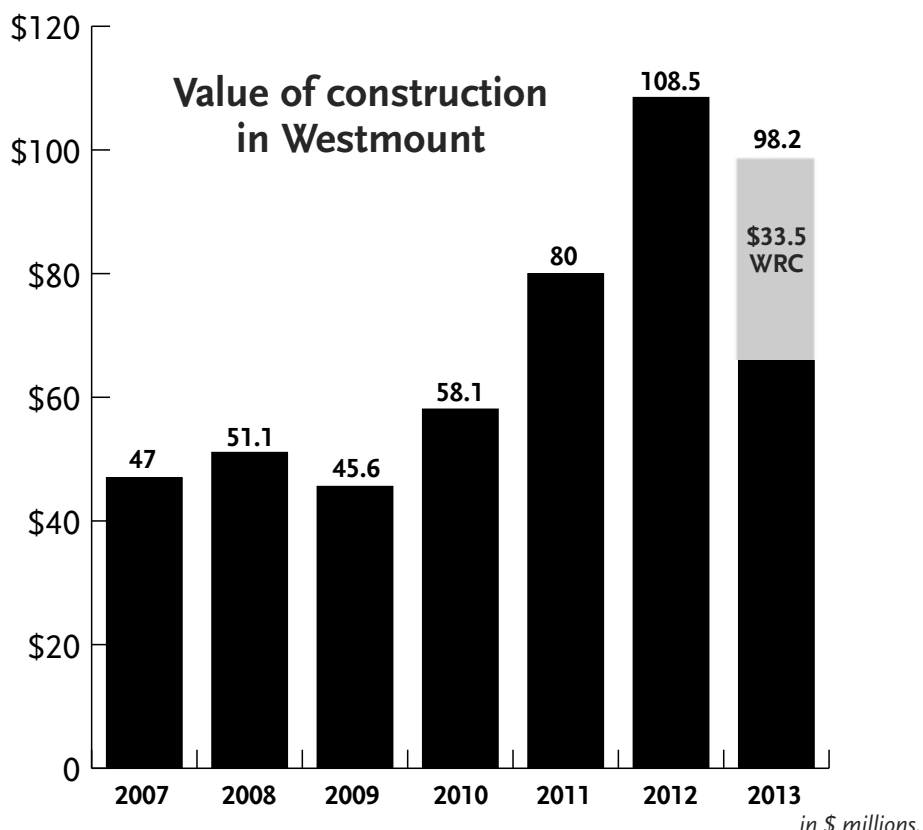
The value of all construction related to building and renovation permits issued in Westmount in 2013 reached \$98 million based on the declared cost of the work. This represents a drop of 10 percent from the previous year though still higher than 2011.

Fully one third of the value resulted from a single permit for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) at \$33.5 million. It was the only new building "start" reported in 2013.

The remaining permits included \$30 million in home renovations and extensions, \$16 million for work at commercial buildings such as Alexis Nihon Plaza and \$11 million at apartment buildings (see table).

"We've been on a high for a few years," Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said last week on releasing the department's annual results. "But I think the WRC highlighted the year and was a very interesting challenge. It mobilized a lot of our efforts."

Its building permit was only issued in



Additions and renovations remained plentiful – and costly, to the tune of more than \$30 million at single-family dwellings alone. Many were listed in the range of \$500,000. Renos at a house on Upper Belmont accounted for \$802,000. At a house on Oakland, an addition and an accessory building was estimated at \$805,000.

Plumbing permits included one for \$2.2 million for the 215 Redfern condo development for 694 "fixtures." Another for \$1.2 million was for 150 fixtures for the WRC.

The city's Board of Inspections approved 1,434 submissions for work (the same number as 2012) of which 914 were new items submitted in 2013. A total of 28 were rejected.

Projects involving exterior design were forwarded to the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for study. A total of 366 were approved.

All five cases heard by the city's Demolition committee were approved: 15 Forden, 91 Summit Cres., 175 Metcalfe, 4 Surrey Gardens and 3122 Daulac.

The Urban Planning department also launched court action against 10 property owners for violations of the building code, including failure to obtain a permit. All but one have yet to be resolved. That one resulted in a fine of \$634 regarding work carried out at 13 St. George's Place.

In addition to building and plumbing permits, Urban Planning issued permits for filming: 6, occupancy: 176, rooming houses: 5, sign installation: 22, tree certificates: 26, contractors: 95, demolition: 1, excavation: 1, blasting: 1, ice cream vendor: 1.

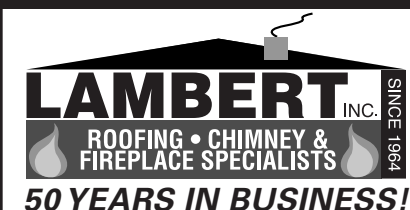
Value of projects per building and plumbing permits issued

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Dwellings	30,267,637	34,949,896
Apartment Buildings	11,305,808	25,078,785
Commercial Buildings	16,265,461	18,226,915
Industrial Buildings	0	0
Assembly Buildings	1,942,000	9,673,000
Institutional Buildings	3,305,241	0
Municipal Buildings	1,655,000	701,500
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May, though the preliminary work on the rec centre had begun the previous year under a demolition permit issued in April, followed by one in May for excavation and foundation-related work.

Because a full set of working drawings for the "step-by-step" design-build project was not ready for approval until May of last year, the building permit could not be issued until then, she explained. "That's when it came to life."

Despite the decrease in the total value of construction last year, the number of permits for building and plumbing projects (1,287) remained almost on par with the previous year's 1,295.

Inspections up 16%

On the other hand, the number of inspections of various types increased to 6,788 from 5,834 the previous year. This resulted from the hiring of another inspector for a total of six plus an auxiliary, Poirier explained. The 2013 inspections included 4,035 related to construction and 1,510 to plumbing.

Among them were 129 inspections carried out under the city's mandate from the Régie du Bâtiment du Québec (RBQ). The delegation to represent the RBQ dates back to 2001 regarding public buildings and residential condominiums with more than two storeys and more than eight units.

'First' birthday celebration for Dutch king



Montreal's ex-pat Dutch and their friends celebrated the first koningsdag (king's day, which marks the monarch's birthday) of the 21st century on April 24 at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. King Willem-Alexander acceded to the throne last year, after his mother, Queen Beatrix, abdicated in his favour. He is the first Dutch king in 123 years. Hosting were Westmounters Michael and Pennie Polak, pictured above. Michael is the Netherlands' honorary consul general in Montreal.

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Contactivity Centre launches seniors' walking group

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A new walking group for people 60 years and older that was recently launched by the Contactivity Centre is already attracting a loyal following.

Each Monday and Thursday at 10 am, a dozen or more hardy seniors can be seen as they set out from the Greene Ave. entrance to Westmount Square on 90-minute treks that take them in and around the lower areas of Westmount.

"It's very free and flexible and open," said Karen Evoy, a Contactivity Centre community outreach worker who coordinates the walks. "Everyone is free to come and go and they please," she added.

As Evoy pointed out in an interview, walking is one of the best forms of exercise at any age, but especially when a person is older because it is low risk and relatively impact free.

Those in the Contactivity Centre group

can choose between fast, medium and slow walks, then work their way up if they want. Although the trajectories vary, a recent walk took some of the participants westward along de Maisonneuve Blvd. to Victoria Ave., while others followed a different route.

Evoy said the goals of the group are for members to improve their fitness through regular walking, while having fun doing it. The social aspects are as important as the physical benefits, she continued, which is why socializing over coffee is a key element of the program and a reward for the participants' efforts.

According to Evoy, the walking group is part of Contactivity Centre's new community outreach program. "The goal of this program is to get seniors more involved in their community by connecting them with activities and resources as needed," she said.

Disorderly stranger escorted out of The 4300

Public safety officers had to escort a drunken and disorderly woman out of the apartment lobby at 4300 de Maisonneuve April 22, Public Security officials said. They had been summoned to the building at 1:17 am when the door man was unable to get her to leave.

She had initially knocked on the door to say she was lost and was let in, but then refused to go.

Police were ultimately called to take charge of her.

Gas leak brings out firefighters, Public Security

A smell of gas at China Grill, 4124 St. Catherine, April 19 turned out to be coming from an exterior gas regulator at the building, Public Security officials said.

A call for the odour brought officers to the location at 7:43 pm followed by firefighters who had to force open the door to check inside. Gaz Metro responded to close the line.



Members of the Contactivity Centre's new walking group meet Mondays and Thursdays at 10 am outside the Greene Ave. entrance to Westmount Square.

Fire, cont'd. from p. 1

Greg McBain.

Meanwhile at 11:09 pm, public safety officers were called to a home on Edgehill Rd., one of the 118 affected, where a generator kicking in was causing exhaust and noise described as sounding "like a motorcycle or helicopter." Firefighters were requested to attend but all appeared in order on a follow-up visit at 1 am. A report on the generator was forwarded to Urban Planning.

The Hydro crew then isolated two residences on Summit Cresc. that were connected to the circuit in the manhole so that

other circuits could be re-energized around 12:30 am.

The two dwellings in question remained out of power until the faulty joint was "cleaned and redone," Hurtubise said. The procedure took all day and power was finally restored to the two around dinner time April 16. There was no damage to the network, he said.

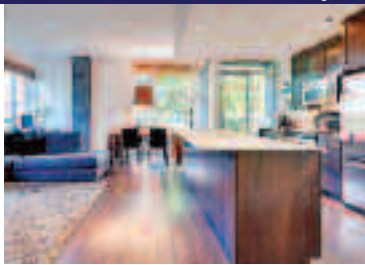
The joint is a connection between two or several cables in a manhole, he explained. "This connection is either crimped or soldered and is sealed afterwards with special tape or a cover to protect it from short circuits or water infiltration."

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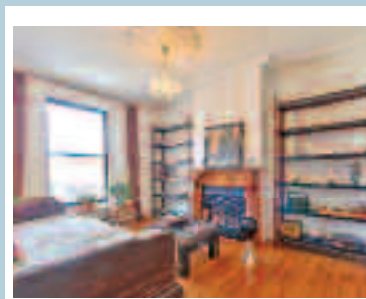


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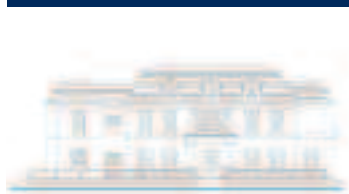
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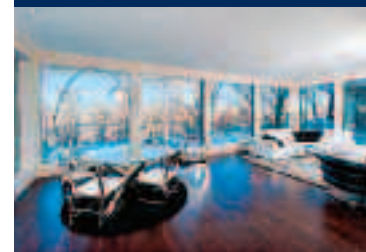
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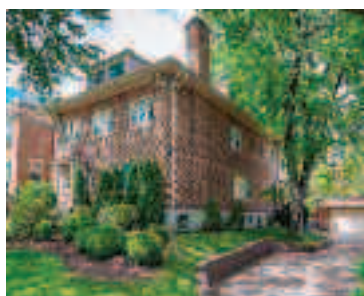


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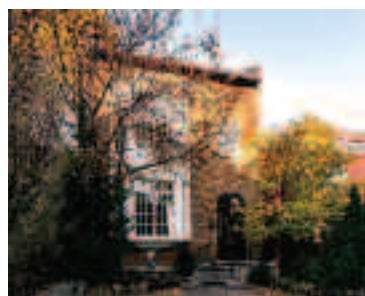
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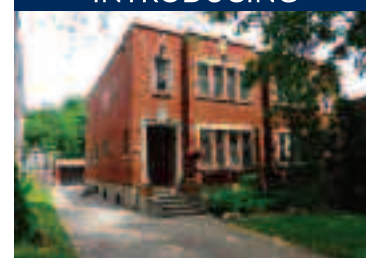


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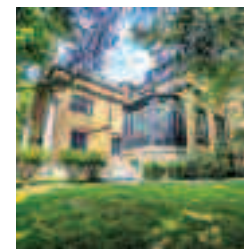
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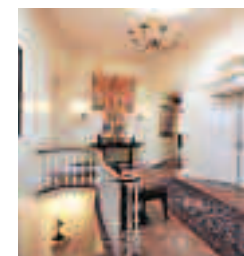
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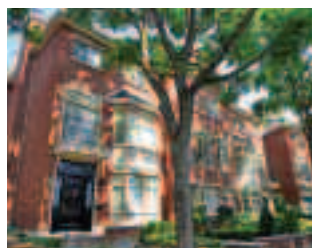
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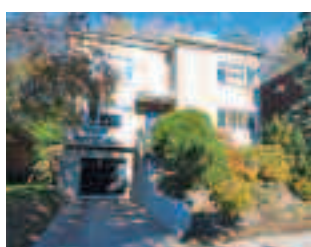
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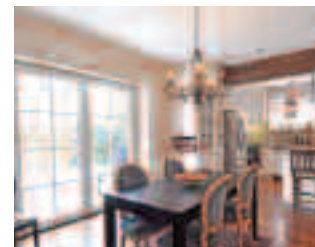
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History talk

RMR's history reaches back to World War I

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) is celebrating its centennial and honorary lieutenant-colonel Colin Robinson included many stories from World War I in his April 17 Westmount Historical Association (WHA) talk as well as ones from all eras of the unit's history.

The talk was held at the St. Catherine St. armoury. WHA president Doreen Lindsay said it had been 20 years since the association had been in the building for a lecture.

Robinson, who has been with the RMR since 1989, retired from the armed forces in 2009, said Lindsay. "Because of his interest in history, Colin was particularly interested to talk to us here inside the regiment building so that we could gain a better understanding of the history, we could absorb some of the history by simply being here."

"Peter Trent served as an honorary in this regiment for 14 years," said Robinson. "He was one of our longest serving hono- raries, a strong promoter of the regiment."

Robinson, who holds a history degree from Concordia University, said the regi- ment was born in August 1914 but only christened in November 1914. "Because of the weird way that protocol is done and history and heritage was done, our birth- day that we celebrate now is traced back to the formation of the 58th Regiment of the

Westmount Rifles."

Robinson said when World War I broke out in August 1914 "Montreal was the pre- eminent cultural and financial centre of Canada and they wanted to make sure that they responded first so a couple of units were formed right away. There was a gen- tleman named Hamilton Gault who put down \$100,000 of his own money, which nowadays would be closer to six, seven million bucks, to raise his own regiment. He recruited almost exclusively Boer War veterans...and they were mobilized, train- ed, equipped, everything, by his private money."

3 'founding' units

The RMR was created by bringing to- gether soldiers mainly from three leading Montreal militia units, Robinson said. "We had *les Canadiens français* working side by side with their brethren English-Canadi- ans. Unheard of at the time.

"We are very proud of that fact that we are originally bilingual from a functional perspective," Robinson said, noting the RMR was officially the first unit to be called bilingual when it received official bilingual status in 1968.

Robinson related the story of West- mount resident Captain Richard (Dick) Steacie, whose original gravemarker lies in the RMR's museum and whose cere- monial sword lies in a case upstairs. "On that gravemarker downstairs it says 'an



Royal Montreal Regiment honorary lieutenant-colonel Colin Robinson.

unknown captain of the 14th Battalion.”

For years the gravemarker of the RMR's first officer killed in combat in 1915 at the Second Battle of Ypres lay in Belgium until a former regimental sergeant-major from the RMR did some research and “we managed to prove that was indeed Dick Steacie lying in there and got in touch with the family,” Robinson said. He figures Steacie remained unidentified for so long because when he died someone removed his ID and the people who buried were not from the RMR.

After Steacie was identified, his family went to visit the grave and changed the headstone to one with Steacie's name on it, Robinson said, and the RMR received their permission to have the old headstone.

One of the reasons the RMR knows so much about Steacie is because Steacie's son, who was a teenager when Steacie was killed, kept a scrapbook of everything his father did during the war, Robinson said.

“When we contacted the Steacie family they said ‘we’ve got this scrapbook, would that be interesting to you guys? And we’ve got this sword. So it worked out pretty well.”

Urine vs. gas

Francis Scrimger signed Steacie's medical certificate, Robinson pointed out. Scrimger, the RMR's medical officer, was not only a Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross for saving an officer's life during the Second Battle of Ypres in 1915. “But what he also did and he wasn't formally recognized for? How many have heard the story of peeing on a handkerchief? He's the man who figured that out. They'd heard reports the Germans were bringing in these big canisters (of gas), and they knew it was going to be chlorine gas, and the urine countered the effect.”

Scrimger was buddies with Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, Robinson said. When McCrae originally wrote his poem, “In Flanders' Fields,” McCrae submitted it to a publication that rejected it. McCrae tossed the poem in the garbage, Robinson said, and “Scrimmy as he was known to his friends, dusted it off and convinced

him to submit it again. He did and the rest is history.”

Robinson described the relationship the RMR, designated as the 14th Battalion, had with the 23rd Battalion, which never went to the front but was a feeder battalion that trained soldiers, and the 58th or the Westmount Rifles, a recruiting regiment that never went overseas.

“If you were from Westmount and you ended up overseas with the RMR after our original contingent had gone over...you'd have joined up with the 58th, you'd have been fed into the 23rd and then you would have been fed into the RMR...that's basically the process that followed.

“We perpetuate these two units so that they live on and their traditions, Robinson said. “That's why when we say we are Westmount's regiment, that's where it's coming from.”

There are 108 RMR soldiers buried at the 9 Elms Cemetery at Vimy Ridge, all in a line, “which is unique,” Robinson said, since the custom was not to bury people from the same regiment together or by rank. “They're all sorted alphabetically, by rank. It turns out that cemetery was the RMR's objective on Vimy Ridge...and that's why they're buried all in a row.”

First across Rhine

The RMR was the first Canadian unit to cross the Rhine at the end of World War I. “I'd like to tell you it was a great honour, but we literally pulled the short straw,” back when units drew straws, Robinson said.

The officers were entitled to ride horses but the commanding officer decided that since they'd all fought in the trenches on foot together they would continue to march on foot together, Robinson said. “One of the aspects of culture in this regi-

ment is there is very little class distinction between officers and non-commissioned officers,” he said.

“The RMR was the first unit ever to be awarded in British history their colours on foreign, conquered soil,” Robinson said. “We had defeated this enemy ... and now we were having our colours as a new regiment presented to us...in January 1919.”

In 1919 the RMR didn't have a headquarters but met at the 58th Regiment's headquarters at the corner of Greene and St. Catherine. In 1920, “we took over their place and they became part of the RMR.”

During his talk, Robinson showed photos of military tattoo parades the RMR held around Westmount and staged photos showing military training exercises

held in the park during World War II.

City owns land

The land that the armoury building sits on belongs to the city of Westmount, which held a referendum to grant the land to create the armoury, Robinson said. The building now belongs to the federal government, which pays the city of Westmount taxes in lieu of rent.

“We pay you rent every year in May, one buck,” Robinson said. Schools and city recreation services have used the armoury and the RMR continues its community ties, he said.

To see more photos from Robinson's talk, visit www.royalmontrealregiment.com

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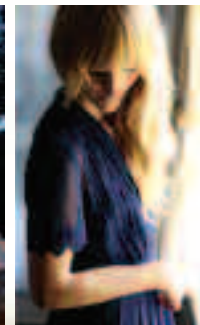
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Rainbow Cabbage Salad with Avocado Vinaigrette

It is popular today to eat cabbage raw to get the full, healthful benefits. The addition of avocado provides a healthy way to enjoy a creamy yet light dressing.

INGREDIENTS:

Vinaigrette

3 green onions, cut into 3-4 pieces
 ½ medium avocado, roughly copped
 ½ cup (125 mL) rice vinegar
 ¼ cup (60 mL) freshly squeezed orange juice
 ¼ cup (60mL) canola oil
 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
 Kosher salt and pepper to taste

Salad

2 cups (500mL) edamame, shelled and cooled (green soybeans)
 ¾ round Savoy cabbage, thinly shredded
 ¼ purple cabbage, thinly shredded
 2 medium carrots, peeled and shredded
 1-2 medium bell peppers, any colour or combination of colours, cut into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces
 ½ cup (125 mL) roughly chopped Italian parsley or cilantro
 8 green onions (white parts only), thinly sliced
 ½ cup (125 mL) dried cherries



INSTRUCTIONS:

To make the vinaigrette, purée the green onions, avocado, vinegar, orange juice, canola oil, mustard, and salt and pepper to taste in a food processor. Set aside.

To make the salad, bring 4 cups (1L) of salted water to boil in a medium saucepan. Cook the edamame for about 5 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool.

Combine the cabbages, carrots, bell peppers, parsley or cilantro, green

onions, cooled edamame, and dried cherries in a large bowl. Toss the salad with the dressing to taste. You may not need all of the dressing. Allow to sit for 30 to 60 minutes before serving.

Best served with Cod and Mushroom Ragout (page 106)

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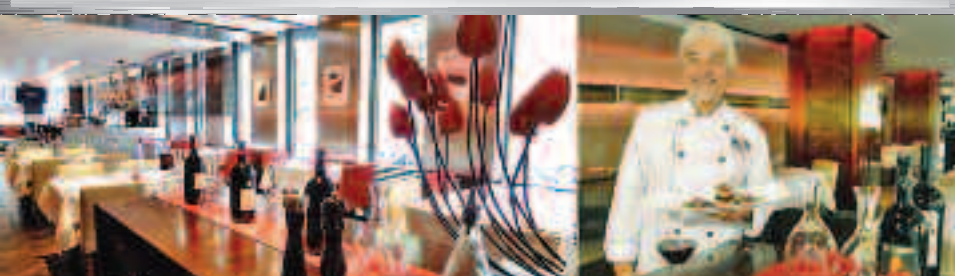
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said, that second storey-windows never be opened more than four inches, that double windows be opened from the top only and that furniture be moved away from windows to prevent easy access to them.

Various types of window guards and stops are available at hardware stores that limit the size of openings, he explained.

In the case of pets – owners of small cats, in particular – might want to keep windows from opening even less than four inches.

Stolen car recovered on Claremont

A resident called Public Security April 16 to report that a car parked on the street outside 556 Claremont near Marianopolis College had not been moved for a while, Public Security officials said. The grey Ford Focus was found to have received two tickets for parking over time limitations. After checking with police, officers discovered the owner had reported it stolen in Anjou and the matter was left in the hands of police.

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On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

We drove to the Gaspé over spring break to go backcountry skiing in the Chic Choc Mountains. Along with our three sons, we also brought my nephew and a friend of the boys.

With five teens crammed into our car we gritted our teeth and set forth. But with rare exception, the drive itself was a delight. True, there were brief moments when I felt like I was trapped in an enclosed space with a pack of hungry dingoes. But these wee snatches aside, the trip could not have been more enchanting.

Suddenly – if one could describe the passage of nearly two decades in such terms – we had kids who could amuse themselves, feed themselves, put themselves to sleep and even one (hallelujah!) who could drive himself. We were smug and relaxed and regaled to the extent that one is able by inane teenage humour.

This experience, of course, conjured up memories, hideous and deeply repressed, of our travels in a previous era.

For one brief but ghastly period we had

four children under the age of seven. During this time, we were working 20 weeks a year in northern Quebec, a gig that entailed a great deal of air travel. This meant that we were recurrently haunted by the same frightful announcement that has long driven fear through the hearts of parents worldwide.

“WOULD PASSENGERS TRAVELLING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN KINDLY PRE-BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.”

Pre-board? Could they possibly mean *get on first?? Ergo, remain on longer???*

The wisdom of this strategy had always eluded us.

Time and time again, prior to the plane beginning the taxi toward take-off – often before the final passengers had even set foot aboard – we had read and re-read all 37 Franklin books, inhaled our entire cache of sugar-packed snacks, loused up yet another Etch-A-Sketch, finished stickering all the sticker-books, and broken 12 of 15 coloured pencils. (Particularly irksome, the sharpener having been confiscated at security.)

We had risked life and limb defusing expressions of profound sibling love such as “Le Shove”, “Le Pummel” and “Le Headlock,” among other similarly tender Ultimate Fighting maneuvers.

Our seats and surrounding areas were littered with “personal belongings” not

limited to bloodied Baby Wipes, wayward playing cards, and a variety of hot poker that we had not yet had opportunity to plunge into our eyeballs, so bedeviled were we with trying to stuff the oxygen masks back into their infernally undersized slots and returning the seat cushions to their pre-inflated states.

Oh, we were popular then!

But that was all such a very, very long time ago. So you can imagine the shock on our first night at the lovely inn when we presented ourselves for supper. The servers took one look at our burly – though clearly domesticated (?) – crew, and promptly directed us to an adjacent dining room where we were cloistered, entirely on our own.

I suspect that the staff worried (justifiably, as it turned out) that the other guests might envy our raucous merry-making and irrepressible conviviality.

But from the following morning onward, we were invited to dine with the rest of the riffraff, where they hoped, no doubt, that we would spread good cheer. (We did.)

And we continued to spread good cheer despite minus-30°C weather, gale-force winds, and soul-crushingly demoralizing telemarketing conditions.

In fact, the trip was such a success that we are already planning next year's adventure. Perhaps somewhere a little further afield, and with a few more teens in tow.

Ticket issued again for early work start

A ticket for \$269 was issued April 16 to contractors found working before the 7 am permitted start time at the condo work

site, 215 Redfern, Public Security officials said. It was reported to be the latest of many given out at the site for the same offence. Responding to a resident's complaint at 6:30 am, officers could hear hammering and the sound of garbage being dropped into a container, subsequently found on the St. Catherine side of the building. Stone was also in the process of being lifted up into the building, indicating the work was already well under way.

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Melville field still too wet for soccer

A group of students from St. Léon school was asked to stop playing soccer on the Melville field April 17, Public Security officials said. The field had not dried out enough and the city had not started to issue permits for its use as a result. The group was spotted by a patroller at 1:29 pm and left as requested.

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Westmount Music Therapy wins award

Retail Round-Up: In and around Victoria village

By STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

She only opened last September but Alison Usher-Jones, owner and music therapist at Westmount Music Therapy, won first prize in the Services to Individuals category in the Concours québécois en entrepreneuriat – Région Ouest-de-l'Île and advanced to a regional round.

Usher-Jones said the contest is for Quebec entrepreneurs in the start-up phase of

their businesses and a jury panel judges the businesses based on their presentations and business plans. She said she's expanding her practice, which offers individual and group music therapy, and adapted music lessons to children, youth and young adults with a variety of needs, by moving to a bigger location and hiring another music therapist.

"I am incredibly honoured to have received the award and I am proud of what I have accomplished with Westmount Music Therapy," Usher-Jones said. "Although my background is not in business, I've worked hard to turn my passion into a successful business venture. I feel so grateful that I get to do exactly what I love every day, and extremely thankful to the people and organizations who have helped me get there!"

New: Pâtisserie Petit Lapin, 342A Victoria

Allergen-free, organic and vegan, Petit Lapin is getting a lot of buzz for its offerings – sweets people love (cakes, cupcakes, doughnuts, macarons, the list goes on), but free of the top ten most common food allergens: milk, eggs, soy, wheat and gluten, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and seafood, sesame, sulfites and mustards.

Owner Viviane Nguyen started the business after a frustrating experience trying to find a bakery that could make an allergy-free first birthday cake for her son, who was diagnosed with multiple severe



From mail to yoga gear. The former Prince Albert post office is the future site of Westmount's Lululemon store, April 28.

Photos: Independent.



The Petit Lapin bakery, April 28.

food allergies.

New: Studiotec, 1 Westmount Square

Studios says it's the first "first destination in North America to use XBody's EMS technology." EMS stands for electrical muscle stimulation.

For its training sessions, certified EMS instructors have clients wear a special undergarment and an electrode vest. They then participate in activities that may involve such strenuous physical activity as cardiovascular, interval and endurance

training, and muscle strength.

During the EMS training electrical impulses activate the muscles externally so that they contract. This allows people to do what would normally be a four-hour workout in only 20 minutes and get quick results by doing two workouts a week.

Natasha ARORA Eco Deco relaunch

After years out of province, Natasha Arora came back to Westmount a little over a year ago and is relaunching her unique decorating service, which includes interior decoration, home staging, colour consultation, décor shopping, organization and retail display.

Arora says her ECONOMICAL DECORATING concept has the mantra "Live Better Within Your Means." Reinvigorating spaces to give people "a whole new home or office" doesn't take long, she says. "I'm able to do it in a day without buying anything new." But Arora says she works with the physical space and psychology of the person and doesn't rule out taking a shopping trip. "It's up to the client to dictate what they want to do."

To reach Natasha ARORA Eco Deco or for more information, fill out the contact form at www.natashaarorastyling.com.

Lululemon moving

Lindsay Claydon, Canadian community manager at the head office of Lululemon Athletica, confirmed in an email that Lululemon is relocating its store at 1394 Greene Ave. to the former post office building at 4895 Sherbrooke St. this summer. The *Independent* previously reported (April 1, p. 1) that the former post office would house a Lululemon store.

Police Report

New Station 12 campaign focuses on pedestrian safety

By MICHAEL MOORE

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

Station 12 officers have launched a new pedestrian safety awareness and ticketing operation in Westmount as part of an island-wide campaign targeting Montreal's busiest intersections, according to Constable Stephan Laperrière.

"Pedestrians need to be aware of when they should cross, when there's a pedestrian hand cross signal and when there isn't," said Laperrière.

Running from April 28 to May 25, the "Campagne 100% Vigilant" operation will see Station 12 increase its presence at Westmount's most dangerous intersections, including handing out \$37 tickets to pedestrians who cross the street unsafely,

such as on a red light.

Though he couldn't provide a list of targeted intersections, Laperrière said the heaviest police presence will be seen at Westmount's most notoriously busy intersections, like Sherbrooke and Victoria.

"It will mostly be at intersections that are most problematic. That is, intersections that we know have had accidents with pedestrians," he said.

The officers will also be increasing pedestrian safety awareness efforts at the intersections, handing out pamphlets, speaking with passing walkers and opening an information kiosk, according to Laperrière.

The new operation is the latest attempt by Montreal police to improve road safety throughout the island.

According to Laperrière, five pedestrians have been killed on Montreal streets in 2014 and, in October, a 60-year-old

woman was hit and killed by a truck as she crossed the Wood Ave. and de Maison-neuve Blvd. intersection.

Campagne 100% Vigilant comes on the heels of Operation CHOC, another Montreal-wide push that targeted distracted drivers at busy intersections earlier this year. In Westmount, the campaign resulted in 135 tickets on February 20 and 80 more in a two-hour stretch on March 12.

According to Laperrière, campaigns like Operation CHOC and Campagne 100% Vigilant have had a tangible impact on road safety throughout the island of Montreal.

"In the last couple of years, the number of accidents has come down, mainly because of the higher police supervision that has been given to [the issue]," said Laperrière.

Merchants hope late spring arrival thaws chilly sales

BY MICHAEL MOORE

After last season's long snowy siege, the winter blues left Westmount merchants grumbling as potential shoppers decided to stay inside instead of braving the elements.

"During the winter, it was pretty quiet. It was quiet in the [nearby] restaurants, quiet at Cavallaro, and we depend a lot on that walk-by traffic," said Chris Ochiai, store manager of Running Room on Sherbrooke.

"It gets scary for us when things get slow. We have to lay off staff and cut back on hours at the store."

After a few false starts, however, spring appears to finally have sprung, bringing

with it the hope that shoppers will help merchants break out of that winter sales freeze.

The weather has brought with it a fresh new outlook and enthusiasm to residents that had been lacking during the "dog days of winter," said Tony Fagnoli of Tony's Shoes on Greene.

"There's a change of attitude. People are more open and are going to their cupboards to see what they have to prepare for the season ahead," said Fagnoli. "Now they are interested in what's new, what's fresher looking and thinking, 'What should I be wearing? What do I have in by cupboard that I can revive with a nice pair of shoes?'"

With the return of normal spring

Fostering kittens before adoption



The SPCA has a special program that I would like to bring to the attention of Westmount families: The Foster Program. It applies to dogs and cats, young and old alike.

For newborn kittens like these three adorable little greys that are one month old, it is a wonderful opportunity to nurture the young ones to the stage of adoption, ensuring health and socialization.

A foster family is asked to take in and nurture for at least one month, automatically being equipped with the accessories and medications that are provided by the Foster Program (litter box, transporter, toys, bowls, food, medication if required).

There is also access to veterinarians without appointment on a growth and fol-



low-up schedule for the program families.

Caregivers are asked to give food and medication, provide follow-up reports, drop by the SPCA or vaccines and give unlimited affection!

The Foster Program is part of the SPCA, located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West. Its telephone number is 514.735.2711, extension 2237. You can also email them at pfa_fp@spcamontreal.com. Its website is www.sPCA.com, referring to the Foster Program section for more details and photographs of pets who need a short-term caring home environment.

Your neighbour, LYSANNE



The Running Room, April 28.

Photo: Independent.

weather, Pierre Le Gourri rec, owner of Victoria's Avenue des Arts, believes many merchants could see an influx of sales that had been merely been delayed, not lost, by the winter freeze.

"You may have a drop in sales when the weather is not so good, but most of the consumption is just postponed and you recover it when the weather improves. I think for most merchants, we'll recover a good part of the business that did not happen because of the weather," he said.

Whenever Mother Nature offered a brief respite this winter, the Running Room had an influx of runners and joggers relishing the improved weather, said

Ochiai.

"It was a long, brutal winter, even for us runners, but every time that the weather halted and it became sunnier, people piled into the store and they bought," he explained.

That booming business continued when spring finally arrived. Two weeks ago, the Westmount store posted the highest sales of any 120 Running Room locations across Canada, according to Ochiai.

"Even our own patrons were waiting for warmer weather to really get out there and buy new shoes, t-shirts, shorts, so there is maybe a pent-up demand and right now our sales are very robust," he said.

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Selwyn's Fefer second in writing competition



From left Jarren Fefer, middle school English and history Teacher Matt McCarney, and Vikram Chirgwin-Dasgupta.

Photo courtesy of Selwyn House.

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Selwyn House grade 8 student Jarren Fefer placed second in Quebec in the 2014 Commonwealth Writing Competition, the school announced April 28. Vikram Chirgwin-Dasgupta, grade 9, was highly commended.

Fefer's essay examined the qualities that make for good teamwork. "There is an art in teamwork," he wrote. "One does not spontaneously acquire the skills required to be a helpful teammate. In order to be a great teammate, one must be attentive, able to make sacrifices, work hard and be trustworthy and reliable."

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For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, authors Adam Leith Gollner and Jennifer Quist discuss their latest books: *The Book of Immortality* and *Love Letters of the Angels of Death*. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

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MONDAY, MAY 5

Endnotes film and discussion, presented by the Council on Palliative Care and Centre Greene's Caregivers' Tea. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. For information, contact fmpa202@aol.com or 514.845.0795. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

City council meeting 8 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Jim Houghton Warbler Walks. Bring binoculars. For info, call John Fretz at

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, McGill University's department of Jewish Studies and Concordia University's department of Religion launch *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality* edited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, Le Groupe MusiArt, the choir of the MUHC department of Psychiatry directed by Dr. Marie-France Boudreault, performs a variety of choral music in English and French, including songs written by members of the group. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

One way to beat the seemingly endless cold of our winters is to have fun! Which is exactly what Westmounter **Peter Howlett** organized with his Les amis de la montagne, held, as the name implies, on Mont-real's mountain: Mount Royal Park.

Attending with his wife **Morag**, Howlett, founder and pres of Les amis, hosted the 17th annual Tuques Bleues Celebration that attracted over 500 people.

It was a perfect eve with temperature hovering around zero. The gorgeous black police horses stood out beautifully against the light snow-covered night.

The famed snowshoe race, with equipment supplied by Tubbs and Atlas Snowshoes, was started by the ceremonial cannon of the 2nd Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery. The 2.5 kilometre trail winding through the woods was well lit with lanterns by Musion Canada,



Ricky Hart, Duncan McNeill and Peter Howlett.



Katie Whitehead and Mary Bruns Creighton

which also outfitted the snowshoe start and finish lines with decorative lighting, illuminating the park's sculptures and trees, as well as creating a fabulous décor

in the chalet itself.

Non-competitors kept warm with hot chocolate, courtesy of the Manulife Financial tent. *continued on p. 22*



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At the end of the race, famished folks were fed by a bountiful buffet created by chef **Jonathan Garnier** of La Guide Culinaire.

Bruno Morissette, of Rouge 107,3 FM was emcee. To add to the merriment, **Philippe Trépanier** and **Patrick Léonard**, of the famed circus group collective Les 7 doigts de la main, led an innovative pre-race warm-up.

And post race, guests enjoyed DJ Pocket (aka Patrice Jobin). Event honorary co-chair Manulife Financial's **Robert Tellier**, regional vice-president, attended with his wife **Sylvie Mainville**, director, corporate giving, branding and communication, who presented **Muriel Rorive** with the Manulife Financial Volunteer Award in recognition of her long-time support of Les amis.

Sévrine Labelle, vice president, communications and public affairs, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, stood in for her CEO and president, co-chair **Michel Leblanc** who had to be in Quebec for budget work – dare we suggest a less amusing event.

Guests included **Pierre Desrochers**, chair, executive committee, ville de Montréal; **Éric Morisset**, vice chair, Quebec market, TD Bank Group; **Dana** and **Tom Velan**, president and CEO of Velan, Inc., **Mary Bruns** and **David Creighton**, presi-



Top row: Kathryn Lund Drummond, Nathalie Bissonnette and Louise Bucheit Chagnon, bottom row: Éric Rondeau, Jeffrey Drummond and Peter Dlouhy.

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Westmounters included **Kim Drummond**, **Duncan McNeill**, **Ricky Hart**, **Gwen Nacos** and her daughter **Christina**, and former Westmount res **Katie Whitehead**. The evening met its fundraising goal of \$225,000, which supports Les amis' edu-

cational and conservation programs on Mount Royal.

Hoarding knocked down at Cedar worksite

Construction fencing was either blown down or knocked over April 16 around a house on Cedar near Mountain, Public Security officials said. When no one could be reached to reinstall it, Public Works was called about 12:30 pm to consider temporary repairs. In the end, danger tape was wrapped around the site.



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WOW!! Renovated 2 bdr ground floor with garden/parking,
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Magnificent 2 Bdr condo (1584 sf) on the 19th flr, with astonish-
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ACADIA: Prestigious 3 bdr condo of 1619 s.f., garage, 24-
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Charming, 3 bdr cottage, renovated, garage on the flats.



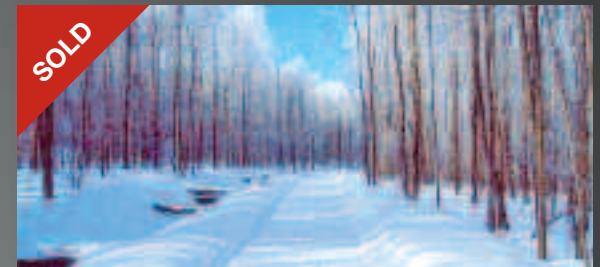
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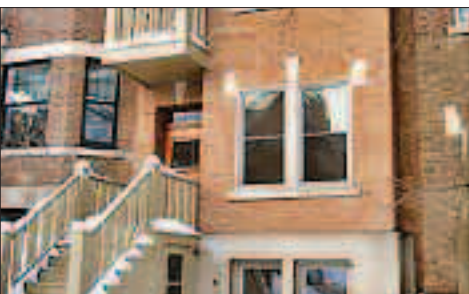
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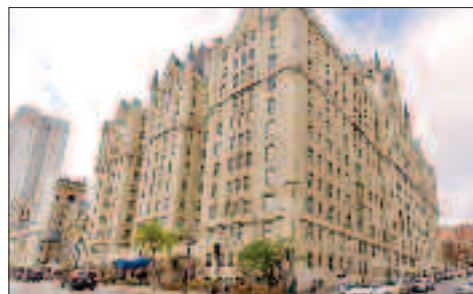
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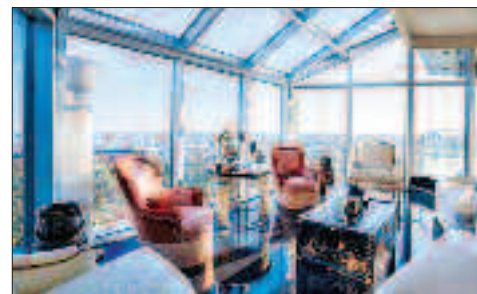
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