

Hockey season round-up

Midget B Wings knock off top-ranked Devils in EHL final

BY MICHAEL MOORE

The veteran members of the Midget B Wings capped off their Westmount hockey careers in style, earning the city its only Eastern Hockey League championship banner of the year with a 2-1 win over the top-ranked Mont Royal/Outremont (MRO) Devils on March 28.

The victory completed a rollercoaster play-off run of alternating blow-outs and nail-biters for the Wings.

Entering the playoffs ranked second af-

ter a 15-3 regular season, the Wings immediately exerted their prowess in the opening round, cruising to a 6-0 win over the Montreal West/Hampstead Knights. The second round proved far more challenging, however, with the Wings needing a shoot-out to sneak past the Côte St. Luc Canucks.

Reasserting their strength, the Wings again took full flight in the third round, blitzing past the Verdun Boomerangs 8-3 to book a spot in the final against their archrivals Devils. Westmount and MRO split their two head-to-head regular season match-ups as they jostled back and forth atop the Midget B division, with the Devils eventually edging out the Wings for the top playoff seed.

Westmount's squad continued on p. 26

Yin and yang?



What is the meaning of this? Yin and yang? The dark and light side of the Force? Dirty snow and clean snow? Who cares! It may all be gone by the time you read this caption. This snow bank was photographed behind the Château Maisonneuve apartment and office building at Claremont and St. Catherine St. on April 3.

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NDG waits for MUHC noise complaints

City offers to take half Provigo traffic

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount would be prepared to accept half the traffic generated from a proposed Provigo complex at Claremont and de Maisonneuve in NDG, Mayor Peter Trent Peter told the *Independent* last week.

The city's position was relayed to Russell Copeman, mayor of the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough at an "out-reach" meeting March 20 between the two neighbouring mayors, he said.

Trent also said he found it "interesting" to learn from Copeman that NDG has been unable to enforce its noise by-law regarding emissions from the super-hospital since the borough did not have one local complainant from whose home sound measurements could be taken. "The reading has to be taken from within Montreal territory."

If one is found and because sound studies cost money, Trent added, "I did offer to chip continued on p. 19



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Poëti provides key info on Turcot, trains, sound barrier

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Key communication over Westmount's concerns about certain upcoming Transport Quebec (MTQ) projects took a step forward recently, said Mayor Peter Trent following a meeting he held with provincial Transport minister Robert Poëti and local provincial legislator Jacques Chagnon.

These involve a sound barrier along the Ville Marie expressway, possible upheaval from the Turcot project and Westmount's desire for electrification of the commuter rail line, especially if train traffic increases

to the West Island.

"I found him extremely co-operative," Trent said of Poëti. The information he provided can help the city cut through red tape in some of the challenges it may face in these projects.

"He told me he would be happy to meet again on the sound barrier" after completion of a long-delayed feasibility report on noise mitigation along the Ville Marie expressway (see story February 17, p. 1). The study is funded equally by the city and the MTQ.

On the impact from the Turcot project, he said Poëti assured him that stations to

monitor noise and dust would be set up along the Westmount portion of the expressway. He also provided the city with a contact person.

The minister also gave the city a contact at the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to whom the city could present its views on the Train de l'Ouest project or line to the airport.

This is becoming more and more important given a funding partnership between the Caisse and the MTQ, Trent explained (see story February 10, p. 4). "Poëti

said the Caisse would be recommending three options to the MTQ, and it would be the MTQ making the decision."

Westmount's pursuit of electrification of the commuter line and/or use of a light-rail system to reduce vibration and noise stemmed from an opening discussion at the meeting on governance of public transit in the region, Trent said.

This included the jurisdictions of the Société de transport de Montréal and the Agence métropolitaine de transport.

City honours newcomers, volunteers



At the official opening of the spring flower show April 1, from left: Rosy Penda, a communications specialist; and Guy Etoundi, a consultant, meet assistant Public Works director Elisa Gaetano. Both were among some 40 newcomers to Westmount welcomed by Mayor Peter Trent, members of council and city staff at a reception in Victoria Hall, which also honoured community volunteers.

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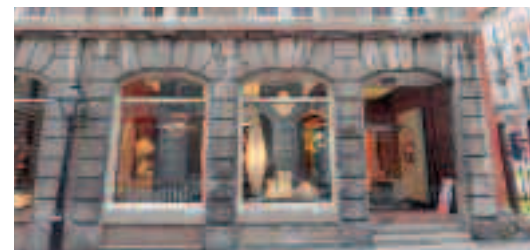
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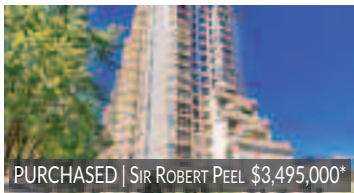
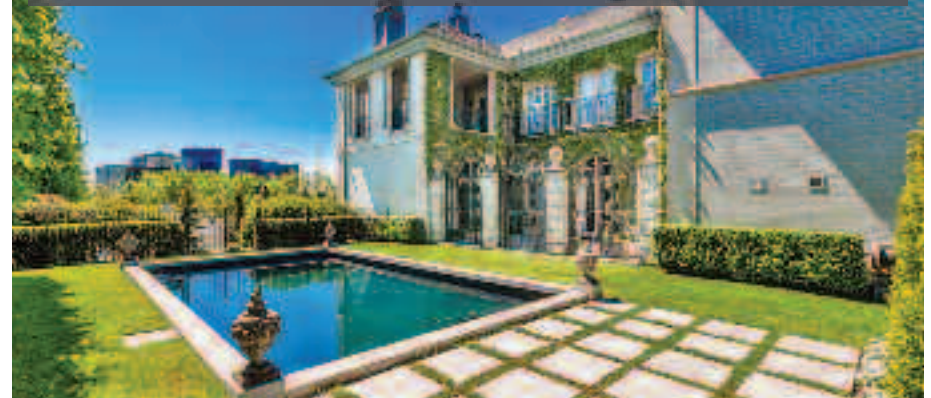
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LOCKE UP THE WINE, OPEN UP THE MEETINGS

If Westmount resident Jack Locke feels it's bad optics for English Montreal School Board (EMSB) school commissioners to privately consume alcohol during the dinner break of their working sessions, he's on the right track.

For many years, both taxpayers and parents have quite rightly asserted that elected public school officials might act differently if discussion, decisions and debates were conducted strictly before the public.

Chairman Angela Mancini has fiercely defended vintage policies against transparency, refusing to follow the example of other school boards, which have opened up the monthly director general's report and committee proceedings to the public.

For his next serving, Mr. Locke could request that Ms. Mancini consider adding some water to her wine by posting commissioner expense reports on the board's public website.

JULIEN FELDMAN, EMSB COMMISSIONER
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LIGHTHALL SAVED HURTUBISE HOUSE

I wish to make a very important addition to the March 31 article "CHQ head recalls Hurtubise restoration to WHA meeting," (p. 19) about the saving of the Hurtubise house from demolition in 1955.

While I certainly acknowledge the exemplary restoration and preservation work carried out by the Canadian Heritage of Quebec (CHQ), it was due to the initiative taken by Westmount Historical Association (WHA) president Alice Lighthall that news of the impending demolition of the house in 1955 was made public.

Miss Lighthall organized an emergency meeting in Victoria Hall to which she invited residents and the media. The newspaper article was read by Mr. Colin Molson, his aunt Mable Molson and friend James Beattie. They bought the house and land and arranged to establish the Canadian Heritage of Quebec organization. We members of the WHA always remember Alice Lighthall as the saviour of Westmount's oldest house, the Hurtubise house. I would like new residents to our city to know about her initiative too.

DOREEN LINDSAY, WHA PRESIDENT

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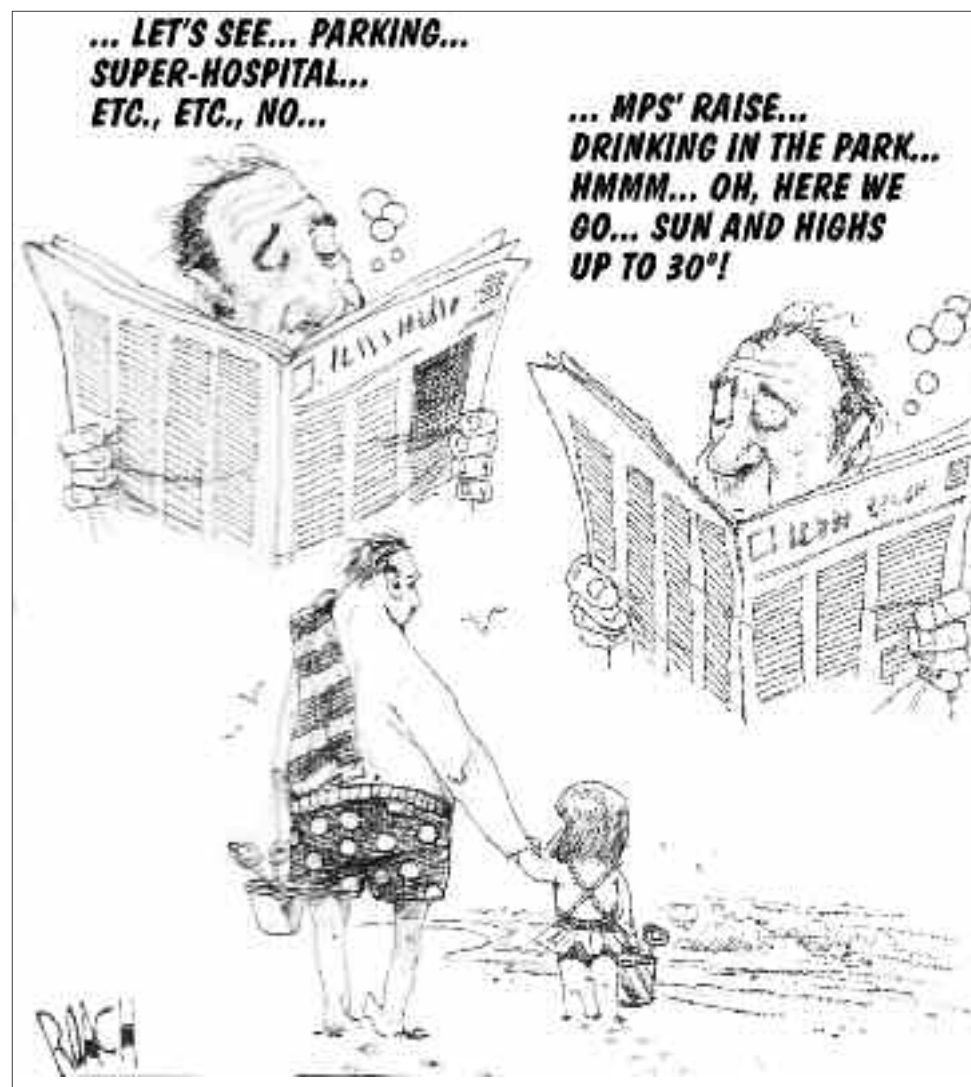
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Midget B takes home the banner



Westmount's Midget B team won the 2015 Eastern Hockey League championship March 28. The team was seeded second going into the play-offs and beat TMR's MRO Devils 2-1. "Though many of our teams enjoyed excellent seasons, this team was the only Westmount intercity team to win it all!" said Ingrid Kovitch Dannenbaum, the mother of one of the team's players and coaches.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Kovitch Dannenbaum

Cyclist taken to hospital, hit by car from behind

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A cyclist was hit by a car March 27 around 10:36 pm on St. Catherine St. near the Westmount recreation centre, Public Security officials said. The Westmount resident, a man in his late 40s, complained of pain in the lower back and was taken to hospital.

When a public safety officer was informed of the accident, he found the man lying in the street, tended to by another. A car was stopped just ahead blocking traffic. The patroller helped in assisting the man, and a section of the eastbound lane was

blocked off from the Glen.

Urgences Santé arrived quickly and transported the man, a resident of Hillside, to the Montreal General Hospital.

A witness stated the cyclist had been heading east when he was hit from behind. As the car pulled over, it also hit a parked car arousing suspicions of possible driver impairment. Police were called, and the incident was reported to be under investigation.

It was not reported whether the cyclist was wearing a helmet or whether the bicycle had been equipped with lights for night riding.

Peels off clothes on sidewalk

A man behaving “strangely” was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé March 28 from Argyle and Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. He was spotted by a patroller at about 10:30 pm walking east on the north side of Sherbrooke.

Yelling, the man began removing various pieces of clothing and leaving them on

the sidewalk. The officer approached the man at Kensington asking if he was alright. The man repeatedly said he would kill himself if he couldn't find his family and friends. As the man continued walking and yelling, the officer summoned police, who intercepted him at Argyle.

Re-elected to UMQ council, Trent calls for more ‘urban’ focus

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent was re-elected by acclamation March 26 to the council of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ). He has sat on the province-wide body for more than 15 years in his capacity as president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM). He is also a current member of the executive.

Also re-elected as a director for the 2015-2017 term was Town of Mount Royal mayor Philippe Roy. Both will continue to represent the island of Montreal municipalities.

“I’ve been involved since before the mergers because I feel it’s important to find out at the source what’s happening [on the municipal scene],” he explained.

Nevertheless, he said, “It continues to bother me” that the UMQ is dominated by the mayors of smaller and more rural municipalities, which tends to overshadow the concerns of the large cities. This is evidenced, he added, by the fact the council

is made up of 50 mayors. “It’s important for the UMQ to understand we need to move in a more urban direction.”

The UMQ’s regional caucus of metropolitan communities chaired by Montreal mayor Denis Coderre comprises 82 municipalities located within the Montreal Metropolitan Community of which he is president.

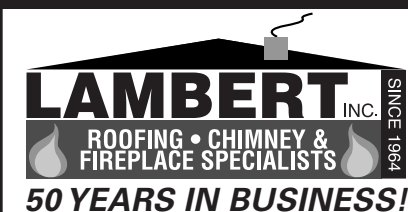


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Westmount residents appear to be discovering ongoing effects of this winter's frozen pipes. At least one house on The Boulevard between Grosvenor and Victoria had to be supplied with water from a hose for a couple of days last week, according to Public Works officials. Work was slated to fix the problem March 31. On April 2, crews determined that a problem on Victoria just north of de Maisonneuve (photo), where water was leaking underground into a catch basin, was a broken shut-off valve on the water main.

Story: Laureen Sweeney; photo: Staff

Possible hit & run car breaks down on Sherbrooke

A Public Security patroller came across a car immobilized diagonally across an eastbound lane of Sherbrooke March 27, department officials said. The car was discovered at 1 am just west of Victoria. It had been damaged on the driver's side and the wheels were misaligned. The driver was described as appearing very nervous when speaking with the public safety officer, causing him to call police. It was reported the man may have been involved in a hit-and-run incident in NDG, which had caused the car to break down.

Missing senior found nearby

A woman reported missing from a seniors' residence March 27 was found safe and sound in a nearby restaurant, Public Security officials said. Patrollers had been alerted at 5:10 pm after she failed to return from a trip to the pharmacy. On checking the pharmacy, officers were told she had been there about 40 minutes earlier. They located her across the street at a restaurant on St. Catherine near the residence.

Broken valve floods triplex basement on Claremont

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Firefighters were called March 28 to pump water out of the basement of a triplex at 424-428 Claremont Ave., Public Security officials said. Public safety officers were summoned by the fire department at 11:04 am to provide general assistance.

The flood was caused when a shut-off valve on a city water line broke, explained Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. It was not the result of a frozen pipe.

The underground break caused water to flow through the ground and into the basement adjacent to the apartment building at civic number 418 just north of Sherbrooke.

"The water was over two feet high in the unfinished basement," said Flora-Lee

Wagner, who lives in an adjoining triplex to the north that was not penetrated by the water. "It was discovered by the janitor in the apartment building next door who spotted water seeping through between the walls and called the fire department."

Wagner said she had been hearing the sound of running water but attributed it to plumbing being done in her own building. "Then I looked outside and saw two fire trucks."

"The flooded area has an earth floor but is a full basement, not a crawl space," she said. A Public Works contractor "dug up the whole front" to repair the problem, she said. Ironically, it was her building that was left without water for the day, she added.

Residents were not home at the affected dwelling.



Workers concentrate on a broken shut-off valve in a city water line on Claremont March 27.

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Two city groups to celebrate together April 19

Annual 'Poetry and Pastry' event takes on higher profile at the Gallery

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Poetry and Pastry, an annual event to celebrate local poets during National Poetry Month in April, is taking on a new expanded dimension this year.

Usually held at the Westmount Public Library, the event on Sunday, April 19 will combine presentations from two city-sponsored poetry groups instead of one and will move to a larger venue at the Gallery in Victoria Hall as part of Community Events, which was merged last year with the library.

Participants will feature, as usual, members of the Westmount Poetry Group (a library outreach program also known as the "poetry workshop" held twice a month with animator Ann Lloyd). This time, however, recitations will also come from Poetry in the Park participants. This is a community event set to music at the lagoon in Westmount Park.

Combining both in a celebration of poetry month "makes sense," said Councillor Nicole Forbes, commissioner of Community and Cultural Events. Especially now, she adds, that the Community Events department has been merged with the library operations.

The decision to expand into the Gallery, she said, was made due to it being a larger and more appropriate venue than the library's Westmount Room, considering some of the more "boisterous" readings and the addition of music.

Last year's event had attracted an audience of about 70, already outgrowing the location.

Given the changes and increased expenses, it was also decided to sell admission tickets for \$5 to help defray costs of the event: refreshments and the musicians.

Questions the charge

It's a new charge that doesn't sit well, however, with at least one member of the Westmount Poetry Group. Jack Locke, a resident of Stayner St., says the city should not be charging "a head tax" for the event.

In a widely circulated email March 25, he writes that as a result, "with a sad heart," he will not be participating in this year's event.

Even though the \$5 is a small fee, he explains, "the support for poetry is being shifted from the local government to individuals... It will demonstrate values that I believe are not in keeping with Westmount's proud poetic heritage." The city spends money on other things that do not require cost recovery, he adds.

Wanda Potrykus, of Poetry in the Park and a resident of York St., however, points out the charge is consistent with other Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC) events at Victoria Hall, "and it's hard to get a coffee and a pastry for \$5."

Community groups such as the Westmount Historical Association and the Westmount Horticultural Society also charge nominal amounts to defray costs for events they hold at the library.

The library, however, in accordance with its charter, usually does not charge the public for attending its own events taking place within its walls.

Tickets for the event may be obtained at the library and Victoria Hall and will also be available at the door on the day of the event, which takes place from 2 to 4 pm.

Woman steals BBQ cover on Columbia

A public safety officer patrolling a lane behind Columbia at 3:30 am March 27 was checking out a vacant house when he spotted a woman fleeing from a backyard, Public Security officials said. She held something in her arms. He intercepted her and discovered she was carrying the tarpaulin for a barbecue. A resident of the house confirmed she was not authorized to be on the property.

The woman's story was described as appearing to be "strange and inconsistent." Identified as being in her mid-30s, she had no fixed address but came from BC. She was taken away by police.

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Dawson converts two men's bathrooms to gender neutral

By MICHAEL MOORE

With the swap of a pair of bathroom signs, transgendered students at Dawson College now have their own corners of the sprawling Westmount campus.

The CEGEP has converted two of its men's bathrooms to gender neutral, designed to allow transgendered students a

refuge if they are uncomfortable using the more traditionally defined restrooms.

The project was spearheaded by Jules Johnson, a transgender student at Dawson, who estimates that there are 150 transgender individuals among the approximately 11,000 students enrolled there.

"The bathrooms are designed for trans people to feel more comfortable in their

general's office, which approved the conversions.

The two bathrooms, one on the second floor and the other on the fifth, were converted in late February to be open for all after undergoing a retrofitting that Dawson is currently carrying out on all of its campus restrooms.

Though renovated, the converted bathrooms didn't require much overhaul beyond the changing of the exterior sign. The men's rooms, already equipped with the plumbing and infrastructure for both stalls and urinals, were logistically the obvious option when deciding which bathrooms to convert, according to Dawson spokesperson Donna Varrica.

Varrica said the topic has been gaining momentum in recent years as awareness of transgender issues becomes more prominent. Many other Canadian educational institutions, including Concordia and McGill, have multiple on-campus gender neutral bathrooms.

"We've always said that Dawson is like a

microcosm of society, so whatever is bubbling up in the general population tends to arrive here. If we don't act, if we don't respond, we are shirking our responsibility as an institute of higher learning," she said.

The bathroom conversions have sparked a varied response. According to Varrica, some parties have reportedly expressed their support for the project while others view it as a minor issue they either didn't know about or don't approve of.

However, a third mindset reportedly claims that the bathrooms will be used as place for couples to have sex. Varrica readily admitted that type of extracurricular activity would take place on campus with or without the gender neutral bathrooms.

"The opportunity has always been there. We've always had bathrooms, so it's not like there being gender neutral bathrooms will lead to an increase in that type of activity. Our students are between 17 and 19; they are resourceful," she said.



Dawson College converted two of its previously men-only bathrooms to gender neutral, including one on the 5th floor, seen here March 27.

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educational environment. It's not easy to go into a men's or women's bathroom when you don't feel like a man or a woman. Or if you look like one [gender] and feel like another," said Johnson.

The issue was brought before Dawson's Student Union before being taken to Student Services and finally to the director

Police Report

Greene Ave. bank robber suspect escapes through Westmount Sq.

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.

A Greene Ave. bank robbery suspect is believed to have fled from the scene of a March 28 crime by escaping through Westmount Square, where an abandoned set of his clothes was found in one of the bathrooms, according to a police report.

The man, described as a white male of medium build approximately 5'11 tall and 175 pounds, entered the bank just after 1 pm and inspected the nearby cubicles for witnesses, according to Station 12's Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Satisfied with the scene, the man approached one of the tellers, reportedly handed her a note demanding payment and lifted his shirt to reveal a gun handle tucked into the waistband of his pants.

The teller began to comply and attempted to place the money in a prepared anti-theft bag that could be triggered once he left the bank, either splitting the bag

open or destroying the money inside and staining the suspect's clothes.

However, the man refused to allow the money to be placed in the bag, perhaps aware of the anti-theft countermeasure, suggested Pimentel.

"I can only assume that he knew. This clearly wasn't his first time," he said.

The suspect left the booby-trapped bag but took the money, exited the bank and turned south on Greene. Police were able to track his progress into Westmount Square using security footage and witness accounts. Pimentel said police were able to spot the suspect before he entered the bathroom and subsequently follow his progress through Westmount Square after he re-emerged in the fresh change of clothing. A search of the shopping mall revealed the man had entered one of the bathrooms and changed his clothes to throw off any pursuit, leaving the previously worn set behind in one of the stalls, said Pimentel.

Pimentel couldn't reveal how much money had been taken but said the investigation is ongoing.

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Snow drops rise up



Despite low temperatures, winds and snow, these snow drops wasted no time in forcing their way through the ground, as seen April 1 around 5 pm on Sherbrooke just east of Grosvenor.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

'Team Westmount,' Sam Roberts to play at super-hospital event

Preparations continue for the McGill University Health Centre's "Walk for Montreal" parade, which will end with an inaugural event at the super-hospital site (see also "MUHC's parade to close Sherbrooke through Westmount," December 2, 2014, p. 3).

The 3-km walk starts at Dawson College on June 20 at 10 am and ends at the new hospital. Only those who register for the walk will be able to attend the official ribbon-cutting ceremony and live concert that will follow.

One way to participate is to join the now-formalized Team Westmount. All participants must register for a fee of \$5, and will receive a t-shirt, flag and bracelet allowing them access to the Glen site. To sign up, go to www.walkformtl.ca, click on the blue "Join a Team" link and on the following page enter "Team Westmount."

The Sam Roberts Band and Stéphanie Lapointe, the winner of the second season of the TV show "Star Académie," will be performing.



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Westmount Art Scene

Roberts and Kahn: *Joie de vivre* and more

BY HEATHER BLACK

The words “joyful optimism” describe the work of two artists currently on display at Westmount galleries.

Bruce Roberts’ collection of fanciful and humorous illustrations, “Walrus, Red et Moi,” enlivens the Gallery at Victoria Hall, while Wolf Kahn’s new paintings evoke spring at Galerie de Bellefeuille. With their

lively colours and design, these works both delight and entertain.

Roberts at the Gallery at Victoria Hall

This Westmounter’s exhibition features 70 delightful pen-and-ink illustrations. In this story, a young girl, Moi, accompanied by her puppet, Red, and a walrus journey in a floating bathtub into her brother’s reverie. En route, the trio visit well-dressed

creatures from frogs to alligators, to pigs, bears and reindeer throughout England, France, Russia, Italy, New York City and “Miami-Mars.”

Skillfully drawn in black ink with spot colours, in one scene, a young man in a yellow cab is driven about by an alligator man in a domed futuristic city.

In another drawing, a stylish cat as gondolier ferries a romantic cat couple throughout Venice. And a troika of three warmly dressed bears converse in a Moscow scene. Roberts includes just the right amount of detail and colour to create interest and instantly convey the theme.

Elegantly and eloquently dressed, Roberts’ creatures convey mystique. A portrait of a walrus posed against a bookcase is very professorial. An equally distinguished Beethoven-like lion, with coattails flying, plays what looks like a deafening crescendo. Drawn in Roberts’ characteristic fluid style, these drawings transport viewers to their own childhood and imagination. Created for the young of heart, “Walrus, Red et Moi” continues until Saturday, April 18 at 4626 Sherbrooke St.



Bruce Roberts’ “Walrus, Red et Moi” (Miami-Mars series)

Kahn at Galerie de Bellefeuille

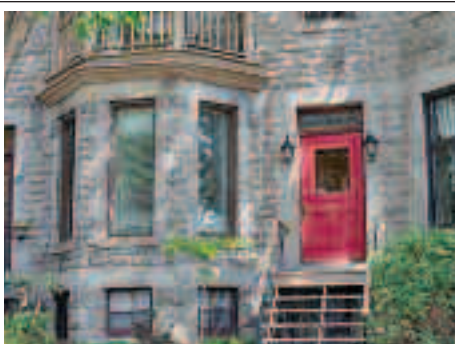
One of America’s best known colourists, Kahn’s minimalist landscapes evoke a warm spring light and fresh foliage. Created in rich yellow, lime or pink oils or pastels, linear tree trunks flicker in the light to create a magical landscape.

Kahn’s woods are not dense thickets to be feared

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but enchanted places of open and patterned clearings. His sophisticated colour harmonies convey spontaneity and appear effortless.

In the new work "First Light of Day," horizontal bands of blue sky, lime birch tree tops and silver tree trunks against a pink background create graphic interest. For "Dispersed and Concentrated," floating gold leaves throughout the composition are balanced by bands of gold tree

tops and grass. In this new work, the rhythmically spaced tree trunks against a pink-and-blue background are not a fence but rather doors to discovery.

In "Down on the River," river, field and hill are painted in blocks of unlikely yellow, pink and magenta. An abstract and modernist approach to landscape, this work in contrast to the more realist barn scenes illustrates Kahn's unique sense of design and love of colour. His work is on view at 1367 Greene Ave.

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Wolf Kahn "First Light of Day"



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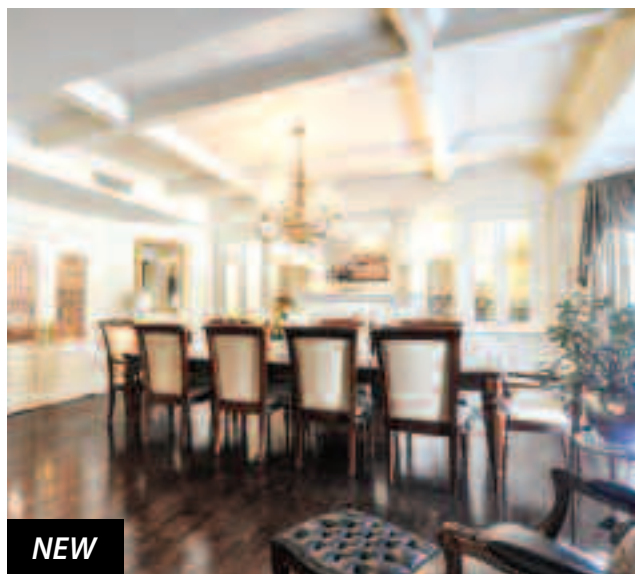
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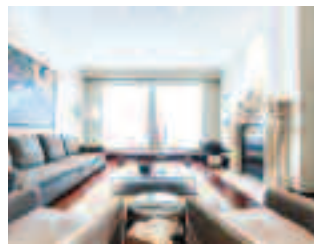
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Teen Tour Theatre : *Furry Tails with a Twist*
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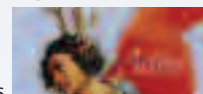
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Mayors meet cont'd. from p. 1

The meeting took place in Copeman's office and helped shed light on these two issues, in particular, he said. Other subjects discussed included shared concerns over traffic and other disruptions from the Turcot project and the need for electrification of the commuter railway line.

"This was the first meeting of its kind in recent years to exchange points of view. We agreed to meet again but no date was set," Trent said.

Traffic to be studied later

Regarding the traffic expected to be generated from the planned 10-storey

Provigo/seniors' residential project, Trent said Copeman explained that NDG would be assessing the traffic impact on de Maisonneuve after the super-hospital "was up and running."

As a result, the borough would not be proceeding until later to build a protected bike path that would pass in front of the proposed complex. "Copeman said it was a very fluid situation."

He also confirmed that construction of the Provigo building is scheduled to start in the fall pending approval by the borough and that "minor changes" could be made.

Current plans for the building call for vehicle accesses off de Maisonneuve as well as St. Catherine, an arterial road that lies in Westmount. Fears expressed by some Vic-

toria village residents are that most of the traffic would funnel through Westmount streets (see story March 3, p. 1).

Trent also said that Copeman acknowledged the project's developers had submitted their request for a permit before Montreal and the agglomeration had adopted its urban master plan – a guidelines document.

As a result, it would appear that in the absence of any law yet in force, the safety restrictions on new construction in proximity to railway tracks would not likely apply to the new complex, which otherwise could have possibly changed the plans.

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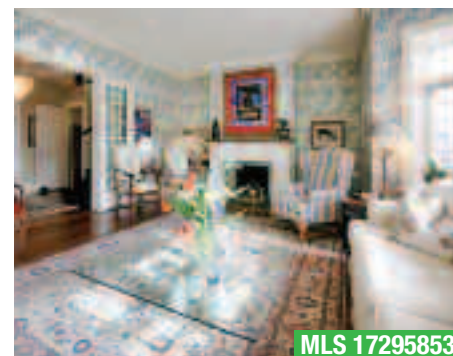
Westmount High students performed their rendition of the 1985 movie *The Breakfast Club* at the school March 31 and April 1. In this scene, the detention holders open up about their families, from left: Zoe Zetka (Claire), Edgar Hudson-Aguilar (Brian), Liam Sullivan (Andrew), Emilie Gerard (Alison) and Kyle Barnes Huet (Bender).

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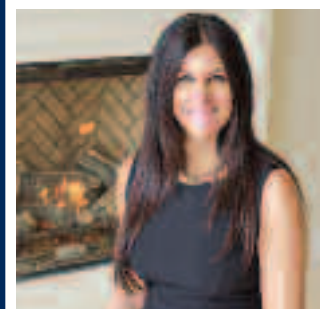
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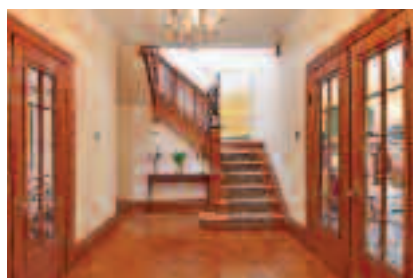
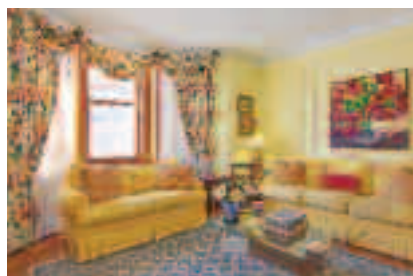
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December transfers: Showing strength



Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in December 2014, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 21.

Westmount's real estate market showed signs of strength in December closings, with the highest average mark-up since March and the second highest this year.

Ten single-family dwellings and a duplex changed hands for an average \$1,741,227, though only two houses sold for more than \$2 million, including 3230 Trafalgar Ave. which brought a cool \$3,600,000, the third highest price of the year.

Meanwhile, 636 Lansdowne Ave. sold for \$1,800,000 when evaluated at only \$1,157,900, a mark-up of 55.45 percent, again the third highest of the year.

Sales registered in December were as low as \$825,000 for 533 Lansdowne, one of

only two prices less than \$1 million.

The duplex is at 312-14 Roslyn Ave., just above de Maisonneuve Blvd., which was sold to a numbered company operated by Eric St. Pierre; Both units are rented.

The city classifies 3230 Trafalgar Ave. as a two-dwelling unit, but this involves a coach house over the detached garage at the end of the Trafalgar extension into Westmount.

The second highest price, for 3270 Cedar Ave. just east of Mountain Ave., was \$2,550,000 despite its municipal valuation of \$3,409,800, the biggest mark-down at 25 percent; 533 Lansdowne Ave. also sold under tax value, as did 321 Prince Albert Ave., but the average for 11 sales was a 12-percent mark-up compared to 7 percent in November.

Condos

Three condominium apartments changed hands in December, adding to only one in November to bring the fourth-quarter total to four (no sales were registered in October).

As reported last month, Apt. 505 at 1 Wood Ave. sold for \$1,475,000, by far the highest price for the quarter. In December,



3230 Trafalgar, photographed April 3, brought \$3,600,000, the third highest price of the year.

Photo: Westmount Independent

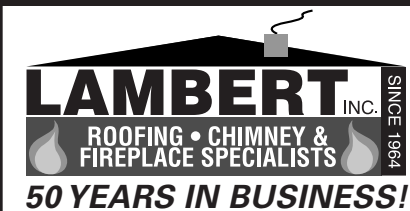
Apt. 3 at 4215 de Maisonneuve Blvd. sold for \$455,000, the lowest price in the quarter. The other two sales pulled the average mark-up into negative territory, making that the norm for three of the four quarters

in 2014.

A complete analysis of the 2014 sales is scheduled to appear in an upcoming issue of the *Independent*.

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Woman steals BBQ cover on Columbia

A public safety officer patrolling a lane behind Columbia at 3:30 am March 27 was checking out a vacant house when he spotted a woman fleeing from a backyard, Public Security officials said. She held something in her arms. He intercepted her and discovered she was carrying the tarpaulin for a barbecue. A resident of the house confirmed she was not authorized to be on the property.

The woman's story was described as appearing to be "strange and inconsistent." Identified as being in her mid-30s, she had no fixed address but came from BC. She was taken away by police.

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9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Cybelle was very comfortable being photographed for this column. She has been the model of motherhood, so attentive to her kittens. They didn't mind the photographer either, whether in mid-play or mid-nurse. Typical of their young age, they remain close to their mother, then scoot off to socialize with siblings and explore surroundings.

Cybelle is a very healthy and affectionate one-and-a-half year old female calico domestic shorthair. And she has four one-month-plus-old kittens: Cindy, Targou, Choupette and Cannelle.

Upon this little family's arrival at the SPCA, Cibelle and her kittens were quickly placed in a foster family where they could bask in the calm environment and personalized care they needed.

Once the kittens are weaned and old enough, they will be ready to be placed in new families. They are still developing



their personalities but they are very healthy, affectionate and playful.

This sweet kittie family is being fostered by Josée for the SPCA. You can reach her by email at jodan1970@hotmail.com

for more information and photographs. A photo showing kitten antics will surely make your day, as it did mine!

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Art scene cont'd. from p. 15

Spring optimism

The lyrical forms and lively colours of these works create an infectious *joie de vivre*. Roberts' magical creatures dance across the page or sing with colour, while Kahn's abstract landscapes sizzle in the warm spring light. Conveying new life and a delight in possibilities, a glance at these works will put a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

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Cup of tea and a dance, shall we?



Sylvia Rabinovitch, right, a Montreal Dickens Fellowship member, videos dancers during a Victorian Tea Party at Victoria Hall March 29.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

One could have been excused for saying "it is a far far better thing that I do, than I have ever done" the afternoon of March 29 between 1 and 4:30 pm at Victoria Hall as strains of English country dance music mingled with Easter bonnets, frilly Victorian dresses, cups of tea and fudge, and quotations from Charles Dickens.

The Montreal Dickens Fellowship joined forces with the Westmount Public Library to organize the Victorian Tea Party event.

"Charles Dickens visited Montreal in

1842 as part of his North American tour" said Ellie Clavier-Rothstein, organizer of the event and president of the fellowship. "He fell in love with Montreal and stayed much longer than he had intended."

Some 50 people, many in period costume, were given basic English country dance lessons under the tutelage of dance teachers Arduina Alonzo and Michael Landry.

For more information on the Montreal Dickens Fellowship, visit www.dickens-montreal.ca. Its next meetings are Tuesday, April 7, and Tuesday, May 5, both from 1 to 3 pm at the Westmount Public Library.

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These dogs are about six to seven years old and in good health, and while it is harder to find a home for a bonded pair,

separating them now would be too hard on their morale. In the spirit of "When you need a helping hand," in the dog world, it is Nahoe that Chippy turns to for comfort.

Chippy, a little border collie cross, is timid upon first meeting new people but it doesn't take long to gain her trust. Eventually she comes to sit beside you and gives you her paw.

Nahoe, a rottweiler mix, is, on the other hand quite outgoing and will readily come up to say hello. She tends to show her love by leaning against her favourite people but seems to know her own strength and leans quite gently.

Frontier says that both Chippy and Nahoe are incredibly gentle, sweet-natured and calm. They behave beautifully on the leash, get along with other dogs and cats, adore car rides, relish being groomed and haven't shown any aggression.



Nahoe

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Great news for these underdogs

The senior bonded pair Lady and Max ("A winning double act," March 17, p. 16) was recently adopted together by a couple that read about them in this column, according to Gerdy's Adoptions and Rescues, which was the guardian of these dogs until they found their forever homes.



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Students, teachers, doctors, parents, guests and volunteers gathered at Selwyn House March 27 at 8:30 am to present a cheque of \$8,848.00 in the third annual Toonie Challenge. All monies are to go to the MUHC Foundation and the Friends of the MUHC and are to be used to buy equipment and fund programs.

The fundraising challenge was "to collect enough toonies to encircle the MUHC facilities at their new Glen site location," said David Grier, Selwyn House science teacher and coordinator of the campaign.

Guest Dr. Nadia Giannetti, chief of car-

diology at the MUHC, spoke to those present.

It has been estimated that it would take 69,000 toonies (\$138,000) laid end to end and about 10 years of fundraising to achieve the goal. More than \$25,000 (12,026 toonies) has been raised in the first two years of the campaign.

Schools involved included Selwyn House, ECS, Roslyn, Sacred Heart, St. George's elementary school, LCC, The Priory, The Study, Trafalgar, Vanguard, West Island College and Willingdon School.

Hockey cont'd. from p. 1

would get the final laugh, however, triumphing 2-1 over the Devils to capture the championship banner, which will hang in the Westmount recreation centre.

Atom A #2

Though there weren't any more gold medals, the city's Atom A squad provided a silver lining.

Heading into the post-season as the division's No. 2 seed, the Wings staved off upsets in the first three rounds with wins over the Lachine Rapides, Lakeshore Lions and Verdun Leafs to book their spot in the final.

As with their Midget B counterparts, awaiting the Wings were the top-ranked Devils, owners of a 17-1 regular season record. The division's top two teams battled back and forth throughout the game before a third-period marker for the Devils gave them a 3-2 victory and handed the Wings the consolation banner.

Several other Westmount teams made deep playoff runs to their respective semifinals before being eliminated.

Atom B reached semis

The city's Atom B squad cruised to wins

Complex cocktails, couture and cause



The SVR Children's Foundation, which supports the Complex Care Service Fund at the Montreal Children's Hospital, is hosting its first Cocktails & Couture for a Cause at La Toundra in Park Jean Drapeau on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm. The evening will consist of fundraising, fashion, food stations and mixology. The foundation's goal for this year is to raise \$15,000. For more information, go to <http://montreall.com/cocktails-couture-for-a-cause-mtl-childrens-hospital/>. From left, Westmounter and complex care provider Dr. Catherine Henin and committee member Jennifer Ruvo on April 3 at the Independent's offices.

Photo: WI

over the St. Laurent Sonics and Côte St. Luc Canadiens in the opening rounds and snuck past the St. Laurent Rockets in overtime to reach the semifinal, where they were defeated 6-2 by Lachine Trappeurs.

Peewee B play-offs

In the Peewee B play-offs, the Wings rallied back from an opening game loss to the Trappeurs by upsetting the third-ranked Verdun Bulldogs before succumbing 4-1 to the top-seed Lakeshore Panthers in the semifinal.

Bantam A top defeated by LaSalle

The top-seed the Bantam A Wings remained early favourites for a championship banner after opening the playoffs with wins over the Rapides and MRO Disables. However, a pair of second-period goals by the LaSalle Jaguars in the semifi-

nal sent the Wings crashing out of the playoffs.

Midget A dreams dashed x2

Westmount hockey fans appeared set for a possible local showdown in the Midget A final, with the city's No. 2 Wings and No. 4 Predators teams taking part in opposing semifinals. The dream was dashed on both sides, however, when the Wings fell 7-4 to the Devils and the Predators were downed 2-0 by the top-seeded Disables.

Eliminated after first 2 games

The playoffs proved less successful for the city's Novice A, Novice B, Peewee A and Bantam B teams, which were all eliminated after dropping their first two games.

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Who's Mickey? Who's a Disney princess?



On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

My husband was in London, Ontario recently for a work meeting. A very infrequent visitor to the Bell Centre, he thought that this was a great opportunity to catch some high-caliber hockey. (No disrespect to our children intended.) He was particularly enticed by the prospect of watching Max Domi and a few of his teammates from the Canadian Junior Team.

He diligently checked the OHL schedule and was delighted to see that the Knights had a game the following night. He proposed the outing to his colleagues, seven of whom were keen to join him.

Calling the box office, he was somewhat dismayed to note that the tickets seemed somewhat pricier than they had been for a similar game he had attended the previous month in Val d'Or. But he managed to secure eight seats together in the cheapest section of the arena.

After meetings wrapped up the next evening, the group made its way to the rink. They were somewhat surprised to note an abundance of parents with children converging on the arena. Children who, for the most part, were dressed in all manner of costume.

My husband assumed that it must be Family Night – odd perhaps for a Thursday, but presumably an easy day to secure seats.

He proceeded to the box office, where the tickets were printed up and handed to him. Glancing down, he noted a number of ads and promotions splayed across the stubs. Among others was one central, undeniably prominent, "Disney on Ice."

There was a creeping disquiet, as he stood frozen amidst the swirling gowns, wands and tiaras.

"Excuse me," he asked the vendor, pointing to the VERY LARGE print on his ticket. "Is this a promotion for an upcoming event?"

The vendor looked at him strangely. "Uh, no..." she answered, "This *IS* the event."

Well! You can imagine how his popularity soared, both that evening and for the remaining two days of conference.

(For the record, the Knights did have a game that night. Against the Generals. In

Oshawa.)

Sordid though it was, this tale was not the first Disney fiasco for the Dannenbaum family.

Many years earlier when our son Eli was 4 or 5, friends invited him to join their family for an (intentional) evening of Disney on Ice at the old Forum.

Up until this point, we had been living primarily in James Bay and, admittedly, were not particularly fervent television or movie watchers.

Recognizing our son's befuddlement, our friends kindly pointed out some of the lesser-known Disney characters as they made their appearances throughout the night.

But Eli, ever the eagle eye, noticed that there was one recurrent figure who they neglected to identify.

"Hmmm," he finally turned to them, "So who's the mouse?"

And last year, Disney struck again.

We were playing hockey on our lake rink in the Laurentians, a surface riddled with enormous crevasses from dramatic changes in temperature and shifting ice. Towards the end of the game, Gabby's skate got caught – perhaps I should say "vanished entirely" – within one of these gaping chasms. He plummeted, kneecap first, onto the ice.

Under normal circumstances, I would simply have dragged the body to the side of the rink and resumed play. Or better yet, laid it across the offending abyss like a series of cautionary traffic cones.

But this one was bad. So play did, in fact, stop. I knelt and clucked over Gabby in genuine sympathy.

Even our daughter Jamie, at the far end of the ice, graciously ceased playing. She waited, with characteristic empathy and beneficence, for her brother to recover. Patiently whiling away the time, she fiddled in the snow and entertained our dog.

But eventually, when the moaning and writhing continued, she became overcome with concern. Clearly at one with his pain, she tenderly hollered down the length of the ice. "SUCK IT UP, PRINCESS!!!"

Royalty? Lake rink? That's as close to Disney on Ice as these Dannenbaums will get.

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The Study gets political



Maryse Gaudreault, second vice president of the Quebec provincial legislature and provincial legislator for Hull, visited The Study March 23 to speak to students about the future of women in politics in a talk called "Democracy is at the heart of our lives." From left: Study student council member Frédérique Cannon; Megan Kouri, head girl and Westmounter; and Gaudreault. She was in Montreal also to visit the French public school Joseph-François Perrault. The "selected school visits are part of a concentrated communication effort to reach out to Quebec youth and discuss the role of democracy," said Susan Orr-Mongeau, the school's director of communications and marketing. The Study has participated in the Quebec government's Young People's Parliament.

Photo courtesy of The Study

Comin' Up

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Centre Greene's annual used book sale 10 am to 7 pm. Also Saturday, April 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. Info: beth@centre-greene.org or 514.931.6202.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Westmount Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at Westmount Public Library, 7 pm. "Eco Systems Landscaping," presented by Michel Renaud. Cost: \$5 or annual membership \$20. Info: 514.932.9349.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Sundays at the Shaar: Dr. Michael Dworkind on "Everything You Want to Know about Medical Marijuana," 12 pm. Reserve by April 17 at 514.937.9474 ext 139. Cost: \$5 at door (includes lunch).

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Celebrating 100 'with panache'



Resident of Westmount One seniors' home Mary Katz celebrated her 100th birthday "with panache at a party" held February 27, according to Lynn Hannough, the home's director of marketing.

Photo courtesy of Westmount One

Striking the 'Bee-Safe' message



Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Public Security's "Bee Safe" mascot now has a permanent home at the Stanton-St. station. The costume, which is used at public events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, was previously rented. It has now been acquired by the unit, explained director Greg McBain, who tried it out March 20.

Westmount Retail Watch

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

IRO, first in Canada

French clothing brand IRO, which has several stores in France and in other countries, has chosen Westmount for its initial foray into Canada.

IRO's first Canadian store is set to open sometime in April at 4883 Sherbrooke St. near Prince Albert Ave.

Coincidentally, the Canadian firm that secured the right to open the new store is led by Catherine Claman, who is a Westmount resident. Her Montreal-based fashion distribution company, Se Ce Apparel,

operates the UGG Australia footwear franchise at 4891 Sherbrooke St. near to where IRO will be located. The company also runs Abe & Mary's.

Collange Deux opens

Collange Lingerie, whose flagship location is in Ogilvy's department store, is opening a second location at 1379 Greene Ave. Collange Deux boutique features high-end women's lingerie, corsets, bathing suits, nightwear and leisure apparel. It used to have a store in Westmount Square.

Scarpa Shoes reopens

Scarpa Shoes at 4901 Sherbrooke St.,

which was recently closed for renovations for three weeks, reopened on March 24. The store features European footwear.

Studio Moda closing

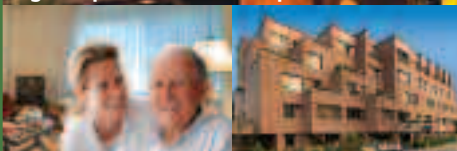
Studio Moda, a women's shoe and handbag boutique that had been located at 370 Victoria Ave. for the past five years, is closing. An employee of the store who did not want to be identified blamed the overall poor retail climate in Montreal for the demise. "Looking at all the streets in the area, the competition has been fierce," he said. Studio Moda featured footwear and handbags made of Italian leather.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On January 22, the Mélio Foundation held a oyster-based fundraiser at the Bank

of Montreal (BMO) head office on St. Jacques. Cocktails were enjoyed on the main floor; dinner was served upstairs in the prestigious executive offices on the 14th floor.

Noted from Westmount were **Véronique Pourcelet**, foundation board director; her mother **Katherine Pourcelet**; **Cynthia Carsley**; **Nancy Benitz**; **Leslie Martino** and



From left: Alexandra MacDougall, Véronique Pourcelet and Nancy Benitz.

Alexandra MacDougall; as well as former Westmounter **Erin O'Brien**.

Mélio execs present included **François Canuel**, **Bernard Brunet**, **Sanja Stojanovic**, **Marie-Claude Jarry**, **Sébastien Guy**, **Luc Lambert** and **Lucie Bouthillette**.

The evening's president of honour was **François Touchette**, BMO regional commercial vice president. Also from BMO were **Sylvain Brisebois**, regional manager; and **Daniel Jarry**, project director. Attending from CHU St. Justine were doctors **Louise Koclas** and **Alain Moreau**, as well as **Georges Beauséjour**, **Ginette Desjardins**, **Céline Goyette**, **Dominique Héroux**, **Claire Picard**, **Pierre Puvilland**, **Marie-Claude Rondeau**, **Maryse St-Onge** and **Garry Savage**.

The event raised \$55,000 to support Mélio projects: The acquisition of an FES bike, a complement to LOKOMAT; partnering with CHU St. Justine on involvement in Marathon des Sables; and the pur-



Emmanuel Mavridakis, left, and Sandra Grant.

chase of a microprocessor-driven knee.

Former LCC student **Emmanuel Mavridakis**, who had a near-fatal car accident a few years ago, attended with his parents **Sandra Grant** and **Dimitri Mavridakis**. Emmanuel Mavridakis is being treated by a Lokomat, a robot-assisted walking therapy machine at St. Justine's Mélio rehab centre. The financing of this equipment (\$650,000) was made possible by the joint contribution of donors, Fondation Mélio and Fon- continued on p. 30

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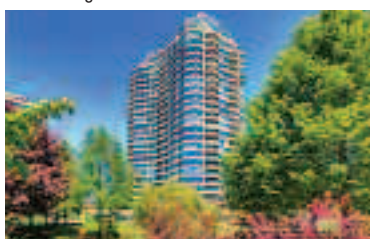
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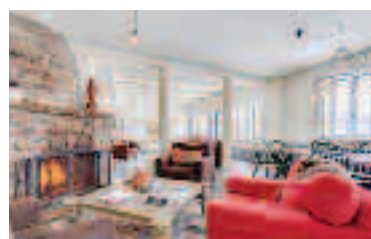
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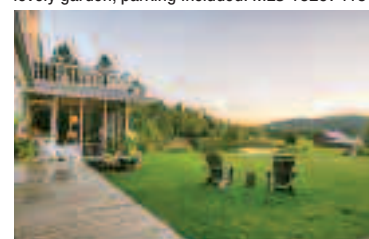
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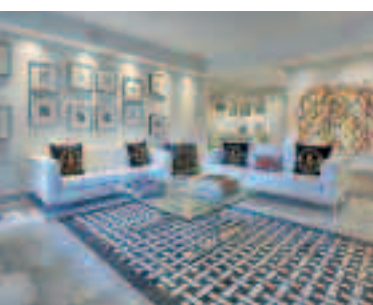
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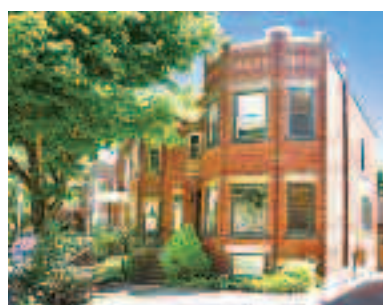
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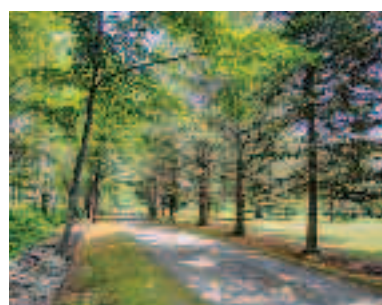
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