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The vote is in: 83-percent approval rating

## Green light for arena project

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council was set to reveal an 83-percent approval rating for the proposed arena/pool project at its meeting Monday night, Mayor Peter Trent disclosed at press time earlier in the day.

With 23 percent of the surveys received late last week, hearing back from 1,756 households gives the city a clear signal to proceed with the two-rink underground arena and outdoor pool area as described in a mailing to residents.

"I was looking for an unequivocal indication of what they thought," Trent said. "But now we've got a green light that can be seen from far away. It's unambiguous."

Results showed roughly similar support for the project across all districts, with the two most affected by the project (Dis-

trict 5 and 7) also voting "yes" by 83 percent. "I find it very interesting that they voted the same way as Westmount did overall," he said.

Trent said he planned to call a vote of council on the plan to proceed. The council agenda also listed a resolution to authorize the mayor to sign the \$20-million infrastructure grant.

As well, a loan by-law for \$37 million was introduced, to be repaid in large part by the grant and other contributions, such as a proposed \$5-million

fundraising campaign. *continued on p. 10*



From left: Ylva Struijs, Pennie Polak, Inspector Patrice Gélinas of the RCMP, Honorary Consul Michael Polak and Jacqueline van de Geer celebrate a Dutch national holiday. For story, see p. 12.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## City reduces appetite for more restaurants in proposed by-law

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In an effort to balance concerns of residents with a desire of merchants to invigorate Victoria Village, city officials have decided to forge ahead with plans to lift a freeze on new small restaurants but reduce the total number that had been proposed in a draft by-law.

The changes would enable all 10 of the existing "retail food outlets" with seating and a floor area of less than 140 square meters to convert to "restaurant" status.

It would also allow five new ones to open rather than the 11 originally proposed. This would cap the total number of all food-serving establishments, small and large, in the area at 25.

The compromise was reached at the end of the public consultation meeting April 26 at city hall. And, with a few exceptions, it appeared to please most of the restaurateurs, merchants and neighbours who had argued their cases.

Residents, mainly from Somerville and Burton, feared the creation of new restaurants would add to parking woes just as construction of the nearby superhospital was slated to begin. Residents further away, however, liked the ambiance new restaurants would create.

Merchants – many of them local residents as well – pleaded that more restaurants were needed to revitalize the area.

"We're very conscious of the concerns of neigh- *continued on p. 31*

MNA Chagnon and columnist Wedge share a hospital room. See p. 10.



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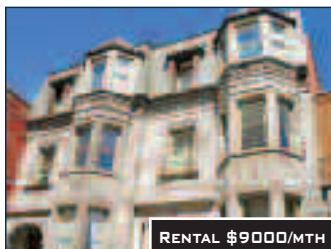
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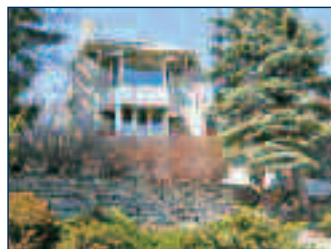
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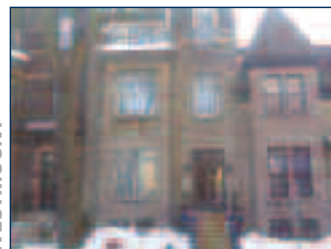
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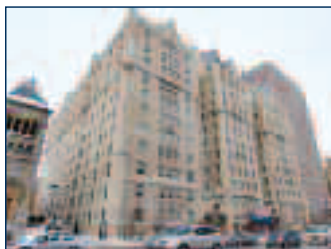
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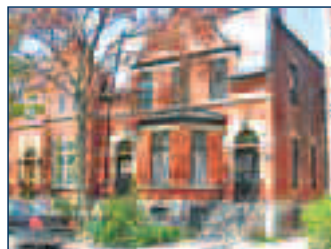
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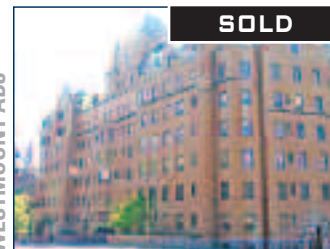
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## The Royal Canadian Navy in its centennial year

# Honouring HMCS Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

To mark the Royal Canadian Navy's centennial year, Westmount was presented April 27 with a large framed photo and history of the HMCS *Westmount* to put up near the ship's bell that hangs in city hall outside the council chamber.

HMCS *Westmount* (J318) was a Bangor-class minesweeper commissioned by the city of Westmount during World War II.

The ceremony took place at an anniver-

sary event at city hall to recognize Westmount's contribution to the navy.

"Westmount's military history is long and very proud," Mayor Peter Trent said in welcoming representatives of the navy, army and air force, and other invited guests to the presentation. It is also entwined with the city and community.

HMCS *Westmount* defended Canada's coastline, explained Sub-Lieutenant Michael Langlais, who came from Canadian Forces Base Halifax to present the gift on behalf of 11,000 officers and sailors.

"This presentation is also a personal expression of gratitude," he said.

Having grown up in Westmount attending École internationale de St. Léon, he recalled the "indelible sense of community" he had also received through Scouts and Venturers. "This community breeds leaders."

### *In the names of 'our veterans'*

Noting the strong community involvement, he told how he had come across a wartime notation stating that the Rotary Club was looking for two bicycles for the crew of HMCS *Westmount*. "So it's in this sprit of community and in the names of our veterans," he said, that the presentation was being made.

Among Westmount naval veterans attending the event was Walter Smith of Anwoth Rd., a lieutenant in World War II. He had served as part of a Canadian team recruited by the Royal Navy to operate radar. He served on a communications ship involved in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Normandy campaigns.

Another was Peter Ferst, chair of the Quebec Provincial Council of St. John Ambulance, who retired as a lieutenant commander two years ago after serving 17 years as a reservist, five of them in fulltime service.



Mayor Peter Trent with Sub-Lieutenant Michael Langlais. Above is HMCS Westmount's bell.

Representatives of Scouting were among other invited guests.

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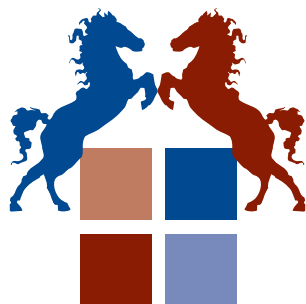
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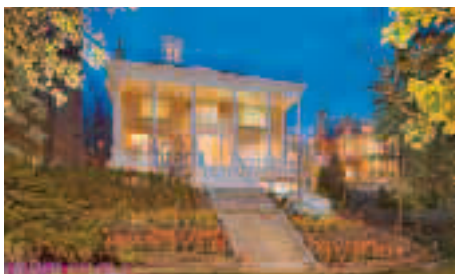
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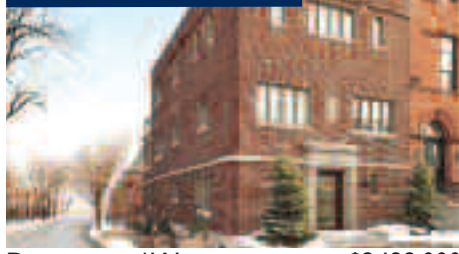


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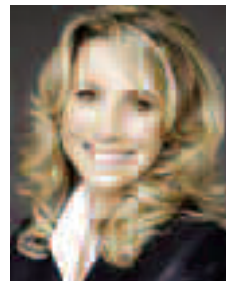
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# Westmount a leader in city truck safety



From left: Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, fleet superintendent Marguenice Paul (who designed the guards fitted on Westmount's trucks), and Jeannette Holman-Price, April 29.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Whenever Jeannette Holman-Price sees a truck fitted with side guards that are dented and impacted, she knows they've served their purpose. She only wishes her daughter Jessica had been saved through their use.

"If it's dented, it's working," she told the *Independent* April 29. Jessica Holman-Price lost her life in December 2005 when she fell beneath the wheels of a snow contractor's truck that was rounding a turn at Sherbrooke and Strathcona.

### Jessica Campaign

Her parents started the Jessica Campaign, part of which was to encourage truck operators to adapt their vehicles with side guards in order to avoid repeating the

tragedy. Among municipalities, Westmount has been a leader and now has three trucks fitted with side guards that are used in snow operations. (See story, November 17, 2009, p. 3.)

### Cllr. Lulham spearheaded process

The initiative to equip Westmount's dump trucks with side guards was started by Councillor Cynthia Lulham. Westmount city council passed a resolution asking Transport Canada to adopt a national standard making the installation of side guards mandatory on snow removal trucks.

Across Canada, so far only Newfoundland and a number of cities in that province have added side guards to their public works trucks. However, an increasing number of trucking companies are adding the devices.

# Grenier takes on insulation and conservation at Healthy City breakfast

BY ERIN STROPE

The Westmount Healthy City Project held the fourth and final lecture of its breakfast speaker series at Victoria Hall on April 29. Architect Paul Grenier, of the Westmount firm Grenier & Richards Architects, spoke to an audience of about 15 people on "Energy conservation advice for Westmount houses: do's and don't's."

Grenier focused on the specifics of eco-friendly home renovation. He discussed two tests for energy efficiency that are available to every homeowner in Westmount: the Hydro-Quebec Energy Wise home diagnostic, and a "blower test" to

locate cracks in a building's exterior.

As previously reported in the *Independent* (April 27, p. 5), electricity provider Hydro Westmount recently teamed up with Hydro-Quebec to survey Westmount residents about their energy use habits. Grenier encouraged every homeowner to complete the survey and receive a personalized report about ways to save energy and money.

Blower tests involve a powerful fan mounted on one door of a house. The fan reduces the air pressure inside the home, allowing the technician to locate sources of air leakage in walls, windows and doors. Citing a statistic that 30 percent of heat

loss in a typical Quebec home is through holes and cracks, Grenier stressed that it is impossible to be too careful when dealing with these issues.

Both the Energy Wise and the blower diagnostics are intended to make homeowners aware of the most pressing areas of concern for their homes, allowing them to focus their renovation efforts to maximize energy efficiency.

Grenier also discussed issues with insulating Westmount homes, many of which have un-insulated, solid masonry walls. Retrofitting old homes with modern interior insulation can actually result in damage to brick exteriors, and the addition of exterior insulation destroys the character of a building and can't pass muster with municipal codes.

Of particular concern to Westmount home renovators are municipal guidelines governing the preservation of the city's historic character. The guidelines can make renovation projects like updating drafty windows more complex and frustrating, but Grenier reported that the guidelines will be updated as one of the

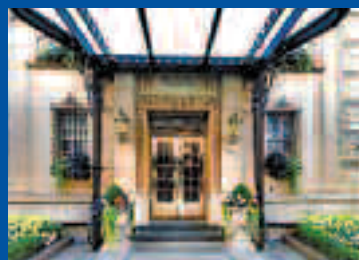


From left: Westmount Sustainable Development coordinator Joshua Wolfe, architect Paul Grenier, and Tom Thompson of the Healthy City Project.

Healthy City Project's "10 for 2010" resolutions.

The Healthy City Project's four-week breakfast speaker series came to an end with Grenier's talk, but more morning environmental gatherings may be in store: Maureen Lafrenière of the communications department at city hall told the *Independent* that more speakers had been considered for the series, and that these additional speakers may take part in a similar program later in the year.

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# More letters

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and NHL hockey rink?

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE.

\* *Editor's note: The arena process began with boreholes (e.g., see "What secrets lie below?", October 14, 2008, p. 3 and "Boreholes will help design work" by then mayor Karin Marks, October 28, 2008, p. 4). As far as we know, the only major finding (which was knowable from sources other than boreholes) has been that the soil under the current site is an in-filled ravine. Depending on what you're doing, this situation is both a negative (it is hard to build on) and a positive (it is easy to dig up). Given the amount of excavation envisaged by the current plan, it seems likely that there will be a fair amount of positive effect.*

## WHERE IS INDOOR POOL?

After all the feedback from the public, especially in letters to the *Westmount Independent*, it is disappointing and frustrating to hear that the city is still sticking to its original, ill-conceived arena/pool project plan that does not include an indoor pool.

According to the *Suburban* of March 3, Côte St. Luc received \$11.5 million from the federal and provincial governments to

build a \$17-million intergenerational aquatic centre that naturally includes an indoor pool. Construction will begin this year.

This news throws a big shadow on Westmount's project, which is the richest city on the island of Montreal.

To construct two new arenas and an outdoor pool without an indoor pool – even though a user study shows that we need one – is a huge mistake in this day and age. The city states an indoor pool will be built later. That is just wonderful. We all know when politicians say "later" they mean "never." And the reasons given for not building an indoor pool are pretty poor (we cannot afford it at this time; the operational costs are too high; the infrastructure grant is specific: two rinks and an outdoor pool). Well, where there is no will, there is no way.

The latter is hard to believe. What do the governments care what type of pool structure is going to be built? I suggest the city goes back and applies for the right grants or additional grants/funds.

To accommodate an indoor pool, I suggest the following: build the indoor pool at the site of the present arena, rebuild an improved outdoor pool at its present site.

Since the arenas are to be built underground, build them at the site of the tennis courts and transfer the tennis courts to the roof as planned.

However, to satisfy the growing demand for tennis, build the roof in such a way that it can accommodate six courts instead of three.

JUTTA DEMERS, GROSVENOR AVE.

## CAN'T CROSS THAT FAST!

I would like to address the comment by Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde in reference to the pedestrian crossing at Sherbrooke and Victoria (*Independent*, April 20, p. 5) "There's plenty of time to cross both ways on one light, and it's not safe to allow horizontal crossing at one place when it's not permitted and unsafe at another." One must assume he meant that one can cross both Sherbrooke and Victoria on one light.

Quite frankly, he is full of hogwash. I defy him to show how the average person can accomplish such a feat on one light, in the time allowed, without running and probably not even then.

Even a teenager in good shape is unlikely to accomplish this, and most certainly neither would the large number of

seniors and small children that use that intersection.

As to the claim by Commander Plourde that the horizontal crossing of the intersection, as practised by many of us, including city employees, is unsafe (note he words it as if it were a fact) I ask him to factually back up his statement and publish the documented, proven numbers showing how many people have been injured and/or killed at the Victoria/Sherbrooke intersection due to horizontal crossing on the pedestrian green light since the new traffic light system was implemented.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DISMOUNT CYCLISTS OR DIVERT PATH

It is unfortunate that the bicycle path bisecting Westmount Park has morphed into a high-speed lane for cyclists in a hurry. Moreover it has attracted hoodlums on wheels who feel free to spread throughout the park.

The other day four young men in identical small-wheeled, high-handle bikes (possibly a gang?) cycled at a high speed through the lawns and most shockingly, through the playground full of little children. There were no security officers on hand.

Had they been driving cars they would have had their driver's licences suspended. Pending stringent measures to correct this problem, I regret to have to say (as a recreational cyclist) that diverting the path away from the park, or forcing cyclists to dismount, might be the only solution.

MAYA KHANKHOJE, KENSINGTON AVE.

### RE-USE, RE-SURFACE, RE-CONSULT

On the surface, the arena expansion seems exciting. There is no doubt that community infrastructure that expands recreational possibilities, while increasing green space, is a great concept.

However, I dislike the threat "If we don't spend the grant, we'll lose it." Using

people's panic reflex is not a trustworthy method to engage support. Method is paramount in sustainability and coercing the citizens into an expensive course of action makes it suspicious.

A complete demolition and rebuild may be the only rational way to deal with the poorly conceived existing structure. However, sustainable practices tend to use existing assets and integrate them. Growing up in Westmount, I never suffered due to those "inadequate" premises!

I don't agree with the necessity of two full-sized hockey rinks. One indoor rink is enough, accompanied by two outdoor ones. Why not use the park fields for skating – in seasonal rotation? Surely the energy savings are incomparable, and it might be a bit more pleasant to skate in the open air rather than in an artificially lit underground cavern.

It seems that much of this project is driven by a need for excessive luxury. This is not just a money issue, but more importantly it is a time and focus issue. While we spend our energy on this project, other important functions may suffer neglect.

The reality of the grant money cannot be ignored, and the design has merit, but is it really the best way for the municipality to invest public funds? If the building hopes to pass as remotely sustainable, then real public consultation needs to hap-

pen; however, it seems that they are fishing for public approval at the eleventh hour when public input will be anecdotal. This smells more of a political manoeuvre than an honest consultation.

MARCUS MACDONALD, FORMERLY A STAYNER AVE. RESIDENT, NOW LIVES IN WHITE ROCK, BC.

### BURY THE PARKING NOT THE RINK

I feel the current design is an excellent next step in the arena design process – an improvement over the first set of proposals but not the final version.

What this design does is to take as "ground level" the west side of the lot and not the east, as is currently the case. A great improvement – it lowers the overall building height and allows for some interesting green roof alternatives.

Unfortunately, as drawn, it buries the rinks but not the parking. I would prefer the other way around. I would like to see at least one of the rinks at, or close to, ground level (west side), replace the parking with a rink and put the parking underneath it.

I would like to see the west facade of this rink with as much glass as possible allowing for a flood of natural light and an approximation of the outdoor rink experience. Yes, glass creates heat gain but a little creative design can make use of the heat generated before it gets into the arena space.

As for an indoor pool, I would like to see council make a firm commitment to offer alternatives, such as full and free access for residents to all the facilities at the YMCA. As your population stats showed, the demand for full recreational facilities for "seniors" 55 and over is going to increase.

So, while I support the arena project in principle, we would like to see an improved design.

CLAIRE SALZBERG, CLAREMONT AVE.

### ATTRACT PEOPLE TO VIC VILLAGE WITH A SQUARE, NOT RESTOS

I was at the April 26 council meeting held to discuss the proposed changes to the by-law governing restaurants in the Victoria Village area. Many of the merchants there expressed the hope that adding restaurants would increase traffic in their stores. I would like to suggest that traffic could be increased without converting the area into a restaurant row.

Two main ideas would be to improve

sidewalk cleanliness *à la Destination Centre Ville* and create a small square at the top of Prince Albert where there are currently four inadequate benches. The square would extend that seating area "south" on Prince Albert to the small alley behind La Fougagerie.

I've made some paced-off measurements and the resulting square would be similar in size to the one currently at Greene and de Maisonneuve. The "southern" side of the square could be a good spot for Bixi bikes.

The whole area should be looked at in a new green neighbourhood context, more foot-friendly, more bike-friendly, less car-friendly. The novelty of such a spot would be the "hook" that merchants might find increases their business.

RICHARD AYLETT, CLAREMONT AVE.

### GOLDEN ARENA?

Has a "LEED scorecard" of what LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] credits are foreseen by the arena's design professionals been published, so as to know whether they are overlooking credits that might take the project into Gold territory?

Is Westmount's desire to advance active transport supported by the increase in 40 parking places cut into the slope? Shouldn't that idea be shelved and, in its stead, reserve all well-positioned parking places for hockey car pooling – that is, for vehicles that bring two or more players to the game?

The number of needed parking spots might be reduced by up to 75 percent. More to the point, the greater part of Westmount lives within a 15-minute walk to the arena. Could we not expect most athletes to walk to their game? The hockey bag, though bulky, is not heavy since when wearing all the equipment the player is unimpeded in traversing the rink at great speed.

Cost estimates come in different classes. Some, because of incomplete information, carry large margins of error. The estimate for the arena project is of what class? What margin of error does it carry? Have boreholes \* been analyzed? For such a major underground project, these analyses are essential for costing and feasibility.

Has the idea of year-round hockey ice been approved by Westmount after debate?

As part of the needs analysis, has polling been done to ascertain whether there is a larger demand for an indoor pool or a sec-

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# WMA on Turcot: We must reduce our dependence on the car

BY THE WESTMOUNT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

*The WMA intends to send this letter to Premier Jean Charest, minister of Transport Julie Boulet and MNA Jacques Chagnon as an official communication from the organization.*

The board of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) would like to add its voice to the debate regarding what should be done about the Turcot Interchange.

We believe that our governments must develop new – and more sustainable – transportation solutions that are appropriate for our spreading cities, while at the same time planners should try to contain urban sprawl.

Automobiles are a major contributor to poor air quality. They often result in terrible injuries, and dependence on the car leads to obesity. The cost to the health care system from car-dependence is enormous, and the benefits that will accrue from encouraging active transport and mass transit will make a significant and permanent impact on our urban quality of life. So we must take steps to reduce our dependence on the car.

Greater Montreal, like many other agglomerations has grown very large and extensive over the past five decades, and this unsustainable pattern must be stopped if we are to halt and reverse the environmental degradation it is causing.

## **Maximize mass transit**

The board of the WMA believes, like many others, that the solution to the Turcot interchange must be to maximize the implementation of mass transit projects in patterns that match commuter flows.

Now faced with deteriorating structures in the Turcot Complex, the right approach must be to develop a concerted, strategic and properly timed plan that will maximize a modal shift from automobile to mass transit. The right approach must include:

1. The immediate renovation of the deteriorating and possibly dangerous structures which exist at present in the Turcot interchange. A variety of solutions have been proposed to secure the structure.

2. Accelerating the construction of the four major mass-transit projects proposed for the West Island and inner-city neighbourhoods: shuttle to Dorval airport, improved commuter rail service, improved bus service and the Lachine tram-train project. Quebec should also consider prioritizing a Metro link to the west of Montreal West, serving Côte St. Luc, Hampstead and NDG, residents who are

currently dramatically underserved by mass transit and must use their car to go downtown.

A Turcot, rebuilt to maintain the same or increased capacity for cars, would be a major step in the wrong direction, and such a regression is not necessary.

Our universities have outlined major opportunities for rethinking the inner city neighbourhoods immediately beside the highways targeted in the Turcot project. When spending massive amounts of public funds, care should be taken to ensure they reinforce existing neighbourhoods and optimize the long-term social and economic returns, for residents, the boroughs, the demerged municipalities and the city. The existing neighbourhoods should not be separated from one another by a large highway.

In short, the Turcot project is not just a highway redevelopment project but an opportunity for city building. If done properly and with care, the master plan for this massive investment could achieve a win-win consensus among key stakeholders: the McGill University Health Centre, residents of Côte St. Paul and the Village des Tanneries, Westmount, the Sud-Ouest and Lachine boroughs, and the Montreal Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, to name but a few.

There are economic benefits that would accrue from an approach that favours mass transit over an automobile-oriented infrastructure. For example, we learn from a recent Montreal Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce study that the expenditures of public transit authorities stimulate the Montreal-area economy twice as much as equivalent expenditures for private transport by car, since more than 50 percent of the expenditures for private transport are for products imported to Quebec, compared to 10 percent in the case of public transport.

## **Quebec must invest**

We believe that the Quebec government must put in money, on par with other Canadian cities, to help municipalities with public transport. Quebec allocates much less per person to mass transit compared to other provinces. In 2007, Quebec paid \$40 per person, compared with \$150 per person in British Columbia, \$105 per person in Ontario and \$60 per person in Alberta. Quebec should be leading in public transit investment, not trailing behind other provinces, especially given our world class industrial leadership on providing mass transit infrastructure.

In summary, the board of the WMA strongly supports the use of mass transit

for Montreal, its boroughs and the demerged municipalities. While we are a Westmount association and therefore worry about the effects of the Turcot project on our community, we join with others on the island of Montreal to strongly urge

you to make the Turcot interchange an example of how Quebec is at the forefront in the fight to save our environment, thus providing a safe and healthy place for its citizens to live.

## **Think twice about playing Trivial Pursuit with Emily Schwartzman**



Emily Schwartzman

Photo: Katie Fellerath

Westmount resident Emily Schwartzman, a grade 7 student at the Trafalgar School for Girls, won the Canadian Student Achievement League's annual scholastic competition – a contest that tests trivia knowledge and problem-solving skills. Though the school has had two provincial champions in recent years, Schwartzman is the first Trafalgar and first Quebec student to win the national championship. The test, which is aimed at grade 8 students, was held online in February. Students had 60 minutes to answer 100 questions and Schwartzman answered 91 correctly.



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Chagnon hospitalized last week

## MNA Chagnon and columnist Wedge become roommates at Royal Vic

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Imagine the surprise when Westmount MNA Jacques Chagnon and *Independent* columnist Don Wedge discovered they were roommates – at the Royal Vic.

“I recognized his voice,” Chagnon said, “and discovered he was in the bed in front of me.” The two have known each other for many years.

Chagnon and Wedge had previously spoken as recently as September. See box at left.

Chagnon, who underwent angioplasty 15 years ago, was hospitalized April 26 for a week at the advice of his doctor and has been undergoing a battery of tests following symptoms of angina, he explained. He expected to be discharged at week’s end.

“I want to be able to give the bed to someone else,” he said, adding if he

needed more treatment he might return as an out-patient.

Wedge, has been undergoing cardiac treatment in hospital for three weeks. Both were in a four-bed room, with Chagnon saying he had received no special treatment as deputy speaker of the National Assembly. “All I can say is the care has been great. The doctors and nurses are very kind.”

With little to do to pass the time, he said, “I’ve already read three books and am on my fourth. It’s like being on the beach!”

Now 57, Chagnon is looking forward to marking 25 years in the National Assembly December 2. “It’s pretty rare,” he explained. Only 33 or 34 members of the 2,600 elected since 1792 have served that long. First elected at age 32, he was one of the youngest at the time, he said.

## Two-rink arena: a go

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Trent said he was surprised the project appeared to be “even more popular” than the library renewal some 20 years ago when a similar vote was held. At that time 77.4 percent of the 1,875 respondents agreed to proceed. “I find that really rather interesting considering more people use the library than the arena.”

While data continue to be collected from late responses, a preliminary report from the Ipsos polling firm predicted a final response rate of 25 to 27 percent rate.

### High level of engagement

It states that this “represents an extraordinarily high level of engagement on the part of the Westmount citizenry and has the spin-off benefit of giving us an extremely high level of confidence in the accuracy of the results.”

This, it adds, “far exceeds established research norms.”

Of the 1,756 responses, 604 came online and 1,152 were hard copies.

Trent said it would probably take two or three weeks to receive a breakdown of all answers to questions and comments.

“We’ll synthesize and analyze the comments, and discuss them with our architects, and then hold a public meeting to explain a more detailed design and receive further input.”

Of a total 8,062 surveys mailed out, 7,815 went to addresses within the eight districts while 247 went to non-resident

addresses whose responses were not included in the following breakdown by district – described by Ipsos as “proportion of residents in favour of this project.”

District 1:	81%
District 2:	87%
District 3:	83%
District 4:	87%
District 5:	83%
District 6:	80%
District 7:	83%
District 8:	77%.

### Arena grant day: September 27, 2009



Jacques Chagnon and Don Wedge at Westmount city hall in September 2009, when Chagnon announced the \$20-million government infrastructure grant for the arena/pool project. Chagnon and Wedge shared a hospital room last week. See story at right.

Jacques Chagnon with then mayor Karin Marks in September 2009 at the same meeting.

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## Turning 104!



From left, birthday girl Marie Grivakis, son Ernie Grivakis and sister Kay Panos.

Westmounter Marie Grivakis celebrated her 104th birthday at Le Muscadin restaurant April 23 with a party of 30 people. Present at the event were her sister Kay Panos (102); her son Ernie Grivakis; her daughters-in-law Belle Grivakis and Julie Charbonneau; her nephew Tass Gri-

vakes with his wife Diane; her grandchildren Maria Grivakis; Christina Grivakis and Harry Grivakis; and her great-grandchildren Ethan (2), Adrian (10 months) and Nicholas (2 months).

Is Grivakis Westmount's oldest resident?

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## Police beat

# Unhappy homecoming for recently widowed tenant

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A woman returning to her apartment after a lengthy trip to get over the loss of her husband was met with more bad news.

The tenant had been away from January 29 to April 26. On the day she returned to her apartment at 4200 de Maisonneuve Blvd., the tenant noticed there had been some water damage in her kitchen. Then she discovered something far more troubling.

“The victim realized she was missing some jewelry,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “Two watches, two pairs of her late husband’s cufflinks and two pins were gone. The total value for these items is over \$5,000.”

Police say there was no sign of forced entry, and they believe that the robbery has a connection to the work that was done in the kitchen while the woman was away.

“There was a leak in the kitchen and damage to the tiles, so there is a good chance that whoever was in the apartment

at that time had something to do with this theft,” said Pimentel. “We spoke with building’s administration and they assured us that whoever did the work only went into the kitchen and nowhere else in the apartment. But there is an active investigation ongoing as to what happened here.”

Pimentel said the case was similar to one he handled on Sherbrooke St.

### Unsafe safe

“The woman went to Florida and left her valuables in the safe. She had a cleaning lady who would come over while she was away, and the woman had left a key to the safe in her home,” he said. “When she returned, the key was gone and so were the items in the safe.”

While the cleaning lady was not charged in that case, Pimentel said that if you live in an apartment where the administration can enter your unit, or you have people in your home while you’re away, then proper precautions must be taken.

“If you have valuables, like jewelry of monetary or sentimental value, then you should consider keeping these items in a safety deposit box in your bank,” he said. “If you have a safe in your residence, do not leave the key in the home. Either take it with you or leave it with a trusted family member or friend.”

### Through the backdoor window

A female resident returned to her house on de Maisonneuve Blvd. on April 15 only to discover that someone had ransacked her home.

The victim told police she left her house at 8 am and returned at 3:30 pm. When she got home, she noticed her backdoor window had been smashed.

“The suspect used a rock to break the window, then unlocked the door and entered the home,” said Pimentel. “Once inside, he searched the entire home before leaving through the same door.”

Pimentel said the neighbourhood was canvassed, but that no one saw or heard anything. Taken from the home were three

watches, one laptop computer and some jewelry, all with a value under \$5,000.

“One of the things we did after the crime was to check with local pawn shops to see if any of the items have been sold, but so far none of them have been,” said Pimentel. “Every month, area pawn shops send receipts of all the items they buy to our analysis department, so we can verify if any of the items have been stolen.”

Meanwhile, Pimentel said residents should get out their digital cameras and take some preventive measures.

“On a rainy day, get out your camera and take pictures of all your valuables, and inscribe the serial numbers of these items onto the photos,” he said. “Then if you are the victim of a break-in, these pictures can be extremely useful when it comes to recovering your property.”

Anyone having any information about the break-in in this case is asked to call Info-Crime at 514.393.1133.

## When the Bell Rings: Westmount Students Speak Up

COMPILED BY PHILIP CUTLER AND MICHELLE WARNER

We asked students who live or go to school in Westmount to answer the question: What makes a better pet: cat or dog? Here is what some students had to say.

I would have to say dog. I have a nine-year-old dog at my house named Peter. Peter is awesome! Cats are more for calm people and dogs are more for people who like going wild. For kids, dogs are better because cats are just too calm. They are really soft outside and on the inside! They don’t want to play as often as dogs do. Dogs are able to communicate better than cats and are way better for families.

Malich A., grade 7, Lower Canada College.

### Man’s best friend

A dog makes a very nice pet. The dog is man’s best friend. It protects its master. It helps blind people and works for the police. The dog is not stupid except for my dog!

Yann P., grade 7, Vanguard Intercultural High School

I don’t like cats. They are really lazy. My favourite pet is the dog because they are

really cute, fun and intelligent. I like to play with my dog because he has a lot of energy and never gets tired. My favourite activity is walking him.

Annie B., grade 7, Vanguard Intercultural High School

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## Dutch queen and well-wishers celebrate her birthday

The Queen’s Birthday, a national holiday observed each year in the Netherlands, was celebrated on April 30 in the lobby of one of the towers at Westmount Square. A reception was hosted by Michael Polak, a Prospect St. resident, who was recently appointed honorary consul for the Netherlands. Among the guests were diplomats

from many countries who are stationed in Montreal. The RCMP, whose Quebec headquarters is only a block away, was represented by four officers, two of whom were in full dress uniform. As tradition dictates, many of those attending wore orange, in honour of the royal House of Orange. See p. 1 for photo.

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# Bon Appetit

By ETTY B.

Lot's of fresh vegetables that we associate with springtime get wrapped up in this lovely do ahead dish of delicate flavours.

The fish stays moist as it is cooked on a bed of tender sautéed leeks, zucchini and carrots – all wrapped up in parchment paper or aluminum foil.

This would be a wonderful meal for Mother's Day. Just add a simple pasta or rice dish, and end with a store-bought lemon tart.

This recipe yields four. Enjoy!

## Fish en Papillote (Fish in Parchment)

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 carrots, peeled and cut into julienne

2 small leeks, peeled and cut into julienne

2 small zucchini, peeled and cut into julienne

Salt and pepper

Squeeze of lemon to taste

4 pieces of 6 ounce halibut or salmon filets

Onion salt, freshly ground pepper

### Directions

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Heat the oil in a small skillet and gently fry the vegetables together until they are *al dente* (better to be on the undercooked side). Season with salt, pepper and a squirt of lemon. (Can be done ahead and brought to room temperature)

Cut two pieces of parchment to accommodate the fish very generously. Fold in half to form a wide rectangle and cut half a heart shape from the top and around the open edge (when you open it out again, it will have a heart shape).

Put half the vegetables in the centre of one side of the heart. Set a fish filet on top, season the fish with onion salt, pepper and lemon. Fold over the heart.

Working from the top, fold up the edges of the heart to seal, working all the way around as if it were pastry.

Set on a baking sheet and repeat with the other papillote. (Or wrap vegetable and fish in aluminum foil)

Set the papillotes on a baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit 2 minutes before cutting through the paper and eating the contents.

## The Cyclist Bicycle theft

No one likes to be a victim of theft, but cyclists can avoid having their bikes stolen.

Constable Adalbert Pimentel of Station 12 says that he has no Westmount-specific statistics, but most bike theft reports are of bikes being stolen from balconies and garages. So lock your bike, even if it is in a place you consider safe.

Steel alloy U-locks are best, preferably ones with a flat disc key, since a round barrel key is easier to break. When you lock the bike, fill as much of the "U" as possible. Empty space in the U makes it easier to pry open. And, placing the key-hole facing down makes it more difficult to pick.

Lock your bike to a solid pole where it cannot be lifted up. Put the lock through the frame and the rear wheel, or through both wheels if you have a cable to attach to the U-lock. Even better, have a different lock for each wheel. Of course, remove quick-release parts.

Lock your bike in an open, visible, well-lit area. Visibility gives less time for thieves to work unnoticed.

Bikes have serial numbers, usually on the frame near the pedal area. You can place the serial number, your name and the make and model of your bike inside the handlebar. Take a picture of your bike.

Notify the police of a stolen bike. Constable Pimentel says your serial number will then be registered in a pan-Canadian information system, which police can use when investigating bike theft. Also, pawn shops are required once a month to send serial numbers of items they receive to the police. If theft victims do not notify the police, the authorities will not know there is a problem and may not allocate resources.

Finally, a well-locked, cheap bike is the least likely to be stolen.

*Marilynn Gillies is a member of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. To join or for more information, visit [www.acw-wca.org](http://www.acw-wca.org).*

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## ESPRIT DE CORPS: WESTMOUNT'S GOT IT!

I have lived in Westmount most of my adult life. We moved one block east of Westmount for seven years only to return to the neighborhood last October. I now live directly opposite Westmount Park and am thoroughly enjoying it.

A few weeks ago, I was babysitting our “granddog” Winston. Our daughter is studying in Toronto, and I had brought her dog home with me to let her concentrate on her exams.

Winston is an itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny cross between a dog and a...squirrel. Part Chihuahua, part Yorkshire.

Two days into his stay, sweet little Winston slipped out the door while I was on the phone.

I swear I made sure the door, which opens onto the garden, was closed.

But Minou, our jealous cat opened it, prompting her nemesis' escape.

Zut et flûte! (I am being polite). Winston wasn't familiar with the neighbourhood nor was he wearing a collar.

Needless to say, I panicked. I ran around the park, block, the 'hood, asking everybody I met: “Have you seen a teeny dog?” Dark thoughts were running through my mind about having to tell my daughter I had lost the one she calls her “little man.”

I ran to the playground where mothers and children gathered: no Winston. One of the nice mamans suggested I call Westmount Public Security.

Why didn't I think of that? Seven years of living in Montreal, I guess.

I raced home, dialed the number. A

very nice man answered. “Is it a teeny, tiny black and brown dog?”

“Yes it is! You found him?”

“Actually, a woman found him and called us. She lives on de Maisonneuve and Melville.”

I thanked him, three times, my heart filled with hope and joy, my own version of a Eyjafjallajökull cloud vanishing.

I raced to the rescuer's house. I was greeted by two dogs and their lovely owner.

And there he was.

The itsy, bitsy, teeni-est, cutest dog in the world – in the arms of our saviour. The woman told me he was running back and forth across our street.

I thanked her profusely.

Later that day, as I was walking the dogs I had seen earlier.

He told me his wife was constantly saving lost dogs. “Bless her!” I said.

This week, my husband was walking Winston in the park. A man approached him. It turns out he'd also been involved in the rescue operation.

“The lady who found him was walking back with two huge grocery bags,” he said. He helped her carry the bags home as she carried Winston to safety.

Epilogue: This community's esprit de corps is exceptional and should be celebrated. It's really good to be back in Westmount!

PS: I still haven't told my daughter, so if you know her, don't text or Twitter until exams are over!

DANIAILE JARRY, MELVILLE AVE.



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## Reviewing Earth Hour 2010

Earth Hour, a global event with over 6,000 cities participating, took place in the early evening of March 27. Viewers could watch dramatic television images of Sydney, Hong Kong and Toronto, and other large cities, before and during that hour. In stark contrast, the island of Montreal was ablaze with lights. Participation in the province of Quebec, according to an Ipsos-Reid poll, was a scant 36 percent.

Turning off electric lights is only part of the equation to save a significant amount of energy. Earth Hour was intended as a symbolic gesture to encourage people to think about how they can reduce excessive energy consumption, diminish waste, and reflect on how they contribute to global warming.

### Was Westmount's earth hour a success?

At least two hundred people braved the cold (for that time of year!) to attend the Westmount summit event (not 60 as reported by council). The bus made four trips from city hall and provided welcome shelter for many. The seven telescopes, manned by members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, were in constant demand. These astronomers were helpful and informative both at their telescopes as well as at their information booth. The enthusiasm was palpable with many “oohs” and “aahs” from children and adults alike as viewers marvelled at Saturn's rings, the moon's craters, Mars or the Great Orion Nebula.

Musicians George Bowser, Stan Grossman, Peter Trent and Jim Mathewson had people singing and dancing. The hot apple cider was so popular it ran out by 9 pm! It was gratifying that so many brought their own cups.

What was important was the presence of politicians: our mayor, Peter Trent, and our member of parliament, Marc Garneau. Each gave a great speech and a message was read from our member of the National Assembly, Jacques Chagnon. These individuals are in a position of enacting policies, and we hope they keep the environment green.

On a less than positive note, Hydro Westmount saw no drop in power consumption during Earth Hour. The biggest hindrance to dark skies is our street lighting, which throws a lot of light where it is not needed, particularly upwards.

The lack of citizen involvement was also disappointing. Few houses made any attempt to dim their lights despite the huge media promotion of Earth Hour. In mid-March, all the houses close to the summit received personalized letters requesting that they turn out their lights

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during Earth Hour to keep the area dark enough for good viewing with the telescopes. The request was almost universally ignored. The contest between the districts was almost farcical. Only 77 Westmounters participated in the survey and only 62 of these were fully completed. District 4 won with only 14 replies! One can only hope that next year will be better.

How many people actually spent time considering the impact they make on global warming, often referred to as climate change? There are so many ways that each of us can reduce our carbon emissions, lower our consumption of energy and natural resources every day, and find new opportunities to improve the environment around us. While many believe we have to experience hotter temperatures as evidence of global warming, it is the unusual and increasing weather events such as hurricanes, snow or ice events, rising sea levels with warmer waters, diminishing rivers and lakes, and more that confirm the overall warming of the planet.

### Light affects wildlife

Do we ever consider the impact of light pollution on the lives, habits and demise of other species: birds, insects, butterflies and animals? Our lights now compete with the lights of the sun, moon and stars that wildlife use for navigation, reproduction and foraging for food. Even one city light can kill 150 insects, good and bad, but which are the essential nutrients for birds, bats and frogs, contributing to their starvation. More and more species are facing extinction. Let us turn off all non-essential lights so the stars – bright and faint – become visible everywhere on earth.

To preach to the wealthy that their high, disproportionate consumption of our resources is unhealthy and yes, unfair, seems neither to be heard nor observed, even though such consumption is directly connected to the eventual demise of our planet. Although necessary, sacrifice is political disaster, as the reaction to the recent gas taxes exemplifies. We need to develop new technologies that are more efficient. Let us all play our part in saving the planet before it is too late – it's the only home we've got!

*Eve Aspinall is a member of the Earth Hour Committee.*

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See story “\$1,000 donated for crime-fighting fund,” March 30, p. 6, for details.

*Tipline will run any reward-for-information notices being offered by residents, whether as part of the fund mentioned above or directly.*

# Reforming school reform



## At Second Glance

HEATHER BLACK

Recently, Quebec's ministry of Education announced that teachers will now assess knowledge as well as skills. Welcomed by many – over 4,000 teachers, parents and students demonstrated and 20,000 petitioned in February for such a measure – recent research suggests we must do more to reform “the reform.”

### The decline of science and technology

Knowledge – core concepts and current information – is key to research and the new economy. But currently schools in the West lag behind South Korea and others when it comes to mathematic and science performance.

Finland, however, is an exception. Pupils there scored first in science and reading, and second in the 2006 OECD mathematic exam (PISA) for 15-year-olds. While the success of South Korea's students can be explained in terms of time – 10-year-olds take evening classes and do three hours more homework per night than American students – in Finland, schools hours are the lowest in the developed world.

One factor in Finland's success is more teacher-led instruction – an efficient balance of teaching and individual tutoring. Highly trained, secondary mathematics and science teachers there hold master's degrees. As knowledge enthusiasts, teachers encourage students to enter the sciences. And their remedial practices prevent the science and digital divide common in our schools.

### Science and digital divide

One factor in the new science divide is teacher knowledge of – and comfort with – mathematics. Recent research by the University of Oregon showed that female teachers pass on their fear of mathematics

to female elementary students, which then undermines their science performance at a later date. In Finland, the practice of placing highly-trained remedial teachers in each elementary class ensures that no child falls behind.

But equally important, teacher-led instruction is conducted in an informal manner and all students are included. A study by Ronald Beghetto, also at the University of Oregon, found that perceived teacher support and student self-confidence were more important than ability in intellectual risk-taking.

Another problem in our schools is that the digital divide – insufficient computer know-how – keeps many students out of the sciences. Moreover, poor technology training in high school causes many students to question whether they belong in university. In contrast, officials at Nokia praise Finland's schools for their science and technology curriculum as well as inclusive school culture.

### Increased recognition for science education

The need to improve mathematics and science education has not gone unnoticed. President Obama has made education reform a priority, allocating \$4.35 billion to the “Race to the Top” fund to encourage state initiatives.

In a recent interview with the BBC, Education secretary Arne Duncan called the growing educational divide, “the civil rights issue of this generation.” He also praised Finland's education system. While acknowledging its high cost, he commented “If education is expensive, try ignorance!”

### Lessons from Finland

For most Quebec citizens, a return to knowledge, as well as know-how makes sense. And Finland's example shows how to balance teacher-led instruction and individual projects.

But research illustrates that teacher enthusiasm for science and mathematics is equally important. And that cannot be legislated!

# Cancer survivor to cycle Europe

BY JOANNE PENHALE

On a carbon fibre bike he thought he would never ride – a bike ordered just before being diagnosed with leukemia in 2004 – Westmounter William Brock is now touring Europe and raising money for blood cancer research.

“I remember waking up in the hospital and seeing the bike in the glow of the chemotherapy pump,” recalls William Brock, 55, of his early treatments at the Jewish General Hospital. He mounted his bike there and rode it stationary when he had the strength.

The husband and father of two – Julianne and Philippe, now 17 and 15 – said when he was first diagnosed, he felt sure he was going to die.

His father died only six weeks after being diagnosed with leukemia in 1997.

His wife Maryse Bertrand took care of the research, which Brock said freed him from having to make decisions about his own care.

“When his brother was a perfect (stem cell) match,” said Bertrand, “I just knew he was going to be spared – he was healthy enough to survive the transplant.”

Bertrand determined the best hospital for the transplant was the Maisonneuve-Rosemont. Its success rates were comparable to the two best US clinics, which were also options.

After a transplant process that lasted six

weeks in isolation, plus a 10-day intense chemotherapy preparation to sterilize his bone marrow, Brock took more than two years to recover to a point where he could return part-time to his work as high-level lawyer with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg.

Last year, Brock decided to commemorate the fifth anniversary of his transplant with a European cycling tour, which will cover more than 2,500 kilometres.

His trip, if not delayed by ash from volcanic eruptions in Iceland, was set to begin April 21 in St. Nazaire, France, and finish in Budapest, Hungary. Even if delayed, Brock says he'll finish at the end of May as planned.

Brock will be following the Velo-6 cycling route, which includes stops in Switzerland, Germany and Austria, and will be joined for segments by others who were part of his recovery process, including fellow leukemia survivor Paul Baltazard, a vice president at RBC Dominion Securities Inc. Bertrand will join him from Vienna to Budapest.

Julianne and Philippe, still in session at Selwyn House, will be checking in with their dad online.

Brock will be blogging at [acelebrationoflife.blogspot.com](http://acelebrationoflife.blogspot.com), where visitors can also find a link to donate directly into a fund created by Université de Montréal/Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital. \$1 million has already been raised.



William Brock poses with the Trek Madone bike he'll use to snake across Europe.

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# Ralph, beautiful on the inside

BY MARY LAMEY

Meet Ralph, as good-natured a dog as you're ever likely find. No matter what life throws at him – and believe you me it has thrown plenty – Ralphie boy continues to greet each day and new person with a



happy wag.

"Today's the day I'll find a family," he seems to say.

This 10-year-old Labrador retriever-pit bull stray has lived in foster care for so long that no one remembers his exact story. He's great guy but a few strikes have prevented him from finding a lasting home: his age for one, his breed for another. Also, Ralph has food allergies that make him break out like a teenager the night before prom. His fur can be a bit patchy but a careful diet and regular compresses help a lot. He might never be a candidate for a beauty campaign, but what a personality.

Forget everything you have heard about pit bulls. Ralph is sweet-natured and loves being around people. He gets along fine with most dogs, unless they are too "in your face." When they are, he gives a warning snap and backs away. Who



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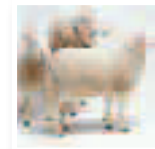
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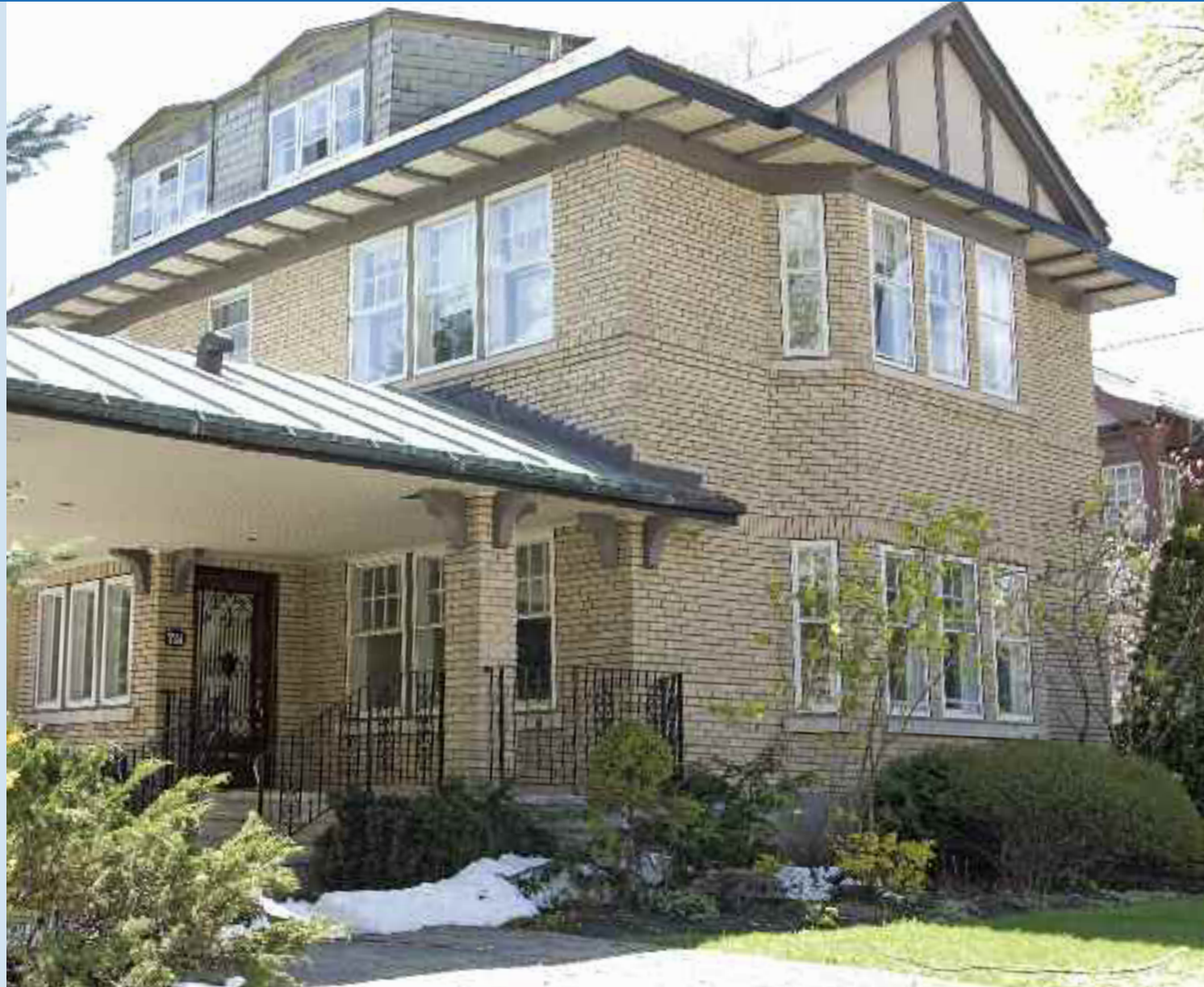
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P 4720 (Glen Yards)	\$6,836,789	n/a	McGill University Health Center	Corp. D'Hébergement du QC	16-Dec
724 Upper Belmont Ave.	\$3,150,000	\$2,632,000	Peter Goldberg	Philip Khazzam	16-Mar
109 Upper Bellevue Ave.	\$2,810,000	\$1,800,000	Morris Kertzner	Heja Moon & Roger Miller	04-Nov
630 Clarke Ave.	\$2,450,000	\$1,989,700	Khalid Belkhou & Ilham Sbihi	Arnold Feldman & Linda Cuthbert	03-Mar
4455 Montrose Ave.	\$2,350,000	\$1,877,300	Alexander Grach & Natalia Lisochkina	Marc Terfloth	02-Dec
482 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$2,250,000	\$2,111,000	Louis Weider	Jacqueline Sommereyns	26-Jan
627 Clarke Ave.	\$2,100,000	\$1,740,000	James Fisher	SP Immobilier Inc.	25-Jan
50 Aberdeen Ave.	\$1,815,000	\$1,941,200	Paul Harasymowycz & Nataliya Khrushch	Jeff Ward & Dorothy Moore	15-Jan
65 Belvedere Rd.	\$1,810,000	\$1,809,900	Maria Paolucci	Vivian Nguyen	02-Dec
29 Bellevue Ave.	\$1,800,000	\$1,215,100	José Leroux & Valérie Morin	Marta Cavallo	11-Jan
533 Clarke Ave.	\$1,800,000	\$1,450,000	Antonio Sieira & Georgina Dovali	David Delnick & Tamara Haver	04-Mar
3710 The Boulevard	\$1,739,000	\$1,999,900	Cong Nguyen & Diem Thuy Bui	Teresa Igrejas Lopes	02-Nov
P 4720 (Glen Yards)	\$1,709,197	n/a	McGill University Health Center	Corp. D'Hébergement du Quebec	16-Dec
800 Lexington Ave.	\$1,700,000	\$972,800	Phillip Marcovitch & Sandra Hutchinson	6309348 Canada Inc.	06-Jan
66 Aberdeen Ave.	\$1,670,000	\$1,304,900	Anders Nordin & Alexandra Hasselman	David Heritage & Jane Blacksmith	08-Mar
6 Hudson Ave.	\$1,630,000	\$1,622,800	Frédéric Charette	Frances MacKay	04-Dec
331 Lansdowne Ave.	\$1,550,000	\$1,060,000	Jonathan Sokoloff	Peter O'Brien & Lorna Telfer	25-Feb
1 Wood Ave. #706 & 2 pkg.	\$1,500,000	\$1,158,700	Sarah Schnarch	Judy Stotland	01-Oct
18 Renfrew Ave.	\$1,477,500	\$1,103,800	Jason Yujnovich & Zoe Ryan	Cynthia Van Frank	15-Feb
84 Belvedere Rd.	\$1,475,000	\$855,000	Stéphane Dubreuil & Douglas Choy	Suzanne Lemire & Jean Lamothe	29-Jan
3223 The Boulevard	\$1,385,000	\$1,000,000	Mustapha El Alaoui	H. Walker-Gooderham & Worts Ltd.	21-Jan
499 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$1,375,000	\$1,301,800	Maria-Athena Paradissis	Ginette Lamont	07-Jan
701 Victoria Ave.	\$1,365,000	\$935,000	Yi Zheng & Xiang Bin Xue	Mary Gulotta	03-Feb
11 Belfrage Rd.	\$1,355,000	\$911,200	Carolina Strano	Geoffrey Heward	24-Feb
771 Upper Belmont Ave.	\$1,350,000	\$941,900	Joanne & Robert Mainville	David Rolph	30-Nov
521 Lansdowne Ave.	\$1,350,000	\$1,152,800	Simon Dupéré	Dominic Côté & Guy Fortin	07-Dec
416 Wood Ave.	\$1,280,000	\$916,200	James Shannon & Maude Leblond	Peter Gross & Doris Black	15-Feb
659 Belmont Ave.	\$1,275,000	\$1,065,800	Samar Rouabhia & Monica Maynard	Punam Khanna	29-Oct
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7 Hudson Ave.	\$1,245,000	\$862,100	Pauline Chui & Tyler Kim	Brenda Pratscher	02-Mar
20 Arlington Ave.	\$1,219,600	\$744,300	Jay Sala & Eugenia Cukier	Scott Jones	12-Jan
89 Holton Ave.	\$1,200,000	\$615,000	Lisa McConnell	Douglas Choy & Stéphane Dubreuil	26-Feb
4386 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$1,195,000	\$714,000	Robert Gordon & Beatrice Bousser	James Keon & Kathleen Baktis	02-Feb
364 Kitchener Ave.	\$1,168,000	\$1,028,800	Gérgoire Baillargeon & Nathalie Forcier	Alan Barkun & Hillary Wiese-Hansen	16-Mar
710 Upper Roslyn Ave.	\$1,155,000	\$819,500	Nicole Pragai	James Yunker & Suzanne Zadeh	07-Jan
557 Grosvenor Ave	\$1,150,000	\$1,087,400	Denise Arab	Pierrette Quesnel	22-Oct
468 Mountain Ave.	\$1,150,000	\$1,008,900	Estate of L. Balit & A.M.Duchesneau	Timon Deichmann & Mary Gallery	14-Jan
35 Church Hill	\$1,105,000	\$1,490,100	Olymbec Dev'p. Inc. & Constr. Olymbec Inc.	Frances Samuels & Michael Schaffer	13-Jan
474 Strathcona Ave.	\$1,100,000	\$838,400	Mary Gallery & Timon Deichmann	Michael Hagn	27-Jan
727 Upper Roslyn Ave.	\$1,090,000	\$695,100	Sophie Beugnot	Helen Campbell & Mark Larrera	16-Mar
739 Upper Roslyn Ave.	\$1,055,000	\$872,900	Audrey Lovett & Sebastian Demyttenaere	Marie-Josée Bonneville	23-Nov
435-437 Lansdowne Ave.	\$1,045,000	\$844,000	Jack Perlsteyn & Sandra Mai	Roman Hucal	17-Mar
3664 The Boulevard	\$1,002,000	\$897,100	Denis Soulières & Martyn Dupuis	Richard Guay	03-Nov
217 Edgehill Rd.	\$1,001,400	\$1,338,500	David Tanner	Westmount Capital Corporation Inc.	10-Feb
4329 Montrose Ave.	\$980,000	\$800,000	Élaine Lalonde & Éric Simard	Stephanie Brenhouse & Brian Wolfe	04-Feb
4700 St. Catherine St. #512 & 2 pkg.	\$970,000	\$769,300	Joseph de Jocas	Estate of Philip Chiarella	27-Oct
628 Victoria Ave.	\$960,000	\$726,000	Martine Laberge & Vincent Bégin	Jill Freeborough & Hugh Berwick	16-Feb
37-39 Chesterfield Ave.	\$960,000	\$547,700	Raphaël Assor & Chantal Benhamron	Isabelle Lafrenière	09-Mar
53 Holton Ave.	\$950,000	\$707,100	Mimi Laroche & Martin Charbonneau	Martin Rouleau	13-Oct
490 Argyle Ave.	\$935,000	\$971,000	Samar & Tanios Corbani	Mireille Lamarre	02-Dec
509A Claremont Ave.	\$895,000	\$638,100	Michel Mezrahi & Odile Martinez	Succession J. Lupovich/feu A.Besner	18-Jan
509C Claremont Ave.	\$895,000	\$637,100	André Rivest & Julie Fregeau	Estate of Aaron Besner	23-Mar
349-351 Kensington Ave.	\$860,000	\$643,100	Véronique Dorval	Pedrag Smiljkovic & Florina Moldovan	22-Mar
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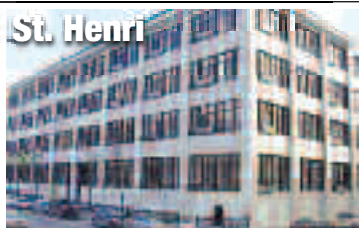
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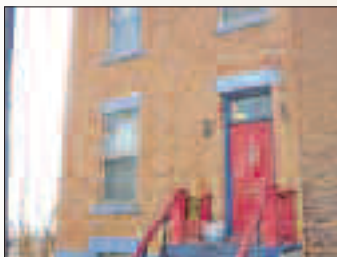
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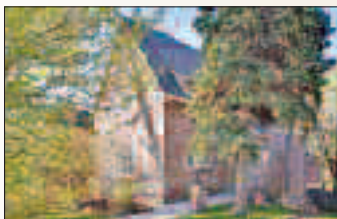
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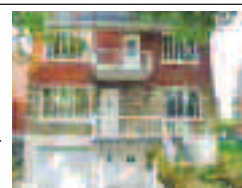
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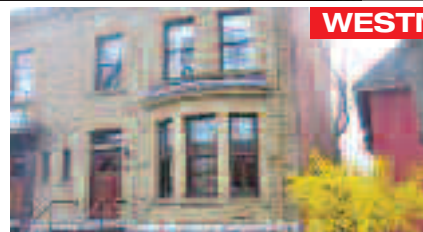


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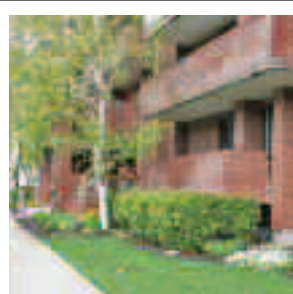
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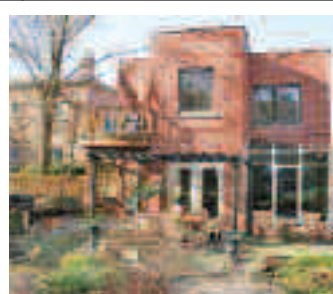
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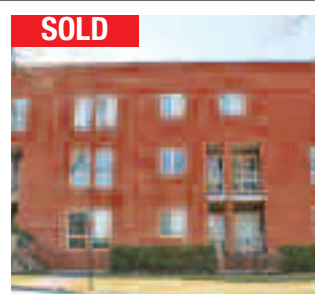
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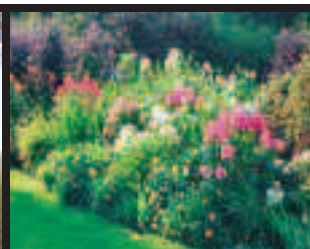
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707 Victoria Ave.	\$790,000	\$745,800	Jason Retter & Lindsay Hollinger	Daryl Gibson & Mary Philpott	05-Jan
4481 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$765,000	\$559,200	Marie-Josée Simard & Jerry Houtart	Chau Kwai Ngan	26-Mar
441 Lansdowne Ave.	\$755,000	\$588,100	Sara Lydiatt & Robert Vanier	Baldev Raj Nayar	29-Oct
127 Arlington Ave.	\$753,000	\$628,400	Matthew Baer & Alexandra Rubin	Estate of Robert Williams	15-Jan
4299 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$750,000	\$691,200	Mathieu Castonguay	Bernard Ragueneau	02-Nov
4 & 6 Windsor Ave.	\$744,000	\$404,500	K. Howes & Rebecca Lee	Barbara Buchanan	1-Dec
485 Grosvenor Ave.	\$723,000	\$563,800	Thomas Brillu & Delphine Valentin	Sophie Demarquette	18-Dec
2 Prospect St.	\$720,000	\$521,400	Kirsten Johnson	Gregory Barlow & Lisa Angeloni	29-Dec
395 Clarke Ave.	\$699,000	\$498,500	Jaswant & Jahangir Guzder	D. Hadjopoulos & M. Zannis	09-Nov
4700 St. Catherine St. # 605	\$683,000	\$707,400	Cynthia Campbell & Geracimos Hionis	Arlene Miller	11-Dec
140 & 142 Irvine Ave.	\$670,000	\$252,600	Carole Garcia	Michael Rezek & Evelyn Couture	14-Jan
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4160 Sherbrooke St. #501	\$580,000	\$580,900	Zepon Immobilier Inc.	Salim Hassan	18-Nov
4637 Sherbrooke St.	\$550,000	\$484,400	Abdolmajid Tandel & Joseph Kholam	Arlington Lane Corp. Ltd.	13-Nov
3017, 3019 & 3021 St. Antoine St.	\$540,000	\$478,400	The Zalmaev Family Trust	Paul Leblanc	04-Feb
36 York St.	\$532,000	\$526,500	Marielle Beauchemin & Michael Arscott	Gordon Frost & Heather McKay	27-Oct
108 Blenheim Place	\$530,000	\$517,400	Markus Lehmann	Estate of D. Dryden, G.A. Tait, G.R. Tait	10-Dec
4700 St. Catherine St. and garage	\$524,000	\$444,500	Katalin Papp	Normand Leroux	25-Feb
466 Wood Ave.	\$503,000	\$382,700	Anne Hengen & Alexander Davies	Les Films Solitaire Inc.	30-Oct
Vacant lot on Surrey Gardens	\$496,975	\$645,033	Frédéric Girard & Stephanie Lariviere	Construction Jean Houde Inc.	25-Jan
523-525 Prince Albert Ave.	\$481,000	\$625,000	Claudine Couture-Trudel	François Gaudreau & Isabelle Tremblay	25-Mar
3117 St. Antoine St.	\$453,000	\$478,400	Elisa Wong	Megan Smalley & Janita Maden	23-Dec

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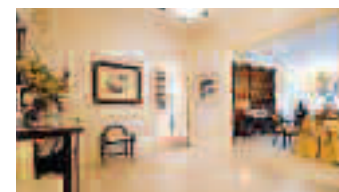
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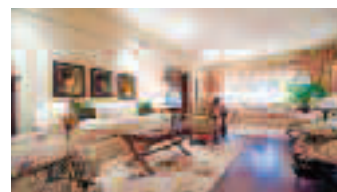
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# Leonard Cohen's boyhood Belmont home on the market

BY ERIN STROPES

When Montrealers watched k.d. lang sing Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" during the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics, some may have thought "this song was probably written right here in Montreal." When Westmounter Marcel Guay saw the performance in the upstairs den of his home at 599 Belmont, he turned to his wife Mary and said "This song could have been written right in this room."



The upstairs den was filled with Cohen's papers and belongings, including a guitar and original sheet music for "Suzanne" and "Hallelujah," when family friend John Baker moved into the house in 1997. Guay says Baker offered to return the materials, but Cohen told him just to toss them. Baker kept them. Through the door is the sun room where Cohen wrote some of his earliest poems.

There is certainly a lot of history in the two-story, semi-detached upper Westmount home where Cohen, an internationally renowned singer, poet and author, and one of Westmount's most famous

sons, spent the first nineteen years of his life – a house that is currently up for sale.

## Cohen immortalized Murray Park

It was here that Cohen lived when he started his first band, the Buckskin Boys, while he was attending McGill University. In his 1963 novel *The Favourite Game*, he describes the house's view of Murray Park from "the sun room, which was no more than an enclosed balcony attached to the back of the house...they looked out of the windows at the park and the tennis players."

Although Cohen moved out in 1953, the house remained in his family until just over a decade ago. Westmount author and literary critic Terry Rigelhof, who lives just a few blocks away, recalls Cohen bringing his young children to visit his sister in the late '80s. Cohen's daughter Lorca was an avid jewelry maker. "You'd see him on many a Saturday afternoon lounging outside the Bead Emporium on Victoria while she shopped for beads."

Guay, a lifelong Westmounter and consultant to the pulp and paper industry who moved into 599 Belmont in 2005, says that while he was always aware of Cohen's work, he has only "become a fan" since moving into the house.

"We get [Cohen's] fan mail occasionally, and I'll often look outside to see people standing on the sidewalk, taking photos of the house." Guay is moving out to purchase a condo with his wife, now that their four children have all moved away.

In *The Favourite Game*, the early sections of which draw heavily from his life in the house, Cohen says at one point that the house was "as important as a museum." According to Rigelhof, Esther Cohen, Cohen's sister, took these words to heart, maintaining Cohen's room "as a kind of shrine" until she moved out in



From left: Owner Marcel Guay and real estate agent Brian McGuigan in front of 599 Belmont, where Leonard Cohen spent his childhood and teenage years.

1997.

Joanne Poirier, Westmount's director of Urban Planning, says that the house, built in 1925 and extensively renovated since Cohen's time, isn't eligible for any specific attention as a heritage building. It is a Category II heritage home, which means it is an interesting but not exceptional structure.

An open house on April 24 drew 30 groups – an unusually high number, according to Brian McGuigan, real estate agent with McGuigan Pepin Inc. Although some of the visitors were certainly Cohen fans, McGuigan says the majority were the young families he would expect to see looking at the four-bedroom property.

One thing is certain – whoever moves into the \$1.5-million home will be acquiring a piece of Westmount history.

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50 Bruce Ave.	\$421,000	\$450,400	Jacqueline Iny	L. Philip Phillips	02-Nov
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41-43 Bruce Ave.	\$378,000	\$527,400	Marika Hillebrandt-Broere	Nadia Zouaoui	25-Feb
4855 de Maisonneuve Blvd. #402	\$350,000	\$312,400	Milagros Amoros	Arthur McFarland	20-Nov
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399 Clarke Ave. #1C	\$250,000	\$266,100	Antonio Colalillo & Vittoria Condemi	Alexandra Gardner	05-Oct
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*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmouter **Joey Saputo**, president of The Montreal Impact soccer team, was the guest of honour at the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors Sports Celebrity Breakfast.

The sixth annual event, held at the end of March, was sold out and raised \$100,000 for seniors in crisis. Introduced by emcees **Mike Cohen** and **Charles-André Marchand**, retired and current athletes entered the room one by one to great applause. Montreal Canadiens alum **Elmer Lach**, 91 years old, received a standing ovation. Noted were Habs players **Kirk Muller**, **Claude Lemieux**, **Petr Svoboda**, **Phil Goyette**, and alumni **Guy Carbonneau**. **Phil Goyette** and **Claude Lemieux**; NHL referee **Dave Jackson**; Montreal Alouettes president **Larry Smith**, accompanied by players **Étienne Boulay**, **Anwar Stewart**, **Éric** continued on p. 35



Morden "Cookie" Lazarus and Joey Saputo.

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Larry Smith and the Grey Cup.



Elmer Lach and Mike Wagen.

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# Eugenie Bouchard hits sweet spots as an up-and-coming tennis star

By JOANNE PENHALE

At 16, and more than a decade into fo-  
cused tennis training, Eugenie Bouchard  
is set to enter women's professional ten-  
nis."The physical part of the day is huge  
and it's getting stronger as the generations  
go on," Bouchard says. "So it's tough. We  
do workouts everyday, and I have to be dis-  
ciplined about what I eat."Bouchard – "Genie" to her friends – is  
on the court twice a day practising at Ten-  
nis Canada's national training centre for  
youth at Jarry Park.When she's not there, she's on the  
road. This month, she'll be in Europe at  
the Junior French Open and Junior Wim-  
bledon – for international players 18 and  
under, amongst whom she ranks 30th. She  
just returned from a week-long juniors  
tournament in Florida, where she also  
lived for two years earlier in her  
teens. "It's the Mecca of tennis," says her  
dad Mike.At 5, her dad and mom enrolled  
Bouchard and her twin sister Beatrice in a  
tennis group. "It was a lot of games –  
jumping into hoops, playing with balloons  
and stuff," she says. "I didn't like it be-  
cause we only hit balls the last 10 minutes  
of the hour."Realizing she was serious about it, her  
parents got her into training twice a week.  
By the age of 8, it was almost daily and she  
entered her first tournament.Now, as a player on the international  
circuit, she says the competition is tough,  
but it's something she loves, and she has  
tennis-playing friends from around the  
world. "What happens on the court stays  
on the court – usually," she says. But  
"some girls take it off the court as well.  
You're not friends with everybody for  
sure."**Loves 'acing people'**"My favourite shot is my serve. I think  
it's my strength. I love acing people," she  
says. What she wants to improve, she  
adds, is her volley – gaining confidence  
coming up to the net."I put pressure on myself to do well,"  
Bouchard says. "I expect the best and to try  
my best everyday. And there's definitely  
external pressure, but I try not to think  
about it or else it's too much, I really just  
have to focus on what I need to do – every-  
thing else will take care of itself."Bouchard's downtime is often spent at  
her Forden Cresc. home, relaxing with her  
family, sometimes playing board gameslike Scrabble, Scattegories, or Taboo.  
"We're pretty close," she says of her par-  
ents and her also very athletic siblings,  
Beatrice, Charlotte (14), and her brother  
William (10).When she really wants to zone out, she  
says she goes to her room and listens to  
music or watches an episode of *Gossip  
Girl*.Formerly at The Study, Bouchard is  
now a correspondence student through  
Westmount High, where she is averaging  
95 percent in grade 10 math. "I just bring  
my books to tournaments," she says.Montrealers can catch Bouchard in ac-  
tion this August when she plays in the  
qualifying rounds in the Rogers Cup – it's  
her third time playing the international  
professional women's tournament, and  
she is currently ranked 750th in the  
Women's Tennis Association. With re-  
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Eugenie Bouchard.

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# Merchants and residents air views on restaurants

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bours,” said Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham. This was why the increase in restaurants would be limited to only “small neighbourhood types” of less than 140 square meters of total area.

The city also had sent out notices to residents and stores in the neighbourhood inviting them to the consultation meeting, she explained.

A new, second draft zoning by-law was expected to be adopted by council May 3. The first draft was presented April 6 (see story April 13, p. 6).

All outlets applying for restaurant status must have a public washroom and refrigeration for garbage.

“For me, this is a very important meeting,” said Nancy Master of Bilboquet. She had opened her small ice cream outlet after a subsequent freeze on allowing new food outlets to install indoor seating. Under the proposed changes, however, she would be able to apply for restaurant status. “I’m anxious to make this happen,” she said.

## Gascogne left out

But for an obviously frustrated Jean-Michel Cabanes of Pâtisserie de Gascogne, the by-law doesn’t go far enough. While his food outlet has vested rights for 10 seats, it can’t qualify for more as a restaurant because its area exceeds 140 square meters.

“It’s indecent,” he said after relating how he had previously fought a costly and unsuccessful court challenge against the city’s 10-seat limit for retail food outlets. His customers are left to eat at the cash standing, he said.

Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said he had options such as dividing the premises. But the city could not rule by exception, she said.

The restaurant freeze imposed in 1994, Lulham explained, had resulted mainly from noise and annoyances generated by one large establishment (Marcos and Pepe’s) that is no longer in business.

The city subsequently “invented” a provision allowing retail food outlets to install up to 10 inside seats for customers to eat on the premises. It had, however, become

a “monster” to enforce the seating limit.

Dana Even of Arlington Ave. was backed by a round of applause when she said, “We like the street life.” She said she could easily raise a petition of 100 signatures in support of Gascogne and took issue with the city “spending taxpayers’ money” to check if outlets had “one extra seat.”

“Our concern is the parking,” explained a resident of Somerville. “The city should make provision for parking before changing the by-law and beef up evening enforcement. You can call Public Security, and it takes an hour for them to come and by then the car is gone.”

Her complaint was echoed by another resident who said residents shouldn’t have to make repeated calls.

Lulham suggested the city look into creating reserved parking for

residents of particular streets rather than the broader designation for all Westmount residents. She also directed residents to inform their city councillors if enforcement is lacking.

Stan Grossman of de Maisonneuve called for opening up the city even more. Based on other experiences, more night time activity reduced crime, he said. Victoria Village was “like a morgue” after 10 pm. He said the city should allow street vendors selling hotdogs, or even a restaurant in Westmount Park.

“I don’t think we should be so uptight in Westmount,” he said to applause.

“We’re very fortunate to have people who live on Sherbrooke, and that population is very important to us,” Lulham said. Like the European model, many live above the stores and restaurants. “We have to be careful not to disturb their lives too much.”

## Merchants struggling

Shelley Kerman, co-owner of Lmnop, spoke as both a merchant and a resident of Church Hill explaining that she could appreciate some of the problems but disruptions were “inevitable” depending on where one chooses to live. “I’ve got a fire station a block away,” she said, plus a

church and a synagogue.

Merchants on Sherbrooke are struggling, she explained. They’ve been waiting for years for the hospital to be built, “so we are going to rely on restaurants for pedestrian traffic.”

Parking had “been awful” during the recent roadwork at Prince Albert and York, noted Denis Biro of Burton. Workers took up 15 to 20 parking places. “When the hospital opens it will be chaos.” He said the attitude seemed to be to pass the by-law and worry about parking later.

## Trent speaks up

Mayor Peter Trent, who had remained silent to that point, explained how the city council two decades ago had adopted a policy that Westmount was residential and that the commercial sector was there at the service of its residents. It was “a founding principle.”

“What you say resonates with me. So the issue is finding that balance,” he explained.

Personally, he added, he thought the total number of new allowable restaurants should be reduced from the 11 the first by-law would have permitted, and “and we should go very, very slowly.” On the other hand, while restaurants do provide a certain quality of life, he acknowledged the city’s existing provision regarding retail food outlets was bizarre.

Michael Wertheimer of Somerville Ave. agreed that Westmount should remain a residential community. Victoria Village would experience even more activity with construction of the hospital. “Right now we’re saturated.” Allowing more restaurants is “going to be overkill.” He also cited rowdiness from the stretch of Sherbrooke immediately west of Westmount.

Lulham pointed out that Westmount had already rezoned the area to prevent clinics and doctors’ offices from proliferating. Beside, the city does not allow bars. “You’re not supposed to drink without eating.”

Gerard Fellerath of Somerville, who owns Folklore 1, said that by eliminating the category of retail food outlet with seating, the city was missing the point. By attrition, it would lose the small outlet store.

## No turning back

“We aren’t going back to counting chairs,” declared Lulham. “No way!”

It was explained a couple of times during the meeting that merchants had gone to city hall in 2008 requesting changes in restaurant restrictions. As a result, the city had conducted a study of the area and decided some new small restaurants could be added. How many? “We can play with the numbers,” Poirier said.

The status quo was just fine, said one questioner, who asked why local residents had not been consulted before the by-law was drafted, potentially forcing residents to go through a long referendum procedure.

“We already knew the concerns of the residents,” Lulham replied.

City clerk Mario Gerbeau outlined a complicated procedure for approving the zoning changes leading ultimately to a possible referendum. In this case it would be made even more complex by five zoning districts being involved. The total area stretches along Sherbrooke from the west city limits to Grosvenor and doglegs south down Victoria.

Councillor Lulham confirmed the next morning to the *Independent* that the changes to reduce the cap on new restaurants would be made in the second draft by-law that would be submitted at the council meeting May 3 for adoption as the next step in the approval process.



Denis Biro of Burton Ave. calls for improved parking.



Jean-Michel Cabanes of Pâtisserie de Gascogne explains his dilemma.

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## Local author and musician team up for Bach's cello suites

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Award-winning Westmount author Eric Siblin will be teaming up with Westmount cellist Katherine Skorzevska at Victoria Hall on May 11 for a performance that combines the spoken word with musical accompaniment.

Siblin, whose book *The Cello Suites* was the winner of the Quebec Writers' Federation's 2009 Mavis Gallant Prize for non-fiction, will be reading from his book.

*Cello Suites* explores various mysteries surrounding 18th century composer Johann Sebastian Bach's manuscript of suites. Skorzevska, who plays for the Orchestre Métropolitain, will perform excerpts.

### *Hard to convey music in words*

"It's hard to convey music with words," said Siblin, who was the popular music critic for *The Gazette* at one time. "But certainly having a cellist play the music is a wonderful way of illustrating the book."

Siblin said he had little interest in classical music for most of his life. The transforming moment came as a result of a

classical music concert he attended in Toronto as his musical tastes were changing.

"I stumbled upon this music, which really mesmerized me and led me to think that there was a story to it," he said. "Bach tends to work his magic on a lot of people, in a lot of places, in a lot of different ways, and I certainly fell under his spell."

### *Bach is personal*

"Whoever performs Bach," said Skorzevska, "usually does it in a very personal way, although Bach doesn't have to be played in a way that is specific.

"His music can be played in a very old style or in a modern style," she explained. "It can be jazzed up, because jazz musicians have taken his music and played it and it's always beautiful. There are no limits to what you can do with Bach."

Organized by the Westmount Public Library and the Friends of Westmount Public Library, the performance is Tuesday, May 11, 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

Although the performance is free, those wishing to attend should call 514.989.5386 to register.

## The Parlour Evening: A time for musical appreciation

BY MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

This past March, two of the five Shaar Hashomayim synagogue's "parlour evenings" began. The stress of a day can be obliterated when listening to the themed selections, and people can still register for new concerts. On March 1, "Broadway Music" was previewed, and on March 21 "Chassidic Music" entertained the audience. The upcoming three will be "Jerusalem With Love" on Wednesday, May 12, "The Great American Songbook" on Wednesday, June 9, and "Cantorial Masterpieces" on Monday, June 28.

Long-time synagogue member Saul Smith was impressed with organization of this particular intimate event. "I enjoyed every minute of the music in addition to the atmosphere of being in a home, and I intend to sign up for the others. It is a wonderful way to spend an evening and many childhood memories returned."

The musical director of this Westmount synagogue, Steven Glass, has structured this entertainment along with the Shaar's cantor, Gideon Zelermyer. These occasions usually take place at a home of one of the members, but when

the audience is larger, the synagogue is the venue.

In a home, there is seating capacity for some 40 people or more, and a piano is the sole instrument. The audience is treated to the cantor's beautiful renditions of the melodies, and Steven Glass provides a commentary on each song before commencing his piano playing. The evening finishes with coffee and dessert.

This parlour evening concept originated a few years ago as part of the synagogue's 160th anniversary. When an individual hosts, the music selection is often catered to his or her desires. Zelermyer has a remarkable knowledge of music along with Glass. These two men have a unique musical rapport and together they have created numerous memorable concerts over the years.

The funds raised from these evenings are directed into the Shaar's music department. "These parlour events are especially inviting, and I love interacting with people. I also love to be spontaneous, and Gideon and I have a strong melodic connection so we are able to collaborate successfully with each other."

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# A look at what some Trendsetters are doing this spring

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*I decided to go back in time, so I could go forward with what's in style for the season. I asked two of those "in the know": our former Westmount Independent Trendsetters.*

## DANA BELL

Dana Bell – who is already lovingly tending to her garden.



Dana Bell

*What will you be wearing this summer?*

White long skirts, with t-shirts and loose-fitting tops, coloured sandals and shoes, and, when the sun is out, straw hats. And, of course, vintage costume jewelry, lots of bracelets and necklaces. I love big, fab-

ulous sunglasses and great handbags. And, I am never without accessories.

I throw on jeans and t-shirts (with cos-

tume jewelry, of course!) for casual wear.

*Where are you going? Beach wear?*

Every summer, we travel to the Hamp- tons. I love the beaches there. I wear white cotton pants with white shirts, and a sun hat. I cover up from the sun and sit under an umbrella reading a great book.

*What do you like to wear on hot nights?*

I love fashions by Marie Saint Pierre, Sarah Pacini and Simon Chang. I adore evening shoes with rhinestones, pearls and studs, and of course, a wonderful evening bag by Chanel, with Chanel pearls and other fabulous jewels.

*What music do you enjoy?*

I love classical music, opera, and I also love the oldies. Frank Sinatra is one of my favourites. I just saw the Broadway show "Come Fly Away," with all Frank Sinatra songs. The dancing is so uplifting, you walk out of the show singing and dancing! I love Tony Bennett and Barbara Streisand.

## RICHARD SAMUELSON

Richard Samuelson – whose summer is busy learning the violin and updating

his opera collection.

*What will you be wearing this summer?*

Most of the time, a sports shirt and chi- nos, or shorts if it is very hot outside.

*Where are you going?*

We will be taking a cruise again this summer.

*Favourite evening wear for hot nights?*

Same as the daytime, but with a light- weight sport coat. Not shorts if we go to a nice restaurant.

*What music do you enjoy?*

Mostly opera, classical music, symphonies and vi- olin concertos. Also classic jazz – Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman and Django Reinhardt.



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### French

*Comment tripler sa mémoire après 50 ans* by Jean de Brabant – who felt frustrated that he could not recite any famous poems. He devised this original method, which, he claims, is vastly better than previously published books on memory improvement.

*Les femmes vintage* by Jocelyne Robert –

A sexologist tells how she is fed up with unattainable standards of feminine beauty in today's society. She explains that middle-aged women are judged if they undergo surgery, but are also criticized when normal signs of aging start to show.

### Magazines

"The human egg trade: how Canada's fertility laws are failing donors, doctors and parents" by Alison Motluk in *The Walrus*, April 2010, p. 30.

"The organ dealer: special investigation: how a self-taught doctor from Delhi cornered the black market in kidneys, building one of the world's most lucrative organ-trading rings, until it all came crashing down" by Yudhijit Bhattacharjee in *Discover*, April 2010, p. 64.

"Hypothèque: taux fixe ou taux variable? Faut-il profiter des taux d'intérêt très bas et opter pour un taux fixe avantageux, ou choisir le taux variable, historiquement le moins cher?" by Christine Deslandes in *Affaires plus*, April 2010, p. 11.

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Deslauriers, Diamond Ferri and the Grey Cup!

Canadian Olympians present were diver Marie-Ève Marleau, wrestler Martine Du Grenier, Paralympian archer Lyne Tremblay and cross-country skier Dahsa Gzaiova, just back from the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Noted in the crowd were Marguerite Blais, Quebec minister responsible for seniors, and Lawrence Bergman, member of the National Assembly and chair of the government caucus. Committee chair was Michael Wagen, senior vice president at Delmar Cargo, a major sponsor along with RBC Wealth Management, Shulterm, the Dym Family Foundation and Les Aliments Uni Foods Inc.

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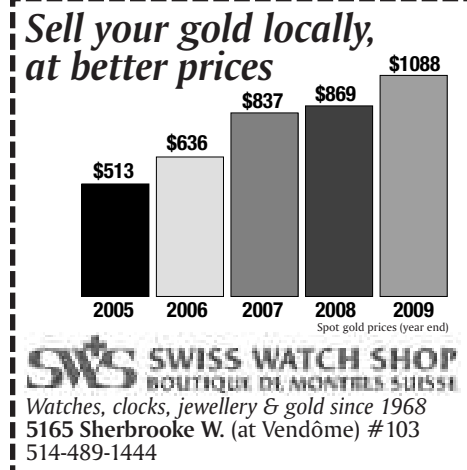
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- The Montreal Branch of the World Federalist Movement-Canada invites Jean-Francis Billion to speak on democratic federalism, 7 pm at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve W. Free. Info: 514-933-1987.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

**Warren Allmand** speaks at Marianopolis, 4 to 5:30 pm, in the auditorium, 4873 Westmount Ave. on "Democracy, Human Rights and Terrorism." All welcome. RSVP: 514.931.8792 ext. 258.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

- **Free compost** to Westmount residents, 9 am at the Public Works yard, Bethune St. Bring your own container, shovel and proof of residence.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** from 9 am to 5 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Used clothing and electronics. Info: 514.989.5390.

- **Community garage sale** at Centre Greene, 10 am to 4 pm. Indoors, tables available to rent for \$20. Reserve: 514.931.6202.

MONDAY, MAY 10

**Sheila Goldbloom**, retired Associate Professor at McGill's School of Social Work, will speak on senior's lifestyles, health, welfare and social issues at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 5 to 7 pm. Light refreshments. Free, all are welcome. Community House, 395 Elm Ave. 514.937.3575

TUESDAY, MAY 11

- The **Westmount Horticultural Society** meets at 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Library. Monica Giacomini will speak on "Wonder of Weeds: Food and Medicine." Guests welcome, Cost: \$5.

- **Judy Garland** tribute with cocktails at the Atwater Library, 6 pm. John Meyer performs her music. Cost: \$25 – includes one drink. Reserve: 514.935.7344 or [tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca](mailto:tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca).

THURSDAY, MAY 13

The Thomas More Institute presents an interview with **Dennis O'Connor** on Paul Ricoeur, 7 to 9 pm. 3405 Atwater. Cost \$10. Reserve: 514.935.9585.

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# Westmounters at work

BY ERIN STROPES

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## Post-secondary counselling looks beyond CEGEP

When Julie Hooton was helping her children with their university applications, she was intrigued by the range of options available beyond the traditional CEGEP-to-university model. Now, with her daughter in Toronto and her twin sons in the US – all studying in their first-choice programs – Hooton has formed a consultancy for other students and their parents to guide



Julie Hooton wants to help more students get into their top-choice universities.

them through the sometimes murky waters of the post-secondary applications process.

“We’re very fortunate to have so many amazing schools right here in Montreal,” said Hooton, a McGill graduate who moved to Westmount in 1988. “But a lot of families don’t even know that there are other options.”

The possibility of attending school out of province or internationally does exist for Quebec high school students, but it involves research, time management and building a “portfolio” of interests and achievements to strengthen future application essays and interviews.

The Quebec post-secondary system introduces additional complexities that many parents don’t foresee. For example, some out-of-province universities won’t consider students without a two-year *Diplôme d’études collégiales* (DEC), while others take applications right out of high school.

Hooton mentors individual students, and is also working with Westmount secondary schools on the possibility of in-school counselling. She helps students learn about their options, and assists with the practical aspects of applications from reference letters to essays to scholarships. She can be reached at 514.993.5985, or by email at [jhooton@sympatico.ca](mailto:jhooton@sympatico.ca).

## Capturing family memories digitally

Westmounter Amanda Dawson turns old photographs and home movies into video montages that tell a story. Whether it’s a presentation about the bride and groom to be shown at a wedding reception, or a cartload of multi-generational photos to turn into a family history, Dawson can sort through the source material and produce an archive, slide show or fully produced DVD set to music.

The daughter of a Westmount video editor, Dawson attended ECS and McGill before earning a diploma in communications studies from Concordia. After years of working in advertising, documentaries and corporate video in Europe, she found her calling during several years with a London company that edits home videos.

“I felt like I got to know each family, and see children grow up on film” said Dawson, who returned to Westmount with her husband before the birth of their first son because “there’s no other place we would want to raise our children.” She founded Fingerprint Productions to continue her work as a family video editor while still spending time with her two sons, aged two and a half years and 17 months.

Beyond archiving existing materials, Dawson will film new footage to create biography and “day in the life” films.

“We often rely on photographs, but seeing our parents or grandparents tell their stories on film, or hearing the voices of our children as they go about their day...their voices are so distinct, and photos alone can’t capture that.”

Dawson can tailor projects to suit most budgets, and works remotely with out-of-town clients as well as locally. More information is available at [www.fingerprintproductions.ca](http://www.fingerprintproductions.ca).



Amanda Dawson in her home office.

# Meet Pistache and Grisou from SPCA Montréal



Pistache and Grisou have been taken in by the kindly SPCA Montréal.

(Just as a side note, my puppy Emma Rose came to us from there, and she is a true joy. They made sure that she had all her shots and was well taken care of before adoption.)

Pistache and Grisou are healthy cats, ready for a transition to a loving home.

Pistache is a young calico, about two years old, who was brought to the shelter last fall and is now in foster care. She is

very playful, sweet and cuddly. She gets along well with other cats, and has been sterilized and vaccinated. Healthy and adorable, she would like to find a forever family.

Grisou is a pretty tortie middle-aged girl, about seven years old, who was brought to the shelter last fall and also in foster care. Her owner had to go to the hospital and the cat was left without a home. Grisou is sweet, calm and gentle. She is sterilized and vaccinated as well. Grisou looks forward to an owner who will appreciate her affectionate and sensitive nature.

For more information on Pistache and Grisou, please contact Cindy Haché at the SPCA Montréal at 514.386.5960 or at [info@spcamontreal.com](mailto:info@spcamontreal.com).

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Top left: Peter Jacobsen, Dominic Agostino, Tom Handfield and Vahe D'Jourian. Bottom left: Adam Cutler, Larry Dionne, Mike Auerbach, Leo Cauzo, Alan Elbaz, Jeff Kastner and Nic Matossian.  
 Photo: Chad Rabkin

The Senior Westmount All Star Team (SWAT) poses after winning the annual Cudmore Division of the Pointe Claire Oldtimers Tournament with an April 25 win over the host team, Pointe Claire, 4-2. SWAT has participated in the 41-year-old tournament for most of its 25 years and has won banners twice before.

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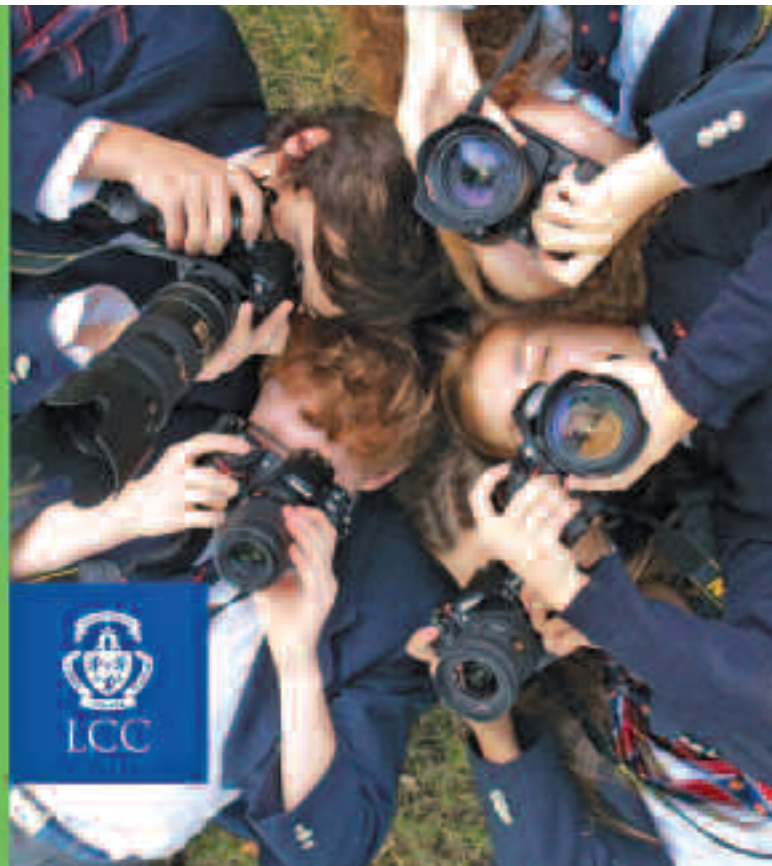
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# Teens raise money for school in Kenya

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The Corona theatre was rocking April 16. It was the site of a dance with a serious underlying theme. An energetic and resourceful Zoe Smale, her friend Claudia Antonacci and about 20 other teens from Villa Maria, ECS, Selwyn House, The Study and other schools around Montreal pulled together sponsors for a big party and dance night to raise money to build a school in Kenya.

Last September, Smale, a student at Villa Maria, was tasked with other students to put together a one-year project.

"I approached Free the Children and together we agreed to work on collecting donations to build a school in Kenya. We will be happy to raise \$8,500, one \$100 donation brick at a time," said Zoe. "For tonight's event, we have a VIP lounge area upstairs with cotton candy, free water and Coke. The raffle includes a hockey stick signed by members of the Habs, two tickets to a Habs game next season, a limo ride and clothing, shoes and gift cards. We have a top class DJ, DJ Yassel, from Club Ivy on St. Laurent to keep things hopping"

MC Keyia Davis kicked off the evening's activities in front of a rowdy

crowd of close to 300 teens.

The guest speaker, actor Gab Desmond, gave a moving presentation describing the incredible story behind the founding of Free the Children. As Gab eloquently described the foundation's history, photographs were projected onto a large screen showing smiling African children surviving in very challenging conditions.

All present were encouraged to continue supporting Smale's project and the Free the Children programs. Everyone was invited to "We Day" scheduled at the Bell Centre (Friday, November 12), part of a three-city effort, reaching out to 36,000 student leaders in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Enter-



Zoe Smale (left) and friend Nadia Johnston hold a hockey stick signed by members of the Habs.



Guest speaker and actor Gabor Desmond tells the story of Free the Children and its founder Craig Kielburger.

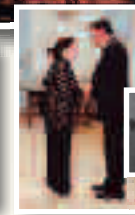
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### Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount – Appel d'offres

La 12<sup>e</sup> édition annuelle du Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount aura lieu les 13 et 14 novembre 2010 au Victoria Hall. Les artisans westmountais sont invités à présenter trois ou quatre échantillons complets de leurs œuvres au comité de sélection le mercredi 12 mai entre 14 h et 18 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info : 514 934-0294 ou 514 484-1974.

### Soirée printanière - Vente de billets

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### Club de lecture anglaise

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### Conférences de 14 heures

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### Proposition aréna-piscine

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of Pamela Stewart from April 29 to May 21. Info: 514 989-5521

### Westmount Artisans' Festival – Call for Submissions

The 12th annual Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place on November 13 and 14, 2010 at Victoria Hall. Artisans residing in Westmount are invited to submit 3 to 4 samples of their completed work to the selection committee at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West, on Wednesday, May 12 only between 2pm and 6pm. Info: 514 934-0294 or 514 484-1974.

### Spring Soirée - Tickets on Sale

The Westmount Spring Soirée will be held Thursday, June 3, at Victoria Hall. Tickets are \$90. Tickets will be on sale at Victoria Hall during office hours.

### Montreal Welsh Male Choir

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir is pleased to announce the opening of their Spring concert season with a performance of Welsh and Canadian tunes themed For the Love of Singing, scheduled at Victoria Hall on May 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm.



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### Words & Music - The Cello Suites

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### English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 as they discuss White Tiger by Aravind Adiga. Info: 514 989-5386.

### 2 O'clock Series

Join Doreen Lindsay on Wednesday, May 12 at 2 pm for this presentation that explores how family photographs provide valuable insight into decoding your history. Info: 514 989-5386.

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## DATEBOOK

### May 12 – 2 pm

2 O'clock Series  
Speaker: Doreen Lindsay  
Library

### May 26 – 7 pm

Health Series – Memory and Aging for Boomers  
Speakers: Dr. Loraine Mazzella and Dr. Dolly Dastoor  
Library



## SPORTS & RECREATION

### Registration for swimming lessons & summer camp

Resident registration for swimming lessons and summer camp will be held on Wednesday, May 12 from 6 to 8 pm at the Westmount Arena (4675 St. Catherine West). Info: 514-989-5353.

### Arena/Pool Proposal

Residents are reminded to read the information package on the Arena/Pool project and return the completed questionnaire within two weeks of receipt by using the enclosed return envelope or the City Web site at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org). You must use the PIN number provided on your questionnaire. Info: 514 989-5240.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection - 2010

Saturday, May 8 from 9 am to 5 pm. Hazardous Waste, Used Electronics, Used Clothing will be collected at the Westmount Public Library. Info: 514-989-5390.

### Free Compost

Saturday, May 8 starting at 9 am at the Public Works yard, 1 Bethune Street, while supplies last. Info: 514-989-5390.

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# Westmounters' takes on spring style



Carina Johnson with son Henry. They are sad to be leaving Montreal shortly and returning to Europe. Photo: Ralph Thompson



Westmount designer Cydney Mar is unphased by the rain as she makes her way to Nicholas Hoare. Photo: Ralph Thompson



Ellie Baron protects her two dogs and her Lululemon purchases outside Premiere Moisson Bakery Restaurant on Greene Ave. Photo: Ralph Thompson



Inge Ludke makes a fashion statement outside 5 Saisons on Greene Ave. Photo: Ralph Thompson



Tori Shofield (left) with "cocker schnoodle" Milo, and Paula Engels with goldendoodle Maddie. Photo: Erin Stropes



William Reffca, with wife Linsay, daughter Catherine (two-and-a-half) and dog Audi, on their way to watch the Canadiens-Penguins game on the afternoon May 3. Photo: Erin Stropes

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# What is 'Luxury'? Pima cotton, vin de glace, heated balcony floors



## Colourfully Yours

GRETA VON  
SCHMEDLAPP,  
MUSE TO AURÉLIEN  
GUILLORY

Hello, my dears. Your Greta von Schmedlapp has been travelling all around town these days.

I hope you Westmount design friends were not hurt that I ventured out of our

neighbourhood on our last letter. I trust that you have visited the places we mentioned and discovered new sources and inspirations from my tips.

As you might suspect, this interior design business can be difficult now and again. Aurel and I are often invited to openings and vernissages, and we have developed a bit of a blasé attitude toward the hype attached to all of these special occasions.

He and I do, however, try to keep an open mind. But the inventive openings,

the unusual cocktail bites and the email invitations we receive can often be underwhelming.

It's as if it is a hazard to venture out – hoping to discover jewels – when so often things are not what they seem! The design “diamonds” promised are too often dull, off colour and poorly made.

Please do excuse us, as we do try always to be upbeat and enthusiastic.

### Condo search

We have recently been researching the Montreal market for up-scale condos for one of Aurel's clients, who are discreet to a fault. He is not allowed to have any photos of the work completed for them in the past. As much as we have known them for over 20 years, our workers and craftspeople only know the name of the housekeeper, and they also have promised to not reveal names and locations.

I know that this sounds so special, but privacy is a precious luxury commodity. One is always noticing those gossip articles in other cities and our dear village of Montreal is no exception. But I digress...

### Luxury

What says “luxury” to you? You all know of my infatuation for a perfectly chilled martini, served on the little table next to my favourite comfy chair. You have heard of my aversion of harsh lighting that brings out too much “texture” in our friends' faces. You know we were obsessed with natural fabrics long before the eco-business became in vogue. So here is a partial list:

Luxury is no rude salespeople on the phone – so unlisted is the way to go.

Luxury is blackout curtains that open with a little device on the night table.

Luxury is the vin de glace from Henrietta Antony's Chapel St. Agnes served with a bit of *fromage de chèvre*.

Luxury is the Vendana shower system

from Bain Ultra...the ultimate in sound, aroma and colour therapy.

Luxury is Liberté cottage cheese with fresh berries and toast from George's bakery in Abercorn.

Luxury is getting Aurel's electrician to properly light the antique maps from grandfather.

Luxury is finding the perfect desk that holds all those letters, a pot for the pens; and still has a place for the MacBook.

Luxury is having the bedroom carpet dyed exactly the right tint of rose-coral.

Luxury is having the condo balcony floors heated – so that fall and spring are lovely with no damp and no bits of remaining snow.

Luxury is embroidered pima cotton sheets from Lima (and the memories of the mountains there).

Luxury is LED lighting in the kitchen that allows you to change the colour to suit the mood of the day.

Luxury is realizing that the residences at the Ritz Carleton provide all members a special 30 percent discount anywhere in the world.

So, my dear design fiends...what is luxury to you? Aurel and I, your dear Greta von Schmedlapp, await your list. We want to know your priorities. Please do keep in touch. As always, you can reach us at our email: aurelien@coloursbyaurelien.

Hugs, Bye for now.

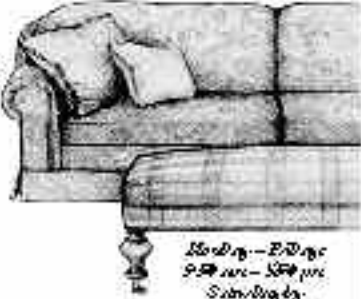
P.S. we will be announcing the special date in June for the 5th Anniversary Tea Party of Elizabeth Keenan's Distinctive Framing – and the architectural tour of the family's Square Mile mansion. Keep watching for the details (or send a request to Aurel's office).

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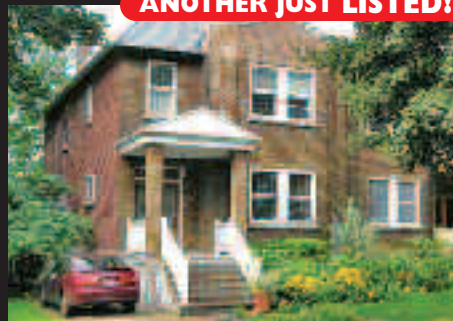
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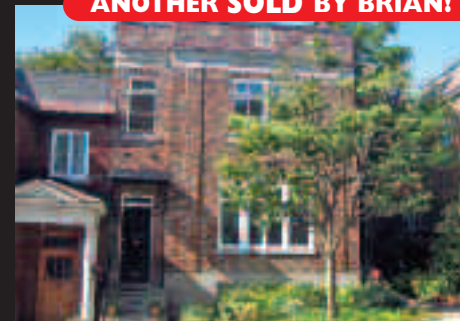
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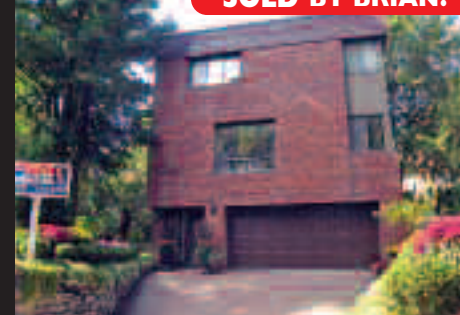
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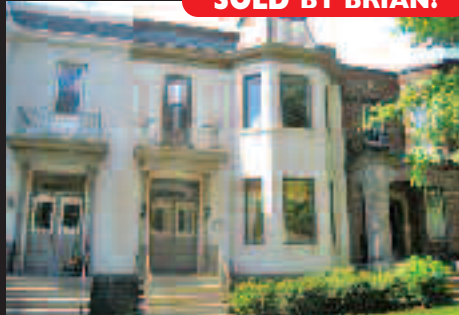
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