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*Turcot project approaches*

## Work starts to dismantle Selby greystones

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work began March 16 to set up a work site for dismantling a row of vacant triplexes on Selby at Greene, making way for reconstruction of the Ville Marie Expressway. The first phase of the work will involve removal of asbestos, which is to take about a month, Urban Planning offi-

cials said last week.

The row of greystones at 178-188 Selby St. was expropriated as part of the Turcot project and will be taken down slowly to enable recycling of materials in accordance with the Quebec Environment ministry (see story February 3, p. 7).

"The general contractor met with the city, and his plans were approved," said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. These included sound mitigation measures involving some sort ..... of insulation screen to *continued on p. 26*



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Photo: Martin C. Barry

*They were brave souls those Westmounters and city employees who ventured downtown March 22 to take part in one of the coldest St. Patrick's parades in recent memory. Staff from Public Security were on hand to accompany the delegation of more than a dozen, some of whom are seen here on Fort St. below St. Catherine St. near the beginning of the parade route.*

## Demolition a go for Oink Oink building

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition committee has ruled in favour of allowing one of Oink Oink's two adjacent buildings to be largely demolished. It also approved a preliminary replacement plan, which was presented at a public hearing on the project February 25.

The project calls for tearing down most of the two-storey building at 1335-1339 Greene Ave. while preserving its mansard roof and front façade. This is to be altered to create a street-level access. The new

three-storey building would provide more space.

In its unanimous decision, the committee imposed a number of conditions intended to minimize the impact of the work, though no outright objection to demolishing the building was voiced at the hearing (see story March 3, p. 12).

As a result, states the decision dated March 12 and obtained March 17, "The Demolition committee takes the view that this decision would be in the best interest of the parties concerned ..... and of the public." *continued on p. 19*

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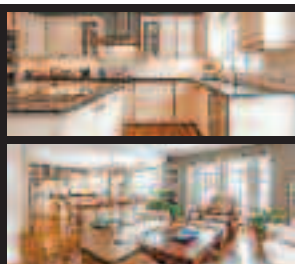


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# Overall council expenses drop from 2009, salaries frozen

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Already starting to work on the city council's own portion of the city budget for next year, Mayor Peter Trent said last week that for the sixth year in a row, the council has frozen its salaries and essentially frozen frozen expenses at the 2009 level or less.

The annual budget allocated to the council for its overall spending has been capped at the 2009 level of \$442,100 and has remained at \$435,600 since 2013.

"I have been insisting on freezing council salaries and expenses since 2009," Trent said. "I wanted to set the tone for negotiations with the unions, among other reasons."

In fact, he pointed out, "the actual numbers have come in lower than budget each year." In 2013, for example, council costs were \$397,261 on the budget of \$435,600. The next year they were \$399,523 on the same budget.

"I am proud of the fact we have, under this administration, always come in under budget for council salaries and expenses," Trent said.

Meanwhile in today's dollars, the council's budget of \$442,100 from 2009 would be equivalent to \$487,000, he calculated.

As reported in the state of the union address last November, the mayor's remuneration from Westmount is \$43,943 along with a tax-free expense account of \$15,662. This excludes additional amounts from other levels of government such as the agglomeration council (see story November 18, p. 2).

Each of the eight councillors receives \$14,645 plus a tax-free allowance of \$7,322.

The following is a breakdown of the council's spending budget for 2015 as requested by the *Independent*.

Salaries and fringes	\$337,500
Conventions, clipping service, business expenses	\$20,600
Catering for meals	\$18,200
Mayor's local travel	\$3,300
Annual membership fees (UMQ, FCM, etc.)	\$27,200
Consultants, stationery, awards, gifts, receptions misc.	\$28,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$435,600</b>

# Protective vests hit the road



Parking inspector Victoria Bleskina, left, and Sgt. Yook Wong display the new bullet-proof and anti-puncture vests that will be worn by Public Security patrollers and parking inspectors starting March 23 (see story December 2, 2014, p. 3).

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## Managing internet, cellphone safely

# Healthy City to provide ‘negotiating’ contract for parents, kids

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Healthy City Project (HCP) is expanding an initiative to provide parents with a tool for managing their children's exposure to “screen” time, be it through internet activity or the use of cell phones and other hi-tech devices.

It's a sample contract that can be signed by both parents and kids to create awareness about cyber bullying, safe surfing, long distance phone costs and the impact on hearing that can result from the prolonged wearing of ear buds, as well as concerns over the potential effect on health from radio-frequency (RF) emissions from wireless devices.

“What we want to do is get people thinking about these new devices and the im-

portance of teaching children to use them responsibly,” said Tom Thompson, who chairs HCP's Community Life committee, which is behind the idea.

Jean Williams and Megan Durnford, among other members of the committee, will be handing out the forms and providing related information on March 28 at the city's Earth Hour program at Victoria Hall from 6 to 10 pm.

Thompson described the contract as a simple model agreement tailored to a child's grade level. Ideally it could be used as a condition of the child's use of a cell phone before one is acquired, for example.

The project is an off-shoot, in part, of HCP's efforts to persuade the city to offer residents the option of having a new hydro meter that does not emit radio-frequency.

This is a result of world-wide concerns over the cumulative effects of RF on the health of young children in particular (see story August 27, 2013, p. 8).

“We're hoping to make parents aware of the misuse of cell phones and the need to collect them from their children before bedtime so they don't sleep with them under their pillow. It's appropriate to start thinking about these things sooner rather

than later,” he said.

The new devices, he said are “changing the environment in a way we should be ready for, and no one is. People are using them without thinking about their impact.”

The idea for the initiative comes from a model issued by a group called Common Sense Media, he said. His committee has had it translated into French for the distribution.

## No costing received yet in sound barrier ‘interim’ report

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City officials met with those from Transport Quebec (MTQ) March 19 to receive the overdue second and supposedly final phase of a feasibility report regarding a sound barrier along the Ville Marie Expressway.

But what was expected to bring costing for alternative options proved instead to be an “interim report,” Councillor Theodora Samiotis said the next day.

“It was disappointing because we felt there were very few options considering the limited space and were hoping the report would go into costs.”

Nevertheless, she said, she was pleased the meeting had taken place. No date was

set for another. “We asked more questions and for costing.”

The first phase of the feasibility report had been presented to the city September 11 by the MTQ with the second and concluding portion within seven or eight weeks (see story February 17, p. 1).

The study is funded equally by the city and MTQ at some \$50,000 each.

Of particular concern, she said, are two areas which might be too narrow for installing a sound barrier since Canadian Pacific will not allow the city to use any of its property. One is at the Greene railway overpass. The other is between Bruce and Columbia rather than along Prospect as previously reported.

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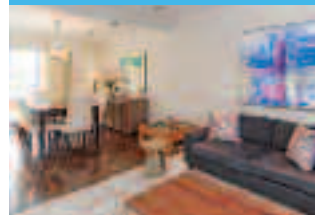
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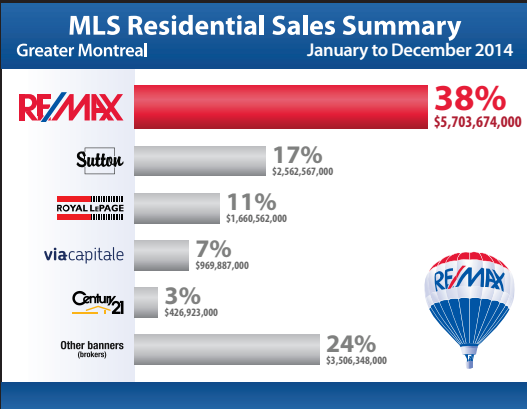
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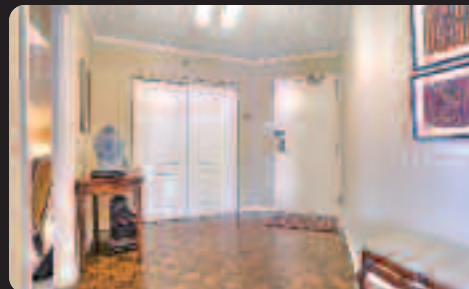
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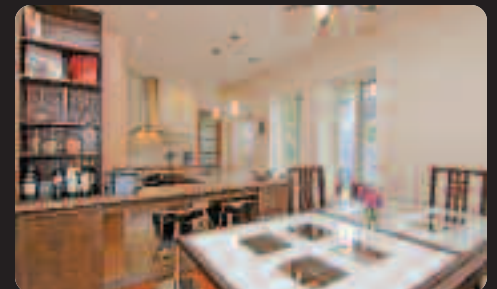
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FORTUNATE TO HAVE WHITE PINE IN WESTMOUNT

Michael Walsh’s fine tree photos prompt a reminder to Quebecers of our own history of the white pine with its softly curved cones (“Westmount Park’s white pines,” March 10, p. 6).

The Iroquois and the tribes they overcame valued this pine for its many forms of medication, some adopted by arriving Europeans. When the British lost access to New England pine, indispensable to their sailing ships, they had in hand a new area to exploit, and by 1800 Quebec City had become the largest timber port in the world.

For over a century, squared pine in the form of rafts travelled the St. Lawrence, the Ottawa, the Gatineau and every major river in our pine territory, which included all of the Maritimes, sections of southern Quebec and considerably more of what is now Ontario.

As the giant trees disappeared, sawmills were built in Hull (now part of Gatineau), Hawkesbury, etc. to deal with smaller trees.

The Eastern white pine is becoming rare, a victim of logging, forest fires (to

which it is especially vulnerable), the white pine weevil (as Michael Walsh mentioned) and blister rust, economically the continent’s most serious tree disease.

How fortunate we are to have the tall and slender *pinus strobus* in Westmount Park.

ELIZABETH QUANCE, SHERBROOKE ST.

## LOWER WESTMOUNT NOT SO ‘HEALTHY’

In response to the article “City joins movement for ‘right to a healthy environment’” (March 10, p. 4), so far we have tons of noise daily and huge amounts of dust here on Hillside Ave. and Metcalfe, with the Ville Marie Expressway and the trains going by – and now the construction of condos.

The hammering and machines grinding from 7 am to 9 30 pm is a constant reminder that we are not in a healthy environment.

The new buildings will be sound-proof. Ours used to be, but the windows and doors were replaced for cheaper ones and are no longer sound-proof.

The constant driving of trucks on the sidewalks, and the mostly cement trucks

lined up and down the street so traffic can pass on the already narrow street, has the entire area bellowing with noise. A great big crane towers over the entire area, about 10 stories high.

I understand buildings have to go up but can’t they keep normal and reasonable hours so we can live without so much

noise?

The big maple tree (at least 50 years old) that was on the corner of Hillside and Metcalfe was cut down (and other trees in the way) to allow space for the trucks to turn onto the site. Now, when I look out my patio door, I see four ..... buildings looking back at

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A view looking out of a Hillside apartment.

Photo courtesy of Terry McGimpsey

## Clarification

In the issue of March 17 (“Five councillors to attend conferences,” p. 20), a figure of \$435,600 listed for an “overall freeze [on the council’s business and convention expenses]” includes all the salaries and budget items pertaining to city council, Mayor Peter Trent said last week. He said he did not want readers to believe the figure applied only to conventions and similar spending.

## RIP Leonard Klein

Our condolences to the family of Leonard Klein, CA, a Westmounter and advertiser in both the *Independent* and *Free Press*. He died on March 15 and a funeral was to be held on March 18.

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## Letters cont'd. from p. 6

me into my living room. No more trees, which calmed my soul despite the noise. No more privacy, as the glaring lights stay on all night shine and into my apartment.

Is this really healthy living?

I sometimes wonder if healthy living is only for certain parts of Westmount.

I'm sure trees will be planted in front of the new condos when they are finished. Having sacrificed our trees, who will replant our trees lost in the shuffle?

Who will clean up our side of the street once the half-a-million-dollar condos are built?

TERRY MCGIMPSEY, HILLSIDE AVE.

## IMPRESSED WITH WOMEN'S CLUB SPEAKER

On March 16, I was invited to hear Farah Mohamed, president and CEO of

the G(irls)20 Summit, and Morgane Richer Lafèche, Canadian delegate at the 2013 Russian Summit, speak to the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal about "Cultivating a New Generation of Female Leaders."

Incredible!

While I have read about Farah Mohamed's G(irls)20 Summit in international magazines, I can honestly say it *never* crossed my mind she would be speaking [near] Westmount.

It was amazingly energizing, especially as the mother of an 8-year-old girl, to hear about the concrete action being taken by this organization toward securing spaces at the big table for the voices and presence of girls and young women.

I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised by an internationally recognized organization presenting [near] Westmount, after all, Morgane Richer Lafèche is a former Westmount resident now studying at

the University of Chicago.

And the calibre of the speakers is a reflection of the organizers – so here is a big thank you to the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal on behalf of my daughter, myself and all of the young women out there with goals and ideas and the power to dream big.

AMY CREIGHTON, NDG



Photo courtesy of Amy Creighton

From left: Morgane Richer Lafèche, Canadian delegate to G(irls) 20 Summit 2013; Jane Bourne Wightman, co-chair of the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal speaker series; Farah Mohamed, CEO of G(irls) 20 Summit; and Westmounter Patricia Roman, co-chair of the club's speaker series at the March 16 talk at the Unitarian Church on de Maisonneuve.

## Power outage caused by fire in manhole

A widespread but relatively short power outage that hit Westmount March 4 resulted from a fire in a Hydro Quebec manhole in Montreal, Hydro Westmount officials said last week. The affected circuit fed electricity to the Poste Maisonneuve station in St. Henri, forcing it to cut power to the southwest and central areas of Westmount. Public Security patrols were reported to have paid special attention to those areas between 12:26 am and 1:30 am. A total of 55 calls for information were received by the Public Security dispatcher during the blackout.

Gibran Hakim, a security guard at 350

Selby, posted the following Facebook comment, though Westmount Public Security officials said they were not aware of the bangs he refers to and it was not known whether the "bangs" related to the fire in the manhole.

"Two big explosions at the Hydro Quebec Poste Maisonneuve.... The bangs were at least an hour apart, the first being at around quarter past midnight. I saw a flash of light. Police and fire department had sent a car and Westmount security were aware of the situation. I hope everything is OK. We have power but the street lights were out."

## Concrete poured after hours at condo site

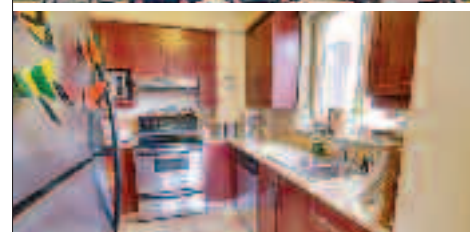
The use of heavy equipment at the condo worksite at 175 Metcalfe generated a complaint March 5 at 7:50 pm, Public Security officials said. A truck involved had already left when patrollers arrived about 10 minutes later. A contractor at the site acknowledged that the work, relating to the

pouring of concrete, had taken longer than expected. The contractor was warned that a second complaint would result in a fine. Permission had already been granted by Urban Planning for similar work to take place the next night until 9 pm.

## Power outage hits Greene

A power outage around the area of Greene Ave. March 10 knocked out traffic lights at several intersections during the start of rush-hour period from 3:45 to 4:42 pm, Public Security officials said. Patrol cars were stationed at the intersections of Greene at St. Catherine and at Dorchester to alert drivers to the potentially dangerous situation until temporary stop signs could be installed on the street.

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# Special parking spots at WRC lot lead to LEED

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of eight specially designated parking spots at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) were among elements built into the project as part of its construction to the gold level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), city officials said last week.

Two of the spots are designated for elec-

tric cars to recharge, two for handicapped persons and another eight for carpoolers (cars with two or more occupants).

“One of our referees drives an electric car, and he’s a regular user of one of the spaces,” said Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

“I’ve actually seen quite a few,” added Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security, who plays hockey at the

WRC.

While the two charging stations are connected to the WRC’s regular 110-volt power supply, higher charging capabilities might be considered in the future, said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise.

An overall parking plan is being developed for the lot, which currently applies the city’s four-hour parking maximum, Cutler said. Four-hour maximum signs are now posted, and Public Security has been carrying out a warning campaign.

Public Security director Greg McBain said some 30 warning tickets were issued between February 7 to 11. The start of regular tickets was to be implemented Mon-

day, March 23.


A pay-station for piloting an advanced parking system purchased experimentally by the city has already been installed but is yet to be activated. The station is located near the entrance pavilion.

“We hope to get it going between seasons and before the new MUHC hospital opens,” said Cutler. That could mean before the pool opens for the summer. The super-hospital is set to open at the end of April.

“We want to get feedback from residents to find out what they like or don’t like about the system before we use it on the streets.”

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## 'Massive' system to integrate many cities

# City to join island-wide radio communications network

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After losing its own fire department to Montreal as part of the municipal mergers over a decade ago, Westmount city council March 2 voted unanimously to join the island-wide agglomeration's radio communications network known as SÉRAM.

This is the system used by Montreal fire, police and civil protection services into which all island municipalities are expected to be integrated eventually.

The aim is for Hydro Westmount, Public Security and Public Works departments

to be able to benefit from a technologically advanced network that will enable each entity to have its own radio frequency but be able to share information in times of emergency.

The new network could go into effect in Westmount as early as this summer, according to Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise, who is managing the contract for the city and working closely with SÉRAM "to come up with an implementation plan."

This will require Westmount and its five former mutual aid firefighting partners to be integrated into the new network at the same time and dissolve their existing ECOM system. "We all have to migrate together so we don't leave an orphan behind," he explained.

These mutual aid partners are Westmount, Town of Mount Royal, Hampstead and Côte St. Luc, as well as St. Laurent and Outremont, now Montreal boroughs.

The ECOM network, an old technology that is no longer supported, has been operated by Ericsson Canada for some three decades, recalled Bruce St. Louis who retired in 2008 as Westmount director gen-

eral.

St. Louis subsequently became involved in the early stages of SÉRAM in 2011 as director general of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM). An *ad hoc* commission was set up that year to study the issue. Two ASM mayors were appointed to the commission to ensure the needs of the suburban cities were tabled and addressed at the political level, he said.

The \$42.5-million contract for the purchase and installation of SÉRAM was approved by the agglomeration council in 2012.

"It's a massive project whose genesis was the police and fire departments," he explained. "The basic infrastructure was paid for by the aggro so it makes sense for the suburbs to tag on; they're already paying

for the infrastructure. By not doing so, they would be missing a very, very important opportunity."

While Montreal will be responsible for the basic infrastructure and maintenance costs of SÉRAM, the cities and boroughs must purchase their own equipment.

In Westmount's case, the council resolution voted \$245,483 for the cost of equipment for vehicles, dispatchers and personnel.

## Intoxicated woman leaves apartment lobby

An intoxicated woman was found in the lobby of the apartment building at 1 Rosemount March 3, Public Security officials said. A complaint about the woman was received at 5:47 am. A patroller helped her put on her shoes and coat and followed her as she began walking home. She was left on her own as she entered Westmount Square.

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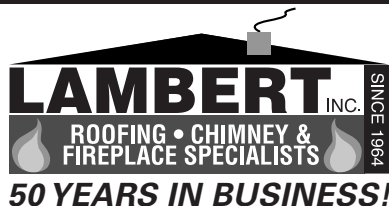
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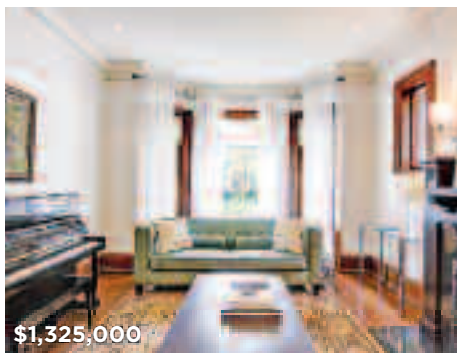
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Police Report

St. Catherine dry cleaner held up at gunpoint

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.

An unidentified man robbed a St. Catherine St. dry cleaner at gunpoint on the evening of March 13, making off with \$200, according a Station 12 police report.

The suspect, described as a white male around 35 years old, approximately six-foot tall and 170 pounds, walked into the dry cleaner in eastern Westmount around 6:30 pm and approached the female cashier, according to constable Stephan Laperrière.

The man allegedly pulled out a gun, believed to be a revolver, pointed it at the cashier and in French demanded she hand over the money in the register.

"She opened up the cash register and let him serve himself," said Laperrière.

"The person did the right thing by letting [the suspect] take the money. It's not worth risking your life for a couple hundred dollars."

In addition to armed robbery, the sus-

pect could potentially face a separate charge for using a gun in the commission of a crime, even if the weapon is later found to have been a replica, said Laperrière.

The case is being turned over to Montreal police's Investigations Unit located at the operational centre on Guy. The unit will look for additional evidence on the

scene, including possible fingerprints, to create a more accurate description with which to build the case against the suspect, who didn't have any identifying marks like tattoos or scars that the victim noticed.

Video surveillance of neighbouring areas and businesses could also be solicited to help track the path of the suspect as he fled, according to Laperrière.

WRC named finalist for regional environmental award

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre (WRC) has been chosen as one of three finalists in a category of "public entries" for a regional award called the Environmental and Sustainable Development Gala.

The selection of finalists was announced March 19 by the "Gala" sponsored by the Montreal Regional Council on the Environment (CRE – Montreal) and the Regional Conference of Elected Officials in Montreal and the City of Montreal (CRÉ de Montreal).

The winner of this and two other categories is to be announced April 28.

"It is gratifying that the uniqueness of the WRC is being recognized once again,"

said Mayor Peter Trent. "All Westmounters should be proud."

The WRC project was chosen in part, according to a press release from the award committee, for "the use of green technologies including LED lighting, [which] makes this public building a model of energy efficiency and water conservation."

The other two finalists in the WRC's category were entries related to the opening of a public square in Pointe aux Trembles and to the receipt by the borough of St. Laurent of ISO 14,001 certification, an international standard for environmental management.

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A loose dog on Mount Stephen took the long way home to Springfield March 13, Public Security officials said. Followed by public safety officers who had been alerted by 911, the Labrador-mix ran north on Mount Stephen, turned right and went through a yard on Côte St. Antoine to a

hole in the fence of its home on the north side of Springfield. The dog owner apologized to officers and said the fence would be repaired. She was told a ticket would be issued on a second offence. The dog owner had just obtained dog licences that very day.

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## Roslyn tech teacher's video wins national contest



Julie Marcus in the Roslyn's computer lab March 12.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Julie Marcus, a technology teaching specialist at Roslyn School in Westmount, was recently named one of three winners across Canada in the seventh annual MindShare Learning Digital Learning Video Challenge.

She submitted a video that demonstrated how technology can be incorpo-

rated into day-to-day learning at the school.

The video shows students acquiring critical skills ranging from basic computer programming to video and photo editing. Marcus' winning submission can be seen at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEEg9C\\_vat8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEEg9C_vat8).



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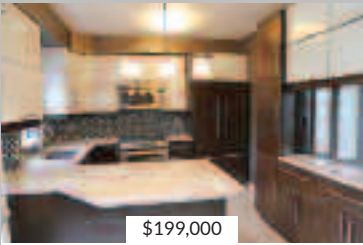
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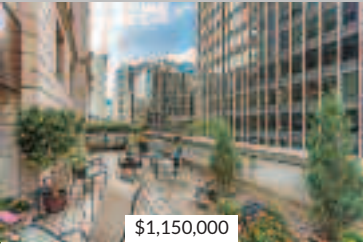
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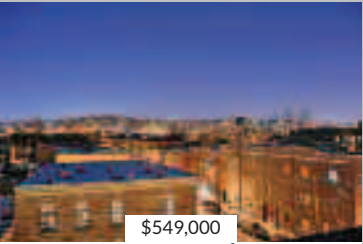
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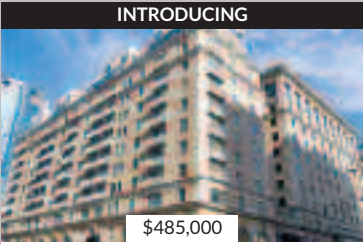
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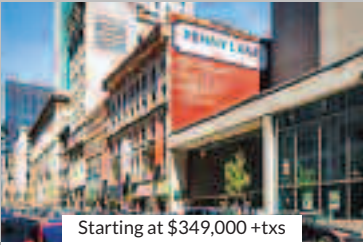
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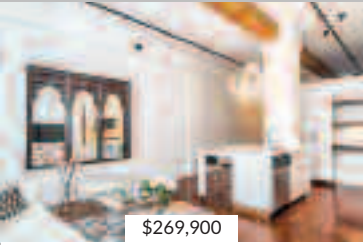
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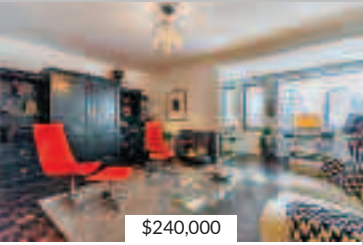
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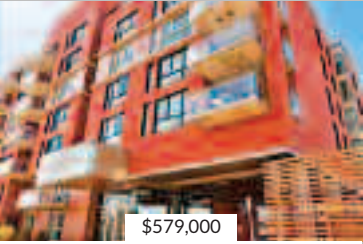
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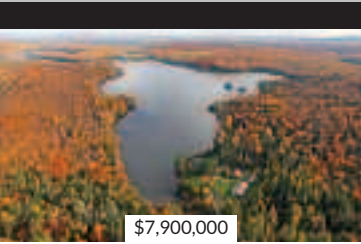


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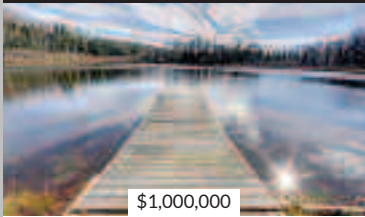


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Public Security urges people not to

# Risky to return to same parking spot, woman warns

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Returning to the same spot in a two-hour parking zone within a short period of time could be a risky proposition, warns a woman, who is contesting a parking ticket in court. It was recently issued to her on Prince Albert for parking over the time limit.

"I'm innocent, and I'm contesting the ticket despite the inconvenience of going to court," she told the *Independent*.

The woman maintains she had parked a second time in the same available space after leaving it over lunch. She was then upset to find a ticket on the windshield. She also questioned how parking inspectors know when cars have actually been moved, even a few feet in accordance with the by-law.

Public Security director Greg McBain said there were many ways to monitor time zones.

Nevertheless, he said, "We encourage people not to re-use the same spot and to move their car to another one. We often receive complaints from residents that the same car or pick-up parks in front of their

house all day."

Without divulging monitoring details or specifics of this particular case, he said some of the general methods used for time zones are taking photos, noting the position of tire valves in relation to the curb and recording licence plates.

Much more goes into monitoring than chalking tires, he explained. It takes experience, a keen eye, good notes and a knowledge of "tricks" drivers may use to override their time limitation.

In the nine months since the city rolled out its new automated ticket-writing system, McBain said the number of errors in tickets has declined as anticipated (see June 17, p. 16). Legibility, understanding of the infraction and accuracy have been improved.

But because the system is fully integrated with the Montreal Municipal Court in Old Montreal, and tickets are automatically entered at the end of a shift, it has narrowed any window of opportunity for stopping a ticket with an obvious error.

"We're very limited in what we can do," McBain said. "It's important for anyone receiving a ticket to review it carefully as

soon as they receive it."

Problems with a ticket mean dealing with the Montreal courthouse. Westmount's own municipal court was amalgamated into the Montreal system during the mergers but never "demerged." It had been located on Stanton St.

For their part, parkers have responsibilities, McBain said.

"Don't just park or toss a coin in a meter and rush away. Make sure you aren't

parked too far from the curb, or on the curb or impeding into the parking spot ahead. Also, be aware of driveways and the need to turn wheels to the curb when parking on a hill."

At a meter, always check that it has correctly recorded the time paid for. "If the meter is defective, it is important to report it immediately to Public Security so it can be recorded and repaired," he said.

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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

**Bureaux municipaux fermés les 3 et 6 avril**  
Les bureaux de la Ville seront fermés le **vendredi 3 avril et le lundi 6 avril** en raison de la fête de Pâques. La bibliothèque publique sera fermée le vendredi, le dimanche et le lundi.

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE



**Rencontre d'auteur : Roch Carrier**  
**Le mercredi 25 mars, 19 h**, Salle Westmount. Rencontrez Roch Carrier, auteur de *Montcalm and Wolfe: Two Men Who Forever Changed the Course of History*. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Atelier Voyager dans l'imaginaire avec Elissa Baltzer**  
**Le vendredi 27 mars, de 13 h à 15 h pour adultes et de 16 h à 18 h pour les jeunes de 9 à 13 ans**, Salle Westmount. Une exploration multimédia de la créativité et de l'imagination pour les artistes de tous les niveaux et de tous les âges. Veuillez vous inscrire préalablement au 514 989-5299 (adultes) ou au 514 989-5229 (enfants).

**Thé et danse victorienne**  
**Le dimanche 29 mars de 13 h à 16 h 30**, Victoria Hall. Venez prendre le thé dans l'après-midi avec l'option de recevoir une leçon de danse folklorique anglaise. Venez déguisé si vous voulez! Événement présenté en collaboration avec *The Montreal Dickens Fellowship*. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5226.

**NOUVEAU ! – Des bébés et des livres**  
**Les jeudis 9, 16, 23 et 30 avril à 11 h**. Il n'est jamais trop tôt pour lire à son bébé. Venez écouter des histoires avec Barbara Duchesne et explorer la richesse des livres pour les tout-petits (18 mois et moins). Info : 514 989-5229.

**Concours littéraire McEntyre 2015**  
**Date limite : le vendredi 10 avril à 21 h**. Cette année, nous t'invitons à écrire sur le thème « À la poursuite d'un rêve ». Visitez la page du concours au [www.westlib.org/JeunesKids](http://www.westlib.org/JeunesKids).

**Vente de livres des Amis de la Bibliothèque**  
**Les samedi et dimanche 11 et 12 avril de 10 h à 17 h**, Victoria Hall. Tous les fonds recueillis seront consacrés à l'achat de nouveau matériel pour la bibliothèque. Si vous possédez des livres en excellent état dont vous aimeriez vous départir, veuillez les apporter à la bibliothèque dès aujourd'hui.

**Événement « Words and Music » avec Sean Michaels et Aleks Schürmer**  
**Le mercredi 15 avril à 19 h**, Victoria Hall. Venez rencontrer Sean Michaels, gagnant du prix Giller 2015 et auteur de *Us Conductors* et Aleks Schürmer, invité musical. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5226.

## Prochaine séance du conseil le mardi 7 avril

**La troupe de théâtre Teen Tour Theatre : *Furry Tails with a Twist***  
**Le dimanche 19 avril à 14 h**, Victoria Hall. La troupe *Teen Tour Theatre* présente une pièce de Jennifer Hickok DeFratis, dirigée par Aviva Wolman-Wener. Suivez les aventures d'une jeune troupe d'acteurs, désireuse de vous présenter quelques-uns des plus beaux contes de fées. Pour les jeunes de 4 à 10 ans. Info : 514 989-5229.

**LEGO® recherchés !**  
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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

**Exposition : Bruce Roberts**  
**Du 26 mars au 18 avril**. La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Bruce Roberts. Info : [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org) ou 514 989-5521.

**Une heure pour la Terre 2015**  
**Le samedi 28 mars de 18 h à 22 h**, Victoria Hall. Éteignez vos lumières et jouez aux astronomes en observant le ciel noir durant cette heure symbolique soulignant la lutte aux changements climatiques. Info : 514 989-5226.

**Collecte de sang de la Ville de Westmount**  
**Le jeudi 9 avril de 14 h 30 à 19 h 30**, Victoria Hall. Les membres du conseil de Westmount invitent les résidents à faire un don pour la vie lors de sa collecte annuelle de sang. Info : 514 989-5226.

**Galerie du Victoria Hall : appel de dossiers Jusqu'au 15 avril**. Les artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount sont invités à soumettre leur candidature pour la programmation 2015-2016 de la galerie. Info : [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org) ou 514 989-5521.

## SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

**Stationnement : période de Pâques**  
Les parcomètres de Westmount ne seront pas en fonction les vendredi 3 avril et lundi 6 avril, mais seront en vigueur le samedi 4 avril. La restriction de stationnement de nuit ne sera pas en vigueur du vendredi au lundi. Info : 514 989-5222.

## CITY HALL

**Municipal offices closed April 3 & 6**  
The City's offices will be closed **Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6** for the Easter Holiday. The Library will be closed Friday, Sunday and Monday.

## LIBRARY

**Author Event: Roch Carrier**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.**, Westmount Room. Meet Roch Carrier, author of *Montcalm and Wolfe: Two Men Who Forever Changed the Course of History*. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Journey into Imagination Workshop with Elissa Baltzer**  
**Friday, March 27, 1 to 3 p.m. for adults and 4 to 6 p.m. for children ages 9 to 13**, Westmount Room. A multi-media exploration of creativity and imagination for artists of all levels and ages. Please register in advance at 514 989-5299 (adults) or 514 989-5229 (children).

**Victorian Tea and Dance**  
**Sunday, March 29 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Join us for afternoon tea and an optional English Country Dance Lesson. Costumes welcome! Presented in collaboration with The Montreal Dickens Fellowship. Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5226.

**NEW! "Des bébés et des livres"**  
**Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 11 a.m.** It's never too early to read to your child. Come listen to stories with Barbara Duchesne and explore the richness of books for babies (18 months and under). In French. Info : 514 989-5229.

**McEntyre Writing Competition 2015**  
**Deadline: Friday, April 10, 9 p.m.** This year, we would like you to write about "Chasing a Dream". See the contest page [www.westlib.org/JeunesKids](http://www.westlib.org/JeunesKids).

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
**Saturday and Sunday, April 11 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. All proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of new materials for the Library. Contemporary novels, non-fiction, art, and children's books in prime condition may be left at the library anytime for the sale.

**Words and Music Event with Sean Michaels and Aleks Schürmer**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Spend the evening with Sean Michaels, 2015 Giller Prize winner and author of *Us Conductors* and special musical guest Aleks Schürmer. Info : 514 989-5226.

**Teen Tour Theatre : *Furry Tails with a Twist***  
**Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Teen Tour Theatre presents a play by Jennifer Hickok DeFratis and directed by Aviva Wolman-Wener. Follow the

## Next Council Meeting Tuesday, April 7

adventures of a troop of young actors trying desperately to present a few of the world's most beloved fairy tales. For children ages 4 to 10. Info : 514 989-5229.

**Looking for LEGO® !**  
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Exhibition: Bruce Roberts**  
**March 26 to April 18**. The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Bruce Roberts. Info : [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org) or 514 989-5521.

**Earth Hour 2015**  
**Saturday, March 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Turn off your lights! Victoria Hall hosts an evening of activities, talks, films, stargazing and more as part of Earth Hour, an event to raise awareness on Climate change. Info : 514 989-5226.

**City Council Blood Donor Clinic**  
**Thursday April 9, 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Victoria Hall**. Westmount Council members invite residents to give the gift of life at the annual blood donor clinic. Info : 514 989-5226.

**Gallery at Victoria Hall: Call for projects**  
**Until April 15**. Emerging or professional artists residing in Westmount are invited to apply for the Gallery's 2015-2016 exhibition season. Info : 514 989-5521 or [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org).

## PUBLIC SECURITY

**Parking during Easter weekend**  
Westmount's parking meters will not be in effect on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6, but will be enforced Saturday, April 4. The 4-hour overnight parking restriction will not be applied Friday through Monday. Info : 514 989-5222.



# Book sale on again for Westmount Public Library



Volunteers with Friends of the Westmount Public Library Joan Samuels, foreground, and Miriam Tees sort and price donated books in the basement of the library on March 16.

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“However, in light of the comments heard at the public meeting, the committee has reservations about the impact of the demolition and reconstruction phases of the project on the commercial street as well as on the residential neighbourhood at the rear of the site.”

Among the conditions requested is a structural engineer's report “on the shoring and underpinning of the façade as well as the proposed method of support of the remaining structure of the front wall and mansard.” This was a concern raised by committee chair Councillor Cynthia Lulham during the hearing.

A construction management document is also to address vibration control, parking of construction workers and cleanliness of the area. “In particular,” it is to propose mitigation measures “to reduce encroach-

ment on the public domain while ensuring safety and continuity in pedestrian flow and barrier-free accessibility on the east side of Greene Ave.”

Timelines, proposed hours of work and of the delivery of materials to the site are also to be outlined. The decision also insists that “deliveries to adjacent commercial stores through the lane must be maintained at all times.”

A monetary guarantee was set at \$205,000. The project's estimated cost was reported at \$1.2 million.

The 1921 building holds a Category II heritage rating. The façade's mansard roof and dormer windows are described by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) as a defining element that has been removed from most of the other buildings on the street. “By being one of the last, it adds character to the street.”

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By JOANNE PENHALE

Book lovers can peruse thousands of titles at the April 11 and 12 weekend “Quality Used Book Sale,” which benefits the Westmount Public Library.

“It covers the entire Victoria Hall auditorium, from wall to wall,” said Joan Samuels, a volunteer for Friends of the Westmount Public Library, which organizes the bi-annual sale.

Most books are in English, categorized by subject, and priced between \$1 and \$3. The sale also includes books in French, children's books, CDs and DVDs.

The Westmount Public Library accepts donations of used books throughout the year.

Volunteers assess the quality of each donated book, Samuels explained, and books that are yellowed or otherwise undesirable are not included in the sale.

The sale is the same format as it has been in the past. It runs from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St.

In conjunction with this year's **Blue Metropolis Literary Festival**, join bestselling author **Catherine McKenzie** (Forgotten, Hidden) for a series of **writing seminars in Westmount**

SESSION 1: **Hating on the Draft** (Friday, April 24, 4–5:30 pm)

So you've started writing your novel, but how do you get it finished? How do you know if it's any good? How can you motivate yourself to keep going? Come on by for a workshop on tools to move past the beginning of your novel and get it done.

SESSION 2: **How to Write Compelling Characters** (Saturday, April 25, 10–11:30 am)

Great characters bring life to fiction, but how do you develop them? How do you make your characters feel realistic without creating caricatures or clichés? Stop in for a workshop on crafting compelling characters that will help bring your fiction to life.

SESSION 3: **Writing Great Dialogue** (Saturday, April 25, 2–3:30 pm)

Great dialogue brings life to fiction, but how is it written? How can passages of dialogue feel realistic without being dull, or convey action without seeming forced? Attend a workshop on crafting tight, narrative-propelling dialogue. Participants are welcomed (but not required) to submit up to five pages for possible discussion during the session.

TO REGISTER: Please write to [catherinemckenzieauthor@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemckenzieauthor@gmail.com)

Maximum number of participants per session: 30

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# Top-seeded Wings clipped in Bantam A semifinal

By MICHAEL MOORE

A two-goal second-period rally by the LaSalle Jaguars sent the Bantam A Westmount Wings crashing out of the Eastern Hockey League semifinal after a 2-1 defeat on March 18 at Samuel Moskovitch Arena.

LaSalle forwards Luca Rosati and Lehraj Chhina beat goaltender Andrew Turner back to back in the second period, overcoming a goal from Westmount's Tyler Stern to knock out the top-seeded Wings.

The Wings had soared into the playoffs with sky-high expectations after finishing atop the Bantam A regular season standings with an 18-3-1 record and plus-72 goal differential. Coach Andrew Robb's team carried that strong play into the post-season, knocking off three opponents to reach the semifinal.

However, the fourth-seeded Jaguars, who had beaten the Wings 3-2 on the eve of the playoffs, proved far tougher prey.

The closely matched opponents opened a tepid first period with leery caution, with neither side seemingly willing to throw themselves forward in attack and risk potentially leaving themselves vulnerable. The best chance of the period fell to Westmount's Justin Goodman, whose shot from the side of the net with 45 seconds remaining was turned aside.

Poor LaSalle discipline would eventually lead to a broken deadlock early in the second. Jaguars Andrew Mall and Julian Trunzo took back-to-back penalties within the opening minute of the period, handing the Wings a prolonged 5-on-3 that wouldn't be wasted.

Westmount's Philippe Miller cut in hard from the left wing, sending an initial shot that was saved by Matthew Licursi but allowing the rebound to fall to Stern, whose spin-o-rama backhand found the back of the LaSalle net.



Westmount's Michael Robb races to a loose puck during a 2-1 loss at Samuel Moskovitch Arena on March 18.

That lead would only last for 94 seconds until Rosati tied the game back up, beating Turner with a sharp-angle shot.

The Jaguars grabbed the lead for good minutes later, converting a 2-on-1 moments after surviving a flurry of goal-mouth opportunities by the Wings. Mall's fanned shot fluttered directly into the path of Chhina, who converted what would prove to be the game-winning goal.

Westmount was unable to breach the LaSalle defenses in the third period despite a deluge of shots fired at the Jaguars net, ending the Wings season.

## Trafalgar hose broken by plow

A hose used as a temporary water line to houses on Trafalgar Ave. was punctured by a snow plow March 15, Public Security officials said. The incident was discovered at 8:20 am when water was found to have accumulated in the driveway at civic number 3200. City water crews were called to correct the problem. The hose had been installed March 13 to feed water from a hydrant on Belvedere Rd. to two homes in Westmount left without water when the main froze in Montreal (see story March 17, p. 3).

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# McKenzie wins in national public speaking competition



Westmounter Rachel McKenzie, a grade 10 student at St. George's, won the National Public Speaking Championship in the "persuasive speaking" category, competing against Canadian senior high school students. "The insanity plea is a good, beneficial thing for the justice system," said McKenzie, recounting her speech topic to the Independent. However, she continued, the plea is not always used properly, like when expert witnesses make careers out of testifying about a client's state of mind, without actually working in their field of expertise. McKenzie's approximately 12-minute speech was delivered in Winnipeg in early February. She estimated she was competing against 40 or 50 students. Before that, she placed second in a Quebec Association of Independent Schools public speaking competition.

Photo: Joanne Penhale

*Trafalgar cont'd. from p. 10*

But by March 20, the hose had been removed from the tree to be insulated, Sipos said. Through excavation, Montreal's water works crews found a valve that had been frozen and broken, he said.

The hose, from which the two houses were being temporarily supplied with water, was attached to the hydrant on Belvedere Rd. at The Boulevard (see story March 17, p. 3).

"It's a tricky area to work in," Sipos said. The water network is a complicated

one because of the rocky terrain and various houses on Trafalgar are served by various water mains.

There are in fact five houses in Westmount at the dead-end of the street, he said. Two receive regular water service from what became the frozen main while the other three are served by a water main going down Belvedere Rd.

Some of the houses on the Montreal portion of Trafalgar are served by the street's water main, others are supplied from other ones in Montreal that are not frozen.



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Police: No known connection between two events

# Woman witnesses 2 shooting incidents in 3 days

BY ISAAC OLSON

A woman has been left a bit shaken after witnessing two gun-related incidents in a span of three days on the border of Westmount and NDG. One of those incidents, on March 18, left a 24-year-old man in the hospital with a non-fatal gunshot wound to his lower body, according to police. She recounted her tale of making eye-

contact with a gunman during a late-night, March 15 encounter at the corner of Claremont Ave. and Sherbrooke St. "I was really shaken up. There was nobody on the street. It was completely empty. I was really freaked out about that," the witness told the *Independent* in a March 20 phone interview.

She has requested anonymity. At this point, however, Constable Éric Labad, who handles communications with the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), says police are not making a connection between the reported gunshots that were heard on the evening of March 15 and those that resulted in injury at around 1 am on March 18 in front of NDG's Liquid Lounge (5028 Sherbrooke St., near Grey Ave.).

For now, he said the priority investigation is the shooting that resulted in injury. Labad said police are not releasing many details, nor are they giving the suspect's description to the public because of the impact it could have on the investigation.

At this point, police are simply saying the victim was standing outside of the Liquid Lounge when he was shot. He is ex-

pected to recover from the incident. Labad said the victim, when questioned by police, did not divulge much information.

Labad confirmed there was a complaint made on March 15 and a preliminary investigation was initiated, but, because no one was injured, that investigation has been put on the back burner while detectives search for the March 18 shooter, he said.

When asked what evidence police found proving there was actual gunfire on March 15, such as bullets or shell casings, Labad said he did not have that information. He would only say there was a complaint made, but he would not reveal any details of it. In fact, he wouldn't even say if there was gunfire on March 15.

"For the moment, there is no connection between the two events, but it is under investigation" said Labad in French during a March 20 phone interview. Switching to English, he said, "I can only confirm that there was a complaint."

However, the witness told the *Free Press* that, as far as she can tell, it was the same man in both incidents.

Recounting her March 15 experience, she said: "I was on the corner of Claremont and Sherbrooke, and I heard two gunshots and this commotion outside of Liquid Lounge, where there were a bunch of people freaking out. This guy started running and I made eye contact with him right outside the TD Bank while he was running. I saw his weapon and he jumped in a car that was waiting for him on Claremont just past the TD a little bit."

Eventually she ran to her friend's house. She felt scared for her own life. She didn't know if anybody had been shot or if the suspect wanted to shoot her for seeing his face, she said. At first she didn't even want to deal with police or come out of hiding, but she did and gave a statement, she said.

"It was so weird because I was walking to my friend's house and then I didn't even want to cross the street because we made eye contact," she said.

Then on the early morning of March 18, she and her sister heard another commotion in the area – gunfire. Her sister saw a man running.

"My sister saw him," she said. "... He was running up Claremont this time and she gave the exact same description as I did."

Now, she said, she is scared she is going to run into the shooter for a second time and be recognized. She said she feels it is the same person on both March 15 and 18 or, at least, they are affiliated with each other.

She hesitated to give the suspect's description to the newspaper because she worried it may be considered stereotypical.

After some coaxing, she said she saw a black man standing about 5'11" of average build. He was wearing a grey hoodie and black jacket. On his head, she said, he wore a simple black tuque. Her sister saw a man of similar build and appearance running from the Liquid Lounge on March 18 but, she added, her sister did not see a weapon.

Overall she said she feels safe in the neighbourhood and she has never had any problems as it is monitored by police and Public Security regularly. Nothing like this ever happens, she said, as it is usually pretty quiet.

When told the police aren't making a connection between the two incidents, she replied: "It would be even stranger if they were both arbitrary incidents that had no relation to one another. It was the same thing in the span of a few days."

Liquid Lounge was once known as Crossroads. It was reportedly attacked by arsonists in May 2014, according to CTV News.



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# The Independent's Spring Social Calendar

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

## MARCH

### TUESDAY MARCH 24

International Festival of Films on Art's (FIFA) Benefit Eve. 6:30 pm. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke St. West. Honorary chair Anne-Marie Trahan. Information and tickets Camille Gagnon 514.874.1637, Local 109. [dons@artfifa.com](mailto:dons@artfifa.com)

### FRIDAY MARCH 27

Mount Royal Ball benefiting St. Justine CHU Foundation. Evening for young professionals and entrepreneurs. VIP pre-cocktail dinatoire 7:30 pm. Tickets \$250. Event with open bar 10 pm. Tickets \$150. Montreal Science Centre, 2 de la Commune St., Old Montreal. Information and tickets 514.345.4931, Local 5221. [balumdroyal.ca](http://balumdroyal.ca)

### SUNDAY MARCH 29

Cummings Centre Sports Celebrity Breakfast, supporting Seniors in Crisis Program. "Dragon" Mitch Garber is honouree, with NHL legend former Montreal Canadien Peter Mahovich, sports personality of the year. 9:30 am. Gelber Conference Centre, 5700 Westbury St. Tickets

General \$30, VIP \$100. Susan Rozansky 514.342.1234, Local 7234. [srozansky@cummingscentre.org](mailto:srozansky@cummingscentre.org)

## APRIL

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

Batshaw Centres Foundation 5th Annual Cocktail Challenge. Mixologists compete to create the best cocktail. Raffle and silent auction. Funds raised support the Foundation's programs, helping children who have been victims of neglect or abuse. Tickets \$125. \$80 (35 years and under). At the door \$150 and \$100. 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Parisian Laundry, 3550 St. Antoine St. West. 514.989.1885, ext. 1164. [www.batshawfoundation.ca](http://www.batshawfoundation.ca)

ICRF (Israel Cancer Research Fund) 38th annual gala, "Laugh & Applaud for our Cause," featuring Golden Globe award winner Tom Arnold. Co-chairs Nadia Saputo and Maria Guzzo. Honouring Vincenzo Guzzo who will be awarded the ICRF Community Fellowship. Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine St. West. Tickets: Benefactor \$250. Patron \$180. 514.481.2723. [info@icrfmontreal.org](mailto:info@icrfmontreal.org)

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

The Azrieli Foundation and the Chevra

Kadisha Synagogue present Musicians of the World Symphony Orchestra. Song of Songs, a Jewish symphonic experience directed by Joseph Milo. Sharon Azrieli-Perez, soprano. Matt Haimovitz, cello. Kleztory – Klezmer band. Dedicated to the memory of David Azrieli. Congregation Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob, 5237 Clanranald Ave. Tickets \$25, \$50 and \$100. Information 514.482.3366.

### THURSDAY APRIL 9

Dinner with Friends, benefiting Centaur Theatre. World premiere of The Envelope by Vittorio Rossi. Dinner inspired by the cuisine of the playwright's region of Molise. Coffee, dessert and conversation with Rossi and the cast follow the performance. 5:30 pm. Da Franco Restaurant, 233 Notre Dame St. West. Tickets \$175. \$1,500 for table of 10. Information Nathalie O'Neill. 514.288.1229, Local 240. [development@centaurtheatre.com](mailto:development@centaurtheatre.com)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

The Daffodil Ball benefiting The Canadian Cancer Society. Chairs Robert Card, president/CEO SNC-Lavalin Group; Charles Sirois, board chair CIBC, and Frank Vettese, managing partner/chief executive, Deloitte LLP. Tickets \$850 (available only to benefactors donating \$2,000 or more). Sponsors' tables \$50,000, \$35,000, \$27,500. 6:45 pm. Windsor Station, 900 Peel St. Information Alison Silcoff 514.932.7517. [alison@alisonsilcoff.com](mailto:alison@alisonsilcoff.com)

ARThritis Society ART fundraiser featuring the work of artist George Russell. Free wine and cheese reception. Concordia University's Loyola Jesuit Hall and Conference Centre, 7141 Sherbrooke St. West. Event is with the support of the PERFORM Centre. Information and reservations Elizabeth Kennell. [ekennell@arthritis.ca](mailto:ekennell@arthritis.ca) 514.846.8840, Local 2440.

### FRIDAY APRIL 17

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal's Les Printemps du MAC, benefiting MAC

Foundation. Co-presidents Maria Antonopoulos, director, marketing/communications, Groupe Antonopoulos, and Eleanore Derome, lawyer, Blakes. Honoree Sacha Haque senior legal counsel, Power Corporation of Canada/ Power Financial Corporation. 9 pm-3 am. Musée d'art contemporain, 185 St. Catherine St. West. Tickets \$175. Information Naila Del Cid 514.847.6272.

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## Cod with Puttanesca style sauce

by Irene Y.

Serves 4

This is a quick and easy recipe perfect for a weeknight supper or company. It can be made with any dense white fish such as halibut, haddock, etc.

### Ingredients

- 2 large cod fillets (approx. 2 lbs.)
- ½ tsp paprika

- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- ½ onion, large dice
- 2 cloves garlic
- 14 oz canned tomatoes, slightly puréed
- ½ red pepper, large dice
- ⅓ cup black kalamata olives, chopped
- 1 tsp capers drained
- 2 basil leaves, slivered or ½ teaspoon basil pesto (optional)
- 2 tsp parsley, chopped (optional)

### Directions

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray cooking pan with oil, about 1 teaspoon.

1. Sauce: Sauté onion and garlic until translucent in 1 tsp. oil. Add tomato, red pepper, olives and capers. Cook about 20 minutes, uncovered or until mixture becomes a thick sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste. (If not using fresh basil, add pesto a few minutes before sauce is done.)
2. Sprinkle cod with salt, pepper and paprika to taste. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
3. Top cod with tomato mixture. Sprinkle with chopped basil and/or parsley.



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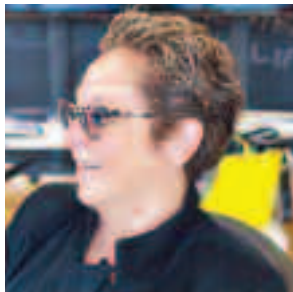
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**SATURDAY APRIL 18**

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**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22**

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**THURSDAY APRIL 23**

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Whisky Tasting Event to benefit Montreal SPCA. 6 pm. Tudor Hall, Ogilvy, 1307 Ste. Catherine St. West. Tickets \$125. Odette Lours. [olours@spca.com](mailto:olours@spca.com).

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**MONDAY APRIL 27**

All That Glitters Gala For Crohn's and Colitis Canada. Featuring recording artist Adam Cohen with opening performance by singer/songwriter Chris Lago. Circus entertainment. Cocktail dînatoire 6 pm. Montreal Museum Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke St. West. Information Stefanie Rosenblatt 514.342.0666. [srosenblatt@crohnsandcolitis.ca](mailto:srosenblatt@crohnsandcolitis.ca).

**THURSDAY APRIL 30**

Art Auction For Autism to benefit the Miriam Foundation. 6:30 pm. Parisian Laundry, 3550 St. Antoine St. West. Chairs Carol Tryansky, Judy Wolfe, Franki Yanofsky and Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir. Tickets \$200. [aylaf@miriamfoundation.ca](mailto:aylaf@miriamfoundation.ca). [www.miriamfoundation.ca/en/events](http://www.miriamfoundation.ca/en/events)

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BJM PLATINUM. Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal Benefit Ball. Chair Andrew Bissett, executive vice-president Jones Lang LaSalle, and Fannie Charron, president Louwana Creek. Tickets and table sponsorships Véronique Thibault, 514.982.6771, Local 7. [Veronique@bjmdanse.ca](mailto:Veronique@bjmdanse.ca). [bjmdanse.ca/gala](http://bjmdanse.ca/gala)

**SUNDAY MAY 3**

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Montreal Chapter Gala Event. Funds benefit the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada at Hebrew University honouring Alvin Segal with The Scopus Award, the highest honor bestowed by the organization. Cocktails 5:30 pm. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave., Westmount. 514.932.2133. [cfhu.org/Alvin-Segal](http://cfhu.org/Alvin-Segal). Stay tuned for more social events in coming issues.

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## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

**Denis Brott**, founder, executive and artistic director of the acclaimed Montreal Chamber Music Festival, welcomed guests to **Phyllis Lambert's** home for an invitation-only concert reception. Even though it was mid-December, ladies were delighted to still be able to wear stylish shoes – and

not rubber boots with ice crampons!

**Julie Brott** introduced arrivals to guest musicians **Timmy** and **Nikki Chooi**. The violinist brothers from Vancouver performed Prokofiev's "Sonata for 2 violins in C Major," "Opus 56" and "Monti Csardas." Each also performed a solo piece: Nikki Chooi the "Ysaye Sonata Opus 27 #2" and Timmy Chooi Bach's "Sonata #2 in A Minor" BWV 1003 (Grave and Fuga). And together, Chooi and Brott performed the "Passacaglia" by Handel-Halvorsen.

Noted enjoying the elegant evening were the city of Montreal's executive committee



From left: Nikki Chooi, Phyllis Lambert, Denis Brott and Timothy Chooi.

members **Pierre Desrochers** and **Manon Gauthier**; **Hakam Hmiddouch**, Groupe MABI; and **John Hobday**, former director of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Noted from Westmount were **Cornelia**

**Nihon**, **Cynthia Cundill**, **Pamela** and **Anthony Layton**, **Fran** and **Reuben Croll**, **Sudershan** and **Ramesh Khosla**, **Robin Quinlan**, **Linda** and **Eric** .....

**Lenczner** and **Festival** continued on p. 26



Manon Gauthier, left, and Julie Brott.

## Correction

The identification of the people in the photo in the issue of March 17 (p. 22) should have been Jacques Bellefeuille, left, and Philippe Dandurand.

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From left: Michael McAdoo, Sylvie Demers and Pierre Desrochers.



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**Social Notes cont'd. from p. 25**

board member **Michael McAdoo**, husband of city councillor Theodora Samiotis, as well as former Westmounters-now-country-dwellers **Ellen Bounsai** and **Peter McAuslan**, and **Jane Skoryna**.

Board members present included **Michael Boer**, president, **Richard Levy** and **Marissa Nuss**. The salon-style soirée raised \$28,000, which eliminated the festival's deficit.

**Selby cont'd. from p. 1**

protect nearby residents, she said. One screen is to be installed on the east side of Greene alongside the children's playground in Selby Park. Another is planned for the south side of the site.

The worksite itself, where the support trailers will be situated, is to be on the south portion of the vacant lot to the west of the greystones. This is now owned by the city following the demolition of adjoining triplexes that were severely damaged by fire on September 5, 1981. Public Security will keep a close watch on the site during the work, said department director Greg McBain.

Two incidents had already been reported the previous week, he said. While the building has been boarded up for many months, a window on the west side was discovered broken March 13 at 9:25 am. It was temporarily boarded up by an Urban Planning inspector. On March 15, Public Security called in police at 4:25 am when a patroller found a door open at the east side of the triplexes along Greene. The interior was checked and all reported in order.



Peter McAuslan and Ellen Bounsai.

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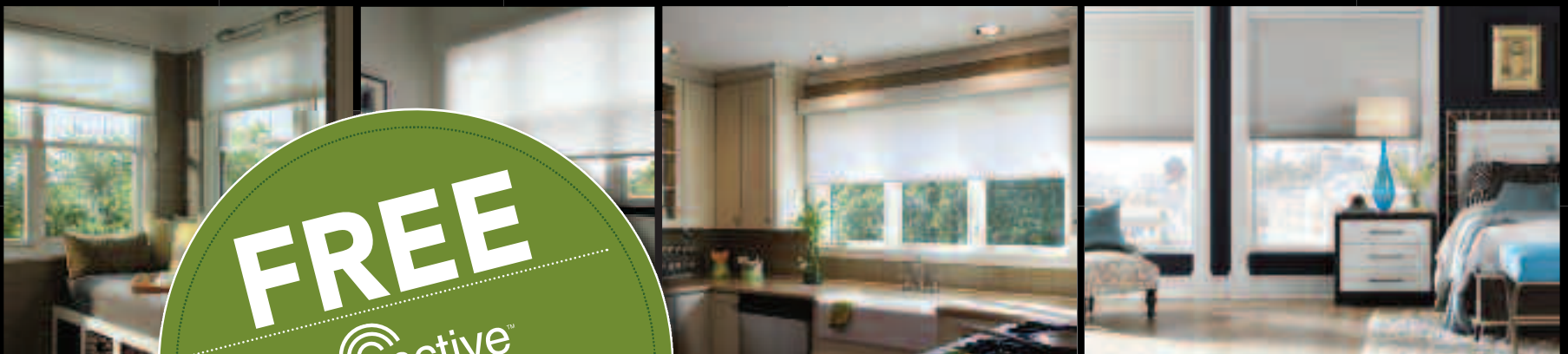


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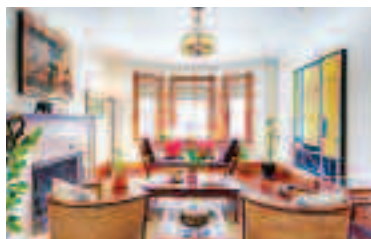
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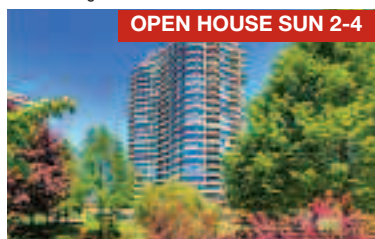
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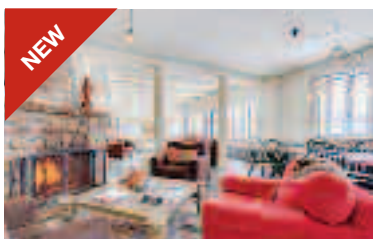
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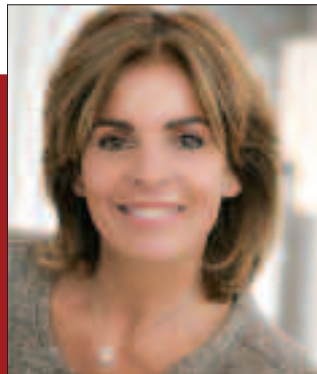
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