



## CEOs capture Exec A 'Stanley Cup' and regular season trophy

The CEOs win with a 3 to 2 score over the MDs, April 4. For the second consecutive year, the team captured both the regular season championship and the Executive A league Stanley Cup. It is the fifth season in a row that the team has won the regular season trophy. For complete story as told by player Jonathan Goldbloom, see p. 13.

Photo courtesy of the CEOs

## 5 Saisons to have 60-day notice before demo

# Two vote against Greene condo permits, parking loss

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a 6-2 vote, city council April 4 approved design plans for the Greene Ave. condo development that will include Les 5 Saisons. This paves the way for tearing down the landmark grocery store pending some last minute details.

A few more documents are required by the city's technical review committee before demolition and building permits will

be issued, said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier after a review meeting, April 7.

The high-end grocer will have 60 days to vacate the premises – probably early in June – if the permits are obtained shortly, said Ramco developer Jacob Attias. Demolition would then proceed with construction taking up to 16 months.

The two dissenting votes were cast by demolition committee chair Patrick Martin and Councillor Nicole Forbes, who represents the adjacent ward to the west.

Both objected to revised plans that reduce the number of indoor parking spots for the public from the preliminary plan's 28 to 21.

"Loss of parking caused concern at the demolition hearing," Martin explained. "I'm sufficiently concerned to vote 'no' to the final plans."

### Parking decreases on Greene

Merchants are already upset by decreasing parking on Greene, he said. As it is, the building of the condos over existing parking lots will eliminate 36 outdoor spaces, replacing them with 21. There will also be

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## R2 rezoning registers set for April 26

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City rezoning plans to prevent the building of so-called supersize homes and impose basement restrictions in three mid-level R2 zones will be subjected to registers leading to possible referenda in any or all of the zones.

The registers will be open at city hall on April 26 from 9 am to 7 pm.

The announcement was made at the April 4 city council meeting following a petition signed by 15 qualified voters in one of the zones, R2-07-01. The others affected are contiguous zones numbered R2-09-01 and R2-10-01.

The petition was driven by Shatha Al-Musawi, owner of the property at 3283 Cedar Ave., who vowed after a public consultation meeting February 23 to force a referendum on the issue (see story March 1, p. 3).

All three zones are located in an irregular shape between The Boulevard and Sherbrooke, and east of Clarke to the city limits.

The rezoning changes are the same as those made in 2009 in R1 zones, generally north of

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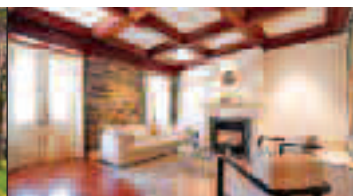


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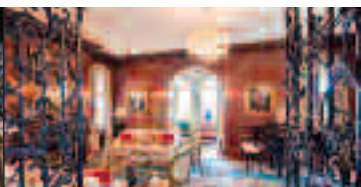
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## Elected speaker of National Assembly

# Chagnon: 'An honour for every Westmouter'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After 25 years of representing Westmount in the National Assembly, Jacques Chagnon views his election April 5 as speaker as “a challenge and a great honour.”

But most of all, he told the *Independent* Friday, “I think it’s an honour for every Westmouter – and all electors.”

He believes it’s probably the first time a Westmount representative has been chosen to the non-partisan position. “I’m only the 56th speaker since 1792,” he said.

Chagnon, who was elected by a secret ballot of all representatives, is known as a conciliator and a strong constituency person, credited largely with securing Westmount’s \$20-million grant for the arena/pool project. He also has a vast knowledge of parliament and its procedures. “I’m fully in love with the institution,” he said.

### To chair Office of National Assembly

He now also chairs the Office of the National Assembly, responsible for all man-

agement and regulatory aspects with a budget of \$120 million and 650 employees.

Having served latterly as one of three deputy speakers, Chagnon is accustomed to being on the throne “every day,” he said, except during question period. And that will be his particular challenge, given the current “circus” atmosphere in the current house, which ultimately led the resignation April 1 of his predecessor, Yvon Valières.

“It’s the boxing ring,” Chagnon said of the question period. “The last two years have been very harsh. But respect between each other should return.”

### Constituency work unchanged

Chagnon does not expect his constituency work to change much, he said, except for the likelihood of being in Quebec City more often. “I will always be able to work in my riding.”

While he’s not allowed to participate in any party fundraising, he’s bound by few other restraints to those he has been used to as deputy speaker. “I’ve been obliged to

stop writing my newspaper column,” he pointed out, adding that again that is owing to his non-partisanship role.

Adding to his responsibilities as president of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, he will be taking over the previous speaker’s presidency of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie. This involves presiding over the upcoming meeting July 5 to 8 in Congo.

First elected in 1985, Chagnon has served in many roles including minister of Education (1994), Public Security (2003) and deputy speaker.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COUNCIL, RAISE THE DOG FENCES

Our dog is a gentle giant. He wants to be patted by all passers by and sniff all dogs. There is, however, a one percent chance that, for whatever reason, he hates the other dog and an out-of-character reaction occurs. This is common among canines and is easily managed while on the leash.

On April 6 at the Lansdowne dog run, a large dog reacted to a smaller dog being walked on the path just outside. Barking ensued, and both owners acted immediately. The inside owner ran towards his dog and the outside owner turned around and left quickly. The large dog jumped the fence and raced after the smaller dog, knocking down the owner.

I was inside the dog run close to where the two dogs were engaged. I stepped over the fence and pulled the large dog off of the smaller one within seconds of first contact. Injuries were minor but the small one was scared, slipped out of his collar and ran away. Both owners and bystanders went searching for the dog.

The incident would not have happened two days before because of the four-foot snow fence. While the snow fence would have prevented this trauma, it is not the answer. Many dogs jump out of the dog runs all the time for a variety of reasons. If a dog wants out and the fence is only 27

and 1/8 inches high in some places, it is little impediment. I stepped over it with ease.

The issue of the low fences was brought to city council more than four years ago and repeatedly since then. The April 6 incident further illustrates how important it is to have proper fences around all dog runs, and how council has let these dogs down. Instead of fixing the problem, council members have repeatedly minimized, obfuscated or ignored the issue. Council, do your duty to serve and protect. For more: lansdownedogrun.blogspot.com.

ED VICKERY, ARGYLE AVE.

*FYI: The city was copied on a longer version of this letter, and Councillor Cynthia Lulham called to inform the Independent that she and city horticulturist Claudette Savaria would be inspecting the dog run fences on April 8, at or after press time.*

### IT'S PRICED BEING A DOG IN WESTMOUNT

I am a small rescue dog, weighing 10 lbs. I never go to the dog runs or parks because I'm too small and very timid. There are too many big dogs there. It wasn't so long ago that the fee was \$10. Goodbye Westmount, I'm moving! Twenty dollars is too much to live in a Westmount home and walk, leashed, around the block.

SOPHIE, THE DOG, KITCHENER AVE.

### WINTER BIKE PATH TOO COSTLY

During a recent telephone survey on walking and cycling in Westmount, I was informed that the annual cost of snow removal along the de Maisonneuve bike path was about \$100,000 and that the average daily useage of that bike path in winter was approximately 100 bicycle trips per day.

Clearing snow from the bicycle path makes it available to cyclists between December and March on an estimated 100 extra days per year. On that basis, the cost to Westmount taxpayers for each thus enabled bicycle trip along the de Maisonneuve path is in the order of \$10, and that makes no economic sense whatever.

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

### WHAT ARE POLICE HOURS?

These days, for obvious reasons, I am curious about the following. How many hours a day do the police work? How many days a week? How many days a year? How does this compare with 10 and 20 years ago?

Does anybody know?

When I wrote the mayor for this information, a secretary replied that the matter was being discussed somewhere. Or something equally informative.

JEAN TURGEON, MOUNT STEPHEN

### BUILDING 'IN A BATHTUB'

Well, well, well. Rain leaks into the library again, and the staff must lay down old clothing to prevent valuable books and historical documents from getting damaged. It sounds like a story from the 1900s. But no, it is a story in last week's *Independent*.

When city council decided to cut the 2011 library budget by \$20,000, it said it was a cut to the maintenance budget and would have no effect on service. Alas, when I raised the question at council,

nothing was mentioned about "the building sitting in a bath tub," as retired city director Bruce St. Louis described it in the March 29 *Independent* article.

The continued neglect to repair this problem has one benefit. Now, at the April 9 and 10 Friends of the Library book sale, the group may be able to harvest a good crop of mushrooms from the decomposing books that were destroyed by the flooding. These will help buy new books that, hopefully, will be installed on the second floor – high above the water level.

The only other benefit (should continued neglect of the library occur) is that the dream of many Westmounters may come true: an indoor swimming pool.

Sincerely disappointed.

JACK LOCKE, SHERBROOKE ST.

## Library sets new \$14,650 record from book sale

Moving the venue to Victoria Hall proved to be a gold mine for the semi-annual book sale held the weekend of April 9 to 10 by the Friends of Westmount Public Library.

An official count of \$14,650 was generated in the more spacious environment Saturday and Sunday, said president and sale co-organizer Carolyn O'Neill.

This was more than 20 percent than the record \$12,000 set in November at the library.

"It went so well in Victoria Hall," she said. "There were 150 people lined up waiting to get in when we opened the doors on Saturday."

Close to \$10,668 was raised that day alone, according to co-organizer Lee Taylor.

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## Toonies, tunes and tots raise more than \$800 for Y's 'Strong Kids'



Westmount Y executive director Gary White performs during "Toonies, Tunes and Tots," a music and singing event for children held at the Westmount branch on April 6. More than \$800 was donated for the Strong Kids Campaign, whose purpose is make the Y accessible to children from financially needy families. The Y hopes to reach a \$58,000 goal this year for the program through upcoming fundraising events.

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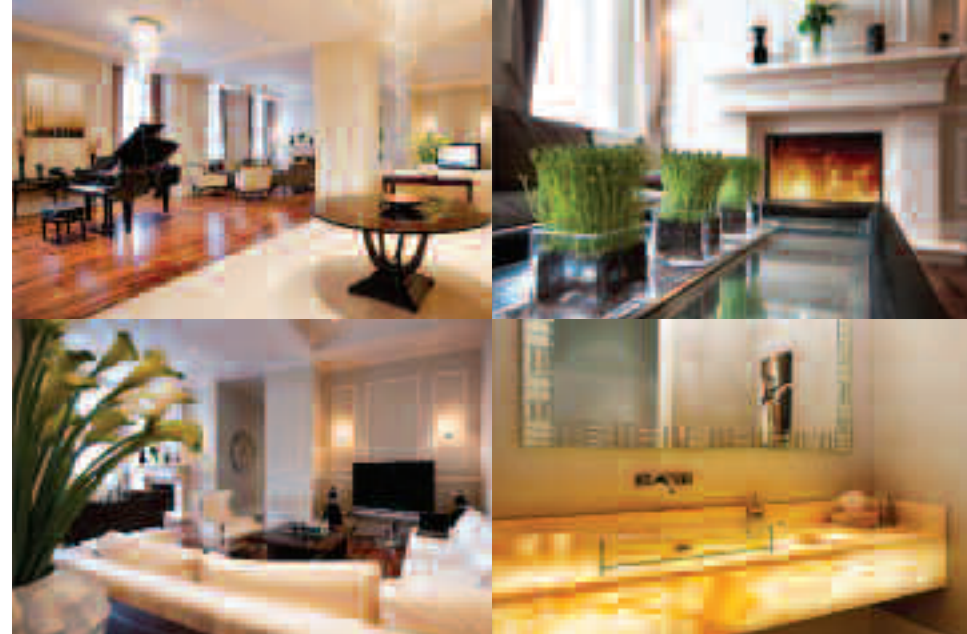
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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

## NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

## City awards grants to 8 non-profit groups

Eight non-profit organizations in Westmount will share a total of \$106,150 in annual city grants for 2011, an increase of \$200 over last year. The grants were approved by city council April 4 "for programs we cannot provide," said Councillor Nicole Forbes.

This funding is intended to complement services provided by the city rather than duplicating them. Applications for funding are reviewed annually by the administration and the general committee of council before approval.

This year, the Contactivity Centre for seniors receives the additional \$200 for a total grant of \$38,000 to help with its operating costs. All other grants remain un-

changed. Recipients are:

- The Open Door at St. Stephen's Church, which provides meals and services for those in need, \$3,500;
- The Montreal Children's Library, \$1,750 to sustain its programming;
- The Visual Arts Centre, \$9,500 for contracted-out services from the city;
- The Westmount YMCA, \$18,400 for contracted-out services;
- Atwater Library, \$25,000 to help finance operating costs;
- Centre Greene, \$2,000 for operating costs;
- Repercussion Theatre, \$8,000 for theatrical productions in Westmount Park.

## Citizens to be consulted on master traffic plan

Residents can expect the city to hold a public consultation meeting on the proposed traffic master plan before it is approved by council, Mayor Peter Trent told the city council meeting April 4.

"I don't see us not having one," said Mayor Peter Trent in reply to a request from Dan Taddeo of the Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC).

Trent recalled a similar meeting a quarter century ago that packed Victoria Hall when the city's last traffic plan was unveiled.

Taddeo pointed out that no provision for such a meeting had been included in the terms of reference for the new plan as outlined at a public information meeting March 14 (see story March 22, p. 6).

He also submitted a request for public consultation from a dozen residents, most living along the bike path on de Maison-neuve.



Dan Taddeo with petition at council meeting.

## Sustainability update features 2011

In updating the city's sustainable development achievements for 2010, Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis told the city council meeting, April 4, that many of the projects launched last year are now being carried forward this year under departmental budgets.

For 2011, she said, she hopes work will start to prepare a program ..... for making municipal ..... *continued on p. 7*

## Suffering From Hot Flashes ?

Julie Hughes is a lovely 52 year old woman with a very busy life, a large family and more volunteer work than she really has time for. Julie is at the age, as are many of her friends, where she is suffering , or perhaps 'putting up with' the symptoms of menopause.

Hot flashes, mood swings, nausea, anxiety attacks, low tolerance and annoyance with her family, weight gain and probably her most annoying symptom, night sweats that upset and disturb her sleep. Her symptoms have affected her well-being, her moods and almost every other aspect of her life.

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# MEETING, APRIL 4

## City to try LED light head

One result of the recent Earth Hour exhibits at Victoria Hall is a directive to Hydro Westmount to purchase an LED lamp head to try on the Washingtonian street light standards.

The experiment was announced at the April 4 meeting of city council.

The LED fixtures, thought not to exist, came to light during an Earth Hour exhibit by the Quebec branch of the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) in Tuscon. And the discovery was much to the delight of astrophysicist Tony Moffat, a dark sky advocate, who has been appealing to the

city to find an LED replacement for the current Washingtonian globe.

“You and I can go and see it in all its glory,” Mayor Peter Trent told Moffat during the council meeting.

Elated, Moffat also pointed out that the IDA was offering a free day-long training session in light pollution for municipal officials that he hoped the city would take advantage of. The organization has only two Canadian branches: Quebec and Alberta.

“Having these people with us was a gold mine,” Moffat later said.

## Sustainability projects...

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buildings more energy-efficient.

“We’re also hoping to move forward with improving the commercial recycling program, which was started last year.”

Two major sustainability programs on tap for 2011 are the introduction of the Bixi program and the preparation of the

city’s master plan for traffic and active transportation. Both of these would require separate budgets.

She noted, however, that some of the 2010 sustainability projects ended up being financed out of departmental budgets, leaving about \$200,000 untouched in a special amount set aside in 2010 for sustainability.

## Promo campaign for Bixi questioned

Three members of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) questioned city council at its April 4 meeting about Bixis, the master traffic plan and the demarcation of the bike path.

But it was a request from Patricia Dumais for the city to mount a promotional

campaign for the Bixi program that caused Councillor Cynthia Lulham to suggest that some of the items the WWCA was asking of the city, “you could do on your own.”

These could include informative meetings and special events, she explained. Asked for membership numbers, Dumais said the group had about 100 members.

## Arena on Apr. 20 council agenda

The regular mid-month meeting of city council will take place on Wednesday, April 20, at 5 pm, instead of the usual Monday, which is the first day of Passover.

While the approval of permits is generally the only business item at the mid-month session, this month’s agenda is expected to provide for the approval of the arena/pool project manager.

Also, exceptionally, the regular Monday night meeting of council for May will take place on Tuesday, May 3 at 8 pm because of the federal election Monday, May 2.

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## Challenging Barnard over Selwyn emailing

# Mayor insists: year-old survey on target for arena project

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A lively debate over the arena/ pool project broke out at the April 4 meeting of city council when a long-time critic attempted to discredit results of the survey of households that took place one year ago.

Patrick Barnard, who has been challenging various elements of the project since before the underground concept was introduced, alleged the 83-percent favourable response rate had been “flawed” by an online letter from Selwyn House School urging support of the project.

But Trent challenged Barnard using a scenario based on data from the school and Ipsos to contend that “even if” the letter had had any impact, it would have increased support from 81 percent to 83 percent – “so miniscule” as to be insignificant, he said. (See details at right “Ipsos results and possible impacts.”)

By the time the Selwyn email was sent out, Trent said, online results had come in quickly and were showing an 88-percent favourable response (297 on 336) that actually declined thereafter.

“I wish you would move into reality,” Trent concluded. “We can’t live in the past. We’re moving ahead, Mr. Barnard.”

As general applause broke out from the audience, Barnard replied, “I beg to differ.”

But by then Trent had ended the lengthy exchange, allowing the next questioner – on the subject of traffic lights – to step up to the microphone.

### Selwyn sent 1,718 emails

The Selwyn House letter to some 1,718 alumni, parents and friends in the overall Montreal area was sent out April 21, a week after the mailing of the city’s information package to Westmounters.

While Barnard pointed out that the letter went out during the survey period, this had already been reported at the time by the *Independent* (see “Selwyn House weighs in on arena/pool plan,” April 27, 2010, p. 1).

The final results of the survey as tabulated by Ipsos showed a total of 2,218 online and hard-copy responses of which 1,841 were in favour of the project, a rate of 83 percent.

## Numbers and what-ifs

When the exchange between Trent and Barnard kicked off, Barnard asked Trent to acknowledge that the survey was “flawed”.

“I will not,” said Trent, who immediately went on the offensive. What percentage of the recipients of Selwyn letters did Barnard feel would have responded? he asked. “About half,” Barnard replied. And that sent Trent into his scenario of calculations.

At one point Barnard interjected that the power of social media would have had a far greater impact. “Anyone who does not know that is not living in the modern world,” he said.

But the mayor was pursuing his logic, based on approximately 2,000 Selwyn emails being sent out. Assuming one half were Westmounters (in fact 43 percent of students live in Westmount, he said), and one half would have replied (favourably) as agreed by Barnard, it was likely that another quarter of those would have replied in any event, he suggested.

That, he concluded, would mean the

survey’s results without the influence of Selwyn House would have been reduced by 250 votes – yes votes – for a total of 1,591 out of 1,968 (81 percent) rather than 1,841 out of 2,218 (83 percent).

After the meeting, on learning that the exact number of emails sent out by the school was 1,718 rather than 2,000, Trent revised his figures as follows:

“Assuming one-half were Westmounters, that would be only 859 Westmounters. Assuming 50 percent responded, that would be 430 “yesses.” But 27.5 percent (the actual participation rate) would have responded anyway, so using 25 percent that means an additional 215 yesses. Removing 215 from the total gives 1,611 yesses out of 1,988, or 81 percent.”

He also said he felt it was significant that respondents with no children living at home were 79 percent in favour. The same result also came from non-regular users of the facility.

As well, a favourable response rate in households of ages ranging from 16 to 64, ranged from 81 to 87 percent.

### Ipsos results of city survey on arena/pool project and possible impact without Selwyn House mailing

	“Yes” to arena	Total	%
<b>Actual</b>			
Final	1,841	2,218	83.0
Interim – at time of Selwyn mailing (April 21, 2010)	297	336	88.4
<b>“What-if” scenarios</b>			
Based 2,000 letters*	1,591	1,968	80.8
Based on actual 1,718**	1,611	1,988	81.0

\*Scenario at council meeting \*\*Revised post-council

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## Attias: Greene condo permit approval marks milestone

For Westmount developer Jacob Attias, council's approval of his design plans on April 4 to build his condo project at Greene and de Maisonneuve, marks the end of long journey.

"It's a big milestone," he told the *Independent*. "You have no idea how happy I am. It's been a long road. This is a large project, and the whole Westmount team has worked with us to make sure Westmount's high standards are maintained."

Years of negotiations with the city culminated last year in a deal brokered by Mayor Peter Trent in an effort to keep Les 5 Saisons on Greene Ave. as part of the condo project (see story June 22, p. 1).

Despite many building challenges, Attias said he respects the city's stringent planning requirements. He has not only owned the site for more than 20 years but has also lived on Aberdeen for as long.

With the major hurdle now cleared, Attias said he hopes to start demolition after 5 Saisons vacates the store in June. Construction will start soon after. Construction holidays in July will delay work, which will continue through the winter for a total of some 15 or 16 months, he explained.

## 5 Saisons to share parking

*continued from p. 1*

39 allocated spaces for condo residents on a separate parking level.

Martin also expressed concern with the loss of at least six on-street spaces in the redesign of Greene last summer, though some adjustments are being made to try and recoup some of them, according to Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

While the 21 interior spaces are designated for 5 Saisons shoppers, as were most of the outside spots, Martin said he considers them as available to members of the general public.

### Lulham: up to the store

On the other hand, Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham told the *Independent* she felt the amount of parking required by 5 Saisons for its clientele was up to the store, which now wants some of the space for food preparation.

## Sports

# A kick-start to soccer season

BY JARED BOOK

Any spring evening a stroll around Westmount will show the growth of soccer in the community. On any given night, up to 80 teams could play a game on one of the green spaces, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

"We have a very small window of opportunity," said Westmount Sports and Recreation coordinator Anitra Bostock. "Between 5 pm and 8 pm, we are using every inch of field that's available to us. From Monday to Thursday, it's lunacy. If there's an inch of grass, we're using it for soccer," she added.

Westmount's soccer program has grown exponentially over the last few years and now sees 1,200 people playing soccer – from the four-year-old's introduction-to-soccer program to its 25-and-older leagues. The department says that despite the popularity of the program, there isn't much more room for growth, especially with the limited evening time frame.

"We don't have lights at any of the fields, so we only can go as long as there's light. Every team plays twice a week and once on Saturday when we could use more of the day," Bostock said.

There are other factors in play in the growth of the soccer program. "In 2004 there was a huge influx of baby boys and now that group is six to seven years old," she explained. "There was a similar boom

with girls in 1998 and 1999, and that age group (12 to 13) still has a lot of girls playing."

### Over 600 girls in soccer

Bostock said that Westmount has more of the 12 and older than the six to 11 year old range in the group of over 600 girls in soccer. She added it is the opposite in the boys program where there are more in the younger group.

"You don't have to be the best athlete," said Bostock. "We have kids that played for the first time last year and were among the first to register this season. Kids perform better in school when they are in organized sport, and that's what you want. We are challenging their minds and challenging them physically. Soccer season comes with spring and renewal, and everyone loves to get outside and be on the field."

The growth of Westmount's soccer program has come at the expense of its baseball program. The city still has one, but it has seen interest diminish since the loss of the Expos in 2004.

"There are a lot of kids who don't know anything about baseball," Bostock said.

"You can't spend time developing kids and get them interested when you can only play it for eight weeks."

The growth in number of teams means Westmount is still looking for volunteers to coach for the upcoming soccer season. If you are interested, contact Sports and Recreation at 514.989.5353.

### Hockey season comes to a close

As Westmount starts to turn the focus to soccer, there are still a few notes from the end of hockey season.

In league playoffs, the Novice A Wings, Pee-Wee A Wings and Pee-Wee B Wings, who were all featured earlier in the season, took home the championship banner for Westmount.

## Gold medallion found

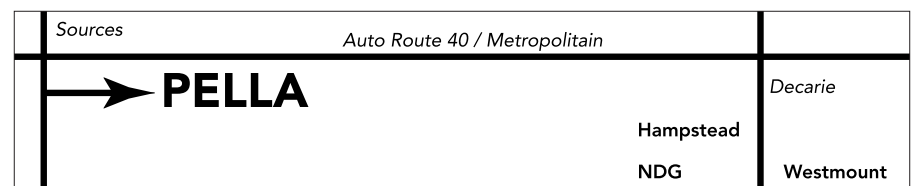
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## Q&amp;A with Liberal Party candidate Marc Garneau

## Research funding, CBC, environment are local concerns

BY MARLENE EISNER

Marc Garneau, 62, lives in Westmount with his wife and their two children, and is running for his second term as Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie. The riding has approximately 100,000 constituents and stretches from Hingston Ave. in NDG, east to St. Laurent Blvd., and includes part of Plateau Mont Royal and Old Montreal. Some of the wealthiest – and poorest – of Montrealers live in the riding. The *Westmount Independent* sat down with Garneau last week to ask him how a Liberal win would address the varied needs of his riding.

**WI:** After a career as an engineer, military officer and Canada's first astronaut in space, what made you decide to enter politics in 2006?

**Garneau:** I was approached when Paul Martin was prime minister. I had always

been a Liberal, and the timing was perfect. There were two things that motivated me: One, I am an engineer and I've been involved with science all my professional life, and I thought this would be a useful contribution in parliament because there aren't too many people with that kind of background. Having been president of the Canadian Space Agency, I can attest to

that – Canada's future depends on our ability to compete, to innovate, so I thought I could make a contribution.

Secondly, my space flight experience gave me a profound desire to be a champion of the environment because seeing Earth from space and also seeing the damage we are doing to it makes you aware that we are all in this together. I wanted to

to get a visa for a relative in another country who wants to come and visit them.

Westmount and Ville Marie, if I take the whole riding, has a lot of homeless people, and it's maybe surprising because when people think of Westmount-Ville Marie, they don't think about the homeless. And so I've been a strong advocate of trying to defend, to advocate for them.

**WI:** What do you think the priorities are of the people in your constituency for this election?

**Garneau:** Because I have a very large university population, being a strong advocate of public funding of research is very important.

Secondly, culture. You look at Westmount-Ville Marie and you have a lot of cultural organizations. Being a defender of culture is important. They care about it.

CBC is a very big issue in this riding. They want a public broadcaster, a long-term stable commitment because they feel it's important in both languages to reflect and to show the Canadian identity.

The environment is an important issue for people, and infrastructure is important for all ridings.

**WI:** What difference do you think a Liberal will make for Westmount-Ville Marie?

**Garneau:** A lot of our platform is focused not so much on individual ridings but focused on families ... from young children to elderly with a particular focus on middle class and lower income. That is of importance to people living in NDG, Westmount and Ville Marie. On the cultural side, we have made the promise to double, over four years, the Canada Arts Council budget.



Marc Garneau at his campaign headquarters in Westmount, April 5.

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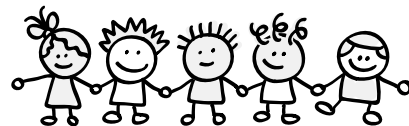
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**WI:** You've been in office now for slightly more than two years. What have you accomplished during that time as an MP for Westmount-Ville Marie?

**Garneau:** If you're talking at the riding level, during the time when the government was going through the recession and the infrastructure program was put into place, I would help in the riding to be an advocate for infrastructure projects that might get funded. In some cases they did, in some cases they didn't.

At the very individual level, a lot of work in the riding is for people who want help

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## Q&A with Conservative Party candidate Neil Drabkin

# On the agenda: strong economy, low taxes and national security

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Neil Drabkin, a longtime Montreal-area Conservative, is running in Westmount-Ville Marie for the party. This will be the fifth election Drabkin, 49, runs in for the Progressive Conservatives, the Canadian Alliance and the Conservatives, which are now united as a single party. A Côte St.



Neil Drabkin chats with patrons at Nick's Restaurant on Greene after an interview with the Independent, April 8.

Luc resident, Drabkin spent the last five years as chief of staff for former Conservative cabinet minister Stockwell Day. The *Independent* sat down last week for an interview with Drabkin.

**WI:** What difference would a Conservative MP make for Westmount-Ville Marie?

**Drabkin:** The prime minister has asked Canadians for a stable majority government on May 2, and there's every indication at this point that the Conservatives will form a majority government.

So it offers a unique opportunity for the people of Westmount to be represented in that government, to have a voice in that government, as opposed to being relegated

to the opposition benches in parliament. There's a lot more that can be accomplished for Westmount-Ville Marie if its representative is within that government, has a voice in that government and is able to deliver to the constituency.

**WI:** What's the worst possible election outcome for the country?

**Drabkin:** The worst possible outcome

would be if the coalition seized power as it attempted to do at the end of 2008 when the separatist Bloc, the socialist NDP and the opportunistic Liberal parties got together and tried to hijack the country by proclaiming their governance.

Luckily the governor-general stopped this madness and restored order and Prime Minister Harper was able to resume governing the country. He's done a wonderful job at that. In fact, our economy came through one of the most difficult periods of history in recent economic times.

But if the Liberals, the Bloc and the NDP did it once they may well do it again.

**WI:** What's the best possible outcome?

**Drabkin:** The best possible election out-

come would be what the prime minister is asking Canadians for, and that is a stable, solid majority government that would effectively allow the federal government to govern the country, continuing to move it through a very fragile economic recovery, one where we have to be able to introduce policies without being constantly hijacked by the opposition parties in parliament, which have their own self-interests, their selfish interests at hand. You know, the budget that we attempted to pass is a budget that has been saluted and applauded by people right across the country.

**WI:** If elected, what would you try and accomplish as MP for the riding?

**Drabkin:** I think the people of Westmount-Ville Marie want an economy that's strong, they want to keep more money in their pocket, they want to keep taxes as low as they possibly can, they want to make sure that spending in Ottawa is controlled

and they also want this country to be a safe country. They want to make sure Canada is a leader in the world. In many ways the people of Westmount have the same interests as everybody else in the country.

**WI:** What is your assessment of Marc Garneau's performance as an MP so far?

**Drabkin:** Marc Garneau distinguished himself in terms of his management of the space agency and he was an astronaut, but as a member of parliament for Westmount-Ville Marie he sat in the opposition benches for the last five years. And as I previously said, you cannot be an effective member for a constituency by sitting in the opposition benches.



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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### Bureaux administratifs fermés les 22 et 25 avril 2011

Veillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés le vendredi 22 avril et le lundi 25 avril 2011 en raison de la Fête de Pâques. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le vendredi 22 avril, le dimanche 24 avril et le lundi 25 avril 2011. Prenez également note qu'il n'y a aucun changement quant à la collecte des ordures et des matières compostables qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal les vendredi 22 avril et lundi 25 avril 2011.

### Séances du conseil reportées

Veillez noter que la séance extraordinaire du conseil prévue pour le lundi 18 avril 2011 a été reportée au mercredi 20 avril 2011 à 17 h. Veuillez noter également que la séance ordinaire du conseil prévue pour le lundi 2 mai 2011 a été reportée au lendemain, le mardi 3 mai 2011 à 20 h en raison des élections fédérales. ♣



## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Collecte de sang du maire

Le maire Peter F. Trent invite les résidents à faire un don de vie lors de la collecte annuelle de sang qui se tiendra au Victoria Hall le vendredi 15 avril entre 14 h et 20 h. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Soirée « swing » avec l'orchestre Ballroom Blitz

L'orchestre Ballroom Blitz revient à Westmount pour animer une soirée de danse et de musique « Big Band » le samedi 16 avril. Leçons à partir de 19 h et danse à compter de 20 h. Billets 20 \$, disponibles au Victoria Hall. Bar payant. Info : 514 989-5226. ♣



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Journée mondiale du livre - Réception des clubs de lecture

La bibliothèque invite les membres de ses clubs de lecture à une réception vin et fromage le mercredi 20 avril à 18 h dans le cadre de la *Journée mondiale du livre*. Saisissez cette occasion pour rencontrer d'autres bibliophiles, échanger des idées et des listes de livres recommandés et découvrir de nouvelles ressources pour votre club. R.S.V.P. Donna Lach au 514 989-5386 avant le 18 avril.

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Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise le mardi 19 avril de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *Good to a Fault* de Marian Endicott. Info : 514 989-5386.

### Présences de la musique - Rythme et polyrythmie dans les musiques d'Afrique subsaharienne

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## CITY HALL

### Administrative offices closed April 22 and 25, 2011

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25, 2011 for the Easter holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 22, Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25, 2011. Please note that the garbage and compostable materials collections are unaffected, and will take place according to the regular schedule on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25, 2011.

### Council meetings rescheduled

Please be advised that the Special Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 has been changed to Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 5 p.m. Please note also that the regularly-scheduled Council meeting of Monday, May 2 has been changed to Tuesday, May 3 at 8 p.m. because of the federal election. ♣



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic

Mayor Peter F. Trent invites residents to give the gift of life at the annual blood donor clinic to be held at Victoria Hall on Friday, April 15 between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Info: 514 989-5226.

### Swing into Spring Big Band Dance

The Ballroom Blitz Orchestra is back for an evening of Big Band music and dancing on Saturday, April 16th. Instruction from 7 p.m. and dance from 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20, available at Victoria Hall. Cash Bar. Info: 514 989-5226. ♣



## LIBRARY

### World Book Day Reception for Book Clubs

In celebration of *World Book Day*, the Library invites book club members to a wine and cheese reception on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. Take this opportunity to meet fellow book lovers, exchange ideas and reading lists and discover new resources for your club. R.S.V.P. Donna Lach at 989-5386 before April 18.

## DATEBOOK

### April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Friday Film Club  
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### April 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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### Poetry and Pastry

Celebrate National Poetry Month by sampling sweets and listening to the local poets Carole David, Karen Elaine Spencer, John Fretz, Ryan Ruddick and J.J. Locke in the Westmount Room on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. (Event in French and English). Info: 514 989-5386

### English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 as they discuss *Good to a Fault* by Marian Endicott. Info: 514 989-5386

### Présences de la musique - Rythme et polyrythmie dans les musiques d'Afrique subsaharienne

Join McGill professor and percussionist Fabrice Marandola for this multi-media presentation on sub-Saharan African music on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386. ♣



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The City of Westmount has allocated an annual budget for the distribution of trees to its citizens. Residents may obtain one tree free of charge from the following selection: Downy Serviceberry, Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac and Ironwood. Order forms will be available from March 30th until April 22nd at City Hall, Westmount Library and on the City's Web site. Info: 514 989-5213.

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## CEOs win two major titles

Led by the stellar goaltending of Doug Buchanan and Michael Page's second goal of the game – with minutes remaining – the CEOs escaped with a 3 to 2 victory Monday night, April 4.

For the second consecutive year, the hard-working squad captured both the regular season championship and the Executive A league Stanley Cup. It is the fifth season in a row that the team has won the regular season trophy.

On the winning goal, Perry Cavallier intercepted an errant pass and rifled a shot at the net. Page was on the doorstep and banged home the rebound.

The CEOs jumped out to an early 2 to 0 lead on Page's first goal of the night on a break away and a nifty shot through the five-hole by Bruce Maxwell.

Defensive lapses in the second period led to two unanswered goals by the MDs and set up the third period fireworks.

Commenting on the win, Howard Hoppenheim, the oldest player on the team, commented "The young kids played their hearts out."

Added Murray Horner, the longest-serving member of the CEOs. "Having blown a 2 to 0 lead, we showed what we are made of by rallying at the end of the third." See photo, p. 1.

– CEO player Jonathan Goldbloom

## Missing woman found in Westmount

A missing 27-year-old Côte St. Luc woman was found March 30 at Greene and Dorchester, Public Security officials report. The woman, who appeared to be lost, was noticed by a Westmount resident who called the Public Security Unit at 8:40 pm.

Described as mentally challenged but able to provide officers with a home phone number, the woman had been missing since 4 pm. Police from Station 9 in CSL were contacted and drove the woman home.

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### AVIS PUBLIC MODIFICATION DU CALENDRIER DES SÉANCES DU CONSEIL 2011

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, lors de sa séance ordinaire du 7 avril 2011, le conseil a modifié le calendrier de ses séances ordinaires pour l'année 2011 afin de fixer la séance ordinaire du mois de mai au **mardi 3 mai**, plutôt qu'au lundi 2.

PAR AILLEURS, prenez avis qu'une séance extraordinaire du conseil aura lieu le **mercredi 20 avril 2011 à 17 h**, plutôt que le lundi 18.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 avril 2011.

### PUBLIC NOTICE MODIFICATION TO THE SCHEDULE OF THE COUNCIL SITTINGS FOR 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, at its regular sitting held on April 7, 2011, Council modified the schedule of its regular sittings for the year 2011 in order to fix the regular sitting of May to **Tuesday, May 3** instead of Monday, May 2.

ALSO, be informed that a special Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**, instead of Monday, April 18.

GIVEN at Westmount, this April 12, 2011.

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## Volunteers meet new residents at spring flower show



A city reception April 6 to open the spring flower also served to welcome new residents and thank community volunteers. Among the many invitees who attended at Victoria Hall were, from left: volunteer Louise Girouard, a stalwart at the city's demerger office; and Edner and Yolande Bruno, who moved to Westmount in November. The exhibition of spring bulbs may be viewed at the conservatory weekdays 10 am to 9 pm and weekends 10 am to 5 pm.

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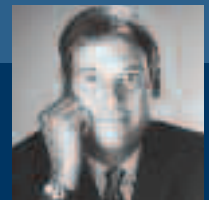
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## Guests get a view of Redfern condos project



Potential condo buyers were invited to look at models showing what 215 Redfern is designed to look like when redevelopment is completed, during an open house held by the developers on the ground floor of the former Reader's Digest building on April 7. The developers plan to demolish extensive parts of the existing structure's interior and exterior and add two storeys. Seen to the right of the scale model, from the left, are J.J. Jacobs, whose realty agency has been mandated to handle sales, and developer Joe Berger.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Campaign targets bike commuters starting April 27

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Police and Public Security will launch a city education campaign April 27 and 28 to create awareness of the residential nature of Westmount's bike path. It will target commuting cyclists.

Announced at the April 4 city council meeting by Councillor Gary Ikeman, the campaign will consist of a kiosk set up during the rush hours at the Melville and de Maisonneuve intersection.

This "should allow us to talk to most of those commuting through the city," ex-

plained Ikeman, who chairs the city's *ad hoc* bicycle committee.

The April sessions will start at 8 am. Subsequent sessions on May 3 and 4 will start at 4 pm, according to Public Security officials. The cyclists will be offered a free diagnostic bike check, reflectors, a beverage and a pamphlet on the Quebec Highway Safety Code.

At the same time, officers will deliver a message emphasizing the fact that cyclists are riding through a residential area on de Maisonneuve and must drive safely, slowly and obey signage.

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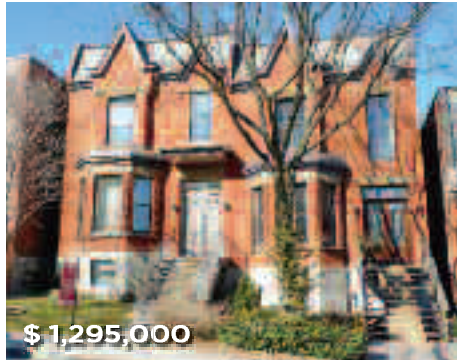
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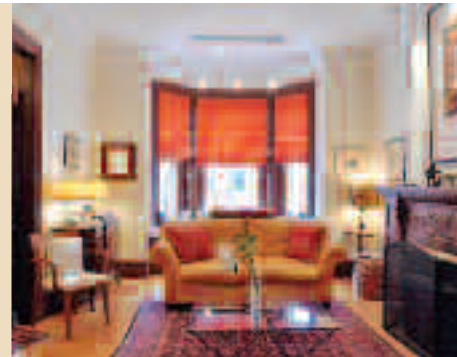


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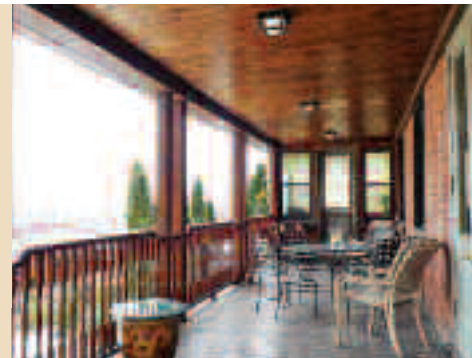
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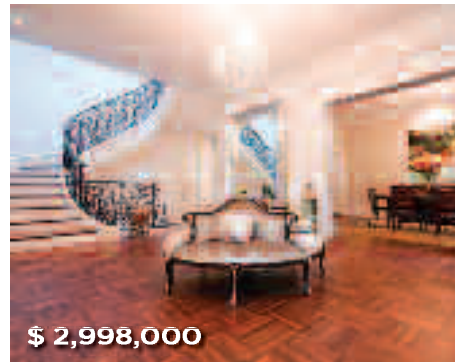
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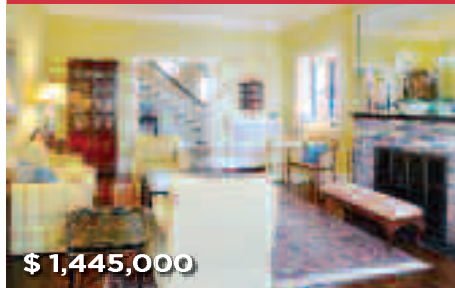
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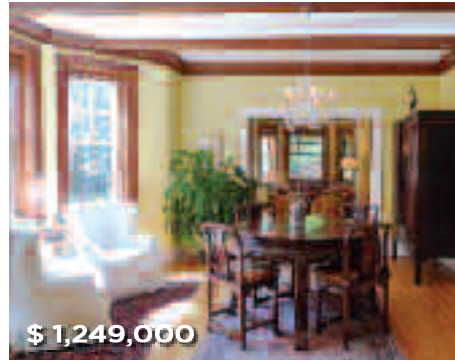
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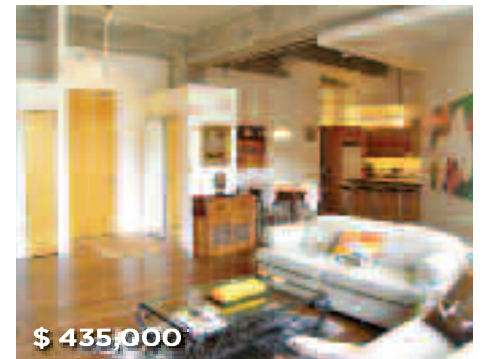
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## Taking Stock for election day



Stockwell Day (right), Conservative Party representative for Okanagan-Coquihalla in British Columbia, is greeted by Conservative Party candidate for Westmount-Ville Marie Neil Drabkin at the Westmount residence of Carl Ravinsky and Judy Litvack, April 6.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## Garneau gets pumped



Liberal party incumbent for Westmount-Ville-Marie, Marc Garneau is introduced by Brigitte Garneau, vice president, francophone, of the Liberal party during the launch of Garneau's election campaign at his Westmount election headquarters, April 6. Roméo Dallaire, Liberal senator and retired lieutenant-general, and Bob Rae, Liberal MP for Toronto-Centre were also present.

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Real estate broker Joan McGuigan (left) accepts a book donation for the McGill University Book Fair from Holly Jonas on April 8. McGuigan Pepin Realty, located at 4431 St. Catherine near Kensington, is the new Westmount drop-off for event. Hours are Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, but would-be givers are advised to call first: 514.937.9393 or 514.846.0846.

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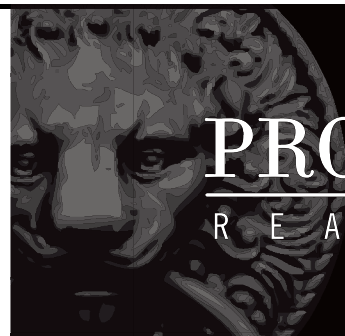
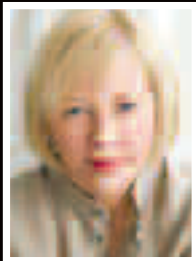
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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1407

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1407 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1300 SUR LES PERMIS ET CERTIFICATS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 avril 2011.

Ce règlement a pour objet de modifier les tarifs imposés pour l'étude de plan de construction et de rénovation, ainsi que pour les permis de construction (résidentiel, commercial ou autres usages).

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 12 avril 2011.

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1407

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1407 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES BY-LAW 1300**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on April 4, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to modify the fees imposed for construction and renovation plan reviews, as well as building permits (residential, commercial and other uses).

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this April 12, 2011.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
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## Inside the mind of a single parent



### Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

By now, most of you know, having read this column, that I'm a single parent. Extra single parent if you count the fact that my child's father lives abroad, as does my family. I'm like Aeroplan's Super Elite of single parents, minus the perks. But there are a few.

I make almost every decision alone about my daughter – from what school she'll attend to which instrument she'll play. I'm the only spectator at her school concerts, her only caretaker when she's sick, the only source of bedtime stories and the only disciplinarian when she misbehaves.

But, if I have to work late, there's nobody else to pick her up from school. For 27 days a month, I'm her mother and her father. I envy the many single parents I know who share custody of their kids because they have each other's backs when necessary, and they share the ups, downs and in-betweens of parenthood.

And because they fit their social life into their nights off, and they do not spend the equivalent of Ghana's GDP on babysitters.

Still, my well-meaning married friends often list which parts of their anatomy they would give to be in my shoes, because it seems that even in two-parent homes, one parent always does more parenting than the other, so they often feel like single parents. And sometimes they feel like they parent their spouses too.

#### Caribbean break

Like I said, there are perks. I spent my daughter's March break here in Montreal while she was away on a Caribbean island with her father and his family. For 10 days she built sand castles on postcard-perfect beaches while I leapt over slush puddles,

### More tickets issued for begging

A man asking for money on Greene Ave. was issued a \$75 ticket March 30 for begging without a permit, Public Security officials said. He was identified as a south shore resident known to officers as not being homeless and having been ticketed on several other occasions in the same area and for the same by-law infraction.

tripped over snow banks and slalomed through snow-covered streets.

It was wonderful.

It had been a month since A. had seen her dad, so she was as excited to leave as I was to sleep in past 7 am. Still, every time she gets on a plane to go see him, I pray for her safety with the intensity of a deranged pilgrim. And the strangeness of relinquishing my "mother" self at the gate, leaves me feeling lost for the first few hours after she goes. She is so central to my life that its limits are set by my love for her. To have them disappear is as disorienting as if the wall I'd been leaning on had vanished.

#### Pack lunch, untangle knots

Slowly my days become mine again. No more leaping from my bed in the morning to pack my daughter's lunch while also making her breakfast, my breakfast, and arguing over what she'll wear to school that day, while simultaneously brushing my teeth and chasing her around the house to untangle the knots in her hair.

The spaces in my mind that were filled with thoughts about what to make for dinner or whether I remembered to pack her bathing suit that morning, sit blissfully empty. I get to replace those practical thoughts with creative ones, by dancing til the wee hours or flying off to Calcutta to hang out in leprosy clinics.

I've come to the conclusion that part of what makes me a good parent is not being one – or in my case, two – for a few nights every month.

I savour the little pleasures of solitude the way you chase that last bite of chocolate mousse from the corner of your plate and onto your spoon – with relish, and a touch of guilt for enjoying it so much.

But as with any rich dessert, my freedom tastes sweeter because it comes in small portions. I can enjoy my time away from my child only because I know she'll be home soon.

### Conservative election signs vandalised

Stephen Pickford, campaign manager for Conservative Party candidate for Westmount-Ville Marie, Neil Drabkin, reported on April 9 that his office was informed by Westmount Public Security that 20 of Drabkin's posters along The Boulevard had been pulled down and slashed in half, "all in a similar manner indicating that such was undertaken in a calculated program to render each sign unusable in the future," he said.



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## Visionnaires' vision for adult ed.



From left: Andrew Burlone and Patricia Dumais of Visionnaires with Philippe Beha. Photo: Agustin Guerra

## Wrong way, Part 2

A resident reported a car going east on de Maisonneuve, starting from Metcalfe, on April 5 at around 10:30 am. "I flagged them down, and they seemed to get the idea because they pulled into a driveway and turned around." Unlike the same witness' previous report ("Wrong way", March 29, p. 3), the relevant signage was perfectly clear. "Drivers just have to wake up a little more, I guess."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Westmounter and artistic director **Gabrielle Soskin** and her young cast of actors give a preview presentation of their production of *Mary's Wedding*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free, donations invited. Info: [www.persephoneproductions.org](http://www.persephoneproductions.org).

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- **Mayor's blood donor clinic** from 2 to 8 pm at Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5226.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- **Renovation workshop** organized by the city of Westmount's Urban Planning department. First session starts at 9 am. Cost: \$10. Tickets can be obtained at Victoria Hall or city hall.
- **Big band dance** at Victoria Hall, 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or if wearing Big Band era attire (\$25 at the door) available at Victoria Hall. See story, p. 27.
- Adoption clinic and nail trimming at Naturalanimal & Pawtisserie 4932B Sherbrooke St., 12 to 4 pm. \$10 fundraiser to

## TIME to dance

The Study student Myriam Gad is again organizing a dance for students in grades 8 through 11 through her not-for-profit organization, TIME (Teens In Motion Everywhere). Last year's event netted \$11,000 for Centre Philou, a respite centre for severely physically handicapped children.

This year's event takes place at the

benefit the rabbits of Secours Lapins Quebec.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Poetry readings by John Fretz, Carole David, Karen Elaine Spencer, Ryan Rudick and Jack Locke as part of "5 poets, Sweet and Savoury," 2 pm at Westmount Public Library. RSVP: 514.484.0254.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

**City council meeting**, city hall, 5 pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

The Westmount Historical Association's Greene Ave. Talks continue with speaker **Michael Millman**, owner/manager of Westend Art Gallery on "Art on the Avenue," 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: 514.989.5510.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Deadline for submitting nomination for **The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA)'s Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award** is today. Send to the committee: Rosalind Davis, Marilynn Gillies or Michael Ellwood at [volunteer.award@wma-amw.org](mailto:volunteer.award@wma-amw.org) or call 514.932.2026.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- **R2 re-zoning registers** will be open at city hall from 9 am to 7 pm. See story, p. 1.

Telus Theatre on St. Denis on Saturday, April 16.

The 800-person dance will benefit Centre Philou's new specialized summer day camp.

Tickets are available for \$15 through school representatives or by contacting TIME at [www.timemontreal.org](http://www.timemontreal.org).

## Protester Levine uses shock method to draw attention to his complaint about lack of charity



Pictured to the left, a police officer asks activist Murray Levine what his sign signifies, during Levine's protest April 8 on the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke. Levine believes that participants of the Tour de l'île de Montréal should be invited to raise funds for charity, as do participants of similar events elsewhere in the world. According to Levine, Hampstead and Côte St. Luc have asked Montreal to keep the Tour east of Decarie if there is no charity component in the event. When asked later by email what connection the wording on his sign ("Will your child be next") had to do with his cause, Levine responded: "I came up with the wording in order to shock people and create curiosity so that they would go to the blog." ([murraymakingadifference.wordpress.com](http://murraymakingadifference.wordpress.com)). The race, which takes place this year on June 5, will include a section in Westmount: down Claremont to St. Catherine St. and south on the Glen Rd.

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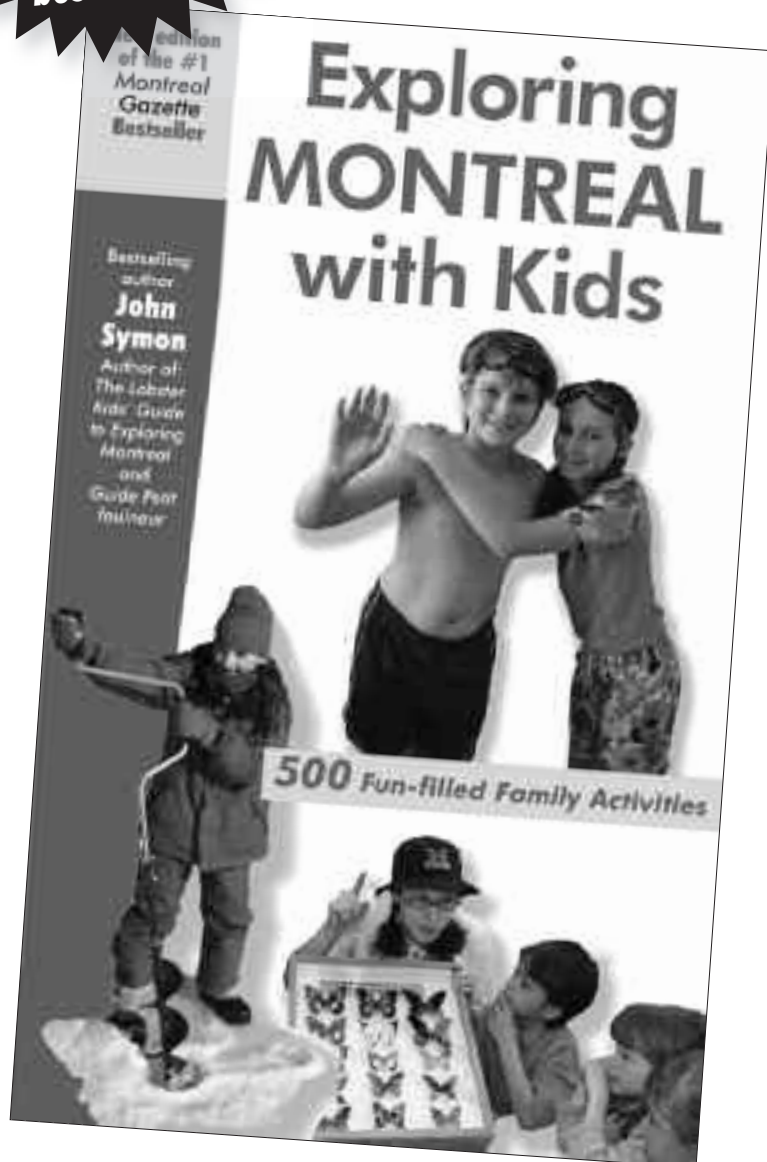
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## Community Scene

# Spring is a time religious renewal

By MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

That energizing spring feeling emerges with the holidays trailing soon after. Passover and Easter, although different in many religious aspects, convey many comparable sentiments, such as the belief and hope for renewal and reflection. In our Westmount neighbourhood, these occasions are often embraced with traditional customs and joyful familial gatherings.

At sundown on April 18, Passover, a unique Jewish holiday, starts with the first evening seder – a symbolic family meal with prayer. It is definitely a harried time of detailed preparations due to all the food modifications and cleaning out of leavened grain products from the home.

During the ensuing eight days, the Jews commemorate the exodus of the Israelites when they were freed from slavery in Egypt.

At the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Côte St. Antoine, Passover is celebrated with prayers and two synagogue seders for those who want to attend and participate with the congregation. Abby Brown, Rabbi Adam Scheier's wife, follows the rituals with care woven with her own childhood memories. Brown enjoys cooking for this particular holiday as it is a true creative challenge but she also treasures some successful and popular recipes from her youth.

As much as Brown loves the organization necessary to welcome Passover, she

makes an effort not to be immersed solely in the kitchen duties. She comments that it is not good to get caught up in the small details but everyone should focus on the holiday's true meaning. "Passover has become even more special to us as not only is it a wonderful holiday, but our first child was born the day before."

Easter frequently coincides with Passover, and this year Good Friday falls on April 22 so the two holidays will overlap. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death on the cross. It also marks the end of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday (April 24).

Kenneth Near, rector of St. Matthias Church, located on the corner of Church Hill and Côte St. Antoine Rd., says that the church has many celebratory services before and during Easter. There is the service on Palm Sunday (April 17) to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The evening of Thursday, April 21 is to remember The Last Supper. The Good Friday service (April 22) will recall the crucifixion of Christ at 12 noon, and Easter Sunday is about the Resurrection, which will culminate with a special reception in the lower hall.

Holidays remind us of family and reunion and without these special occasions, we tend to lose ourselves in our harried lifestyle. Fortunately, their annual return reinstates those essential values.

## Correction

# Westmount Florist launches new logo and website



Westmount Florist threw a cocktail party March 16 to celebrate the launch of its new website after nine months in the making. The store also presented its new logo to the some 200 invited guests. Pictured above, from left: Ralph Loader, Judy Loader, Cheryl Besner Cohen, Shari Berbrier-Fishman and owner of Westmount Florist, Christine Pickrell. The new webpage can be viewed at [www.westmountflorist.com](http://www.westmountflorist.com).

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Antonio

is a very healthy cat, neutered and has had all his shots. His front paws were declawed before he came to the shelter, which makes him an indoor-only guy.

Minou and her brother were found abandoned in an apartment after their owners moved, yet another classic moving-day horror story. Her brother has since been fortunate enough to be adopted, but petite Minou is still waiting.

She is a pearl grey domestic long-hair, a young adult female with superb green eyes.

Minou has a very sweet temperament and would be so grateful to be in a real home. She is spayed, with all her shots. She, also, is declawed and therefore must be kept indoors.

If you would like to find out more about huggable Antonio and lovely Minou, please contact the SPCA Montréal: 514.386.5960 or [info@spcamonteregion.ca](mailto:info@spcamonteregion.ca).

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## Maundy Thursday April 21

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## Good Friday April 22

12pm (Noon) – Good Friday Liturgy with Reading of the Passion  
7:30pm – Tenebrae Choral service

## Easter Day April 24

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**Good Friday, April 22:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, April 23:** Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3 to 4 p.m.  
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# R2 rezoning registers April 26

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Despite a suggestion at a public consultation meeting February 23, the city will not be sending out letters to residents explaining the changes, according to Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham. She said the by-laws were too complicated to outline in a letter.

## Site coverage to be reduced

At the 67 large properties, site coverage is to be reduced and minimum setbacks increased from seven to 10 feet at side property lines.

All 221 properties regardless of size, however, are affected by the proposal to limit the extent of underground construction to the building lines of above-grade construction. Currently, underground building can be undertaken from one side property line to the other. This restriction would also apply to extensions of existing basements.

If sufficient numbers of qualified voters sign any of the registers, the proposed changes in that zone can either be withdrawn by city council or be subjected to a referendum. The numbers are calculated according to a complicated formula.

## Voting eligibility

Qualified voters are those domiciled in at least one of the zones or owning property there. Further information is available at the city clerk's office, 514.989.5318.

A total of 26 signatures of qualified voters out of 154 will be required to sign the register for zone R2-07-01, according to city clerk Mario Gerbeau.

Interestingly, however, all the qualified voters in zone R2-07-01 are also included in the totals for the other two zones by virtue of the zone having petitioned for the registers. Only those people can sign the registers in all three zones. As a result, this swells the total number of qualified voters in the other two zones.

In zone R2-09-01, 36 signatures are required out of 253. And in R2-10-01, a total of 37 are needed out of 266, including the R2-07-01 people.

# 'Ballroom Blitz' at Vic Hall Saturday

Reviving the Saturday night dances for which Victoria Hall was famous during the 1930s and '40s proved so successful last November that the city will hold another one this Saturday, April 16.

"It's back by popular demand," said Councillor Nicole Forbes, commissioner of Culture and Community Events. Forbes remembers her mother's reminiscences of attending the dances when the Johnny Holmes Orchestra with a young Oscar Peterson attracted people from all over Montreal to the Saturday night dances.

As a result, the city's Community Events office has booked the Ballroom Blitz Orchestra, which specializes in swing music, for the upcoming return engagement taking place from 7 to 11 pm.

Members of the city's Sports and Recreation department will be on hand again to provide demonstrations and instruction from 7 to 8 pm to those who would like to learn or brush up on the dance steps.

Tickets, including snacks (sandwiches, cookies and coffee), cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, available at Victoria Hall. There will a cash bar. For further information call 514.989.5226 or check the city website [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

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# St. Patrick's Society charity



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
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Westmounters Sara Pedersen and Patrick Shea

The annual St. Patrick's Society Charity Ball on March 11 celebrated the Society's 177th anniversary. Held at the Château Champlain, there were pre-cocktail parties, complete with tiara-topped princesses – and a queen – crowning the elegance for the emerald gala.

Hurley's Hotel Pub party was packed on the main floor. The patrons' cocktail, sponsored by Power Corp., took place on the 36th floor with its stupendous view of night-lit Montreal.

Noted admiring the view was the honoree of the ball, Irish ambassador **Ray Bassett**, along with Westmount resident and president of the St. Patrick's Society, **Patrick Shea**, with his wife, **Sara Pedersen**, glamorous in a ruched ..... white RUSH Couture *continued on p. 29*

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# Greta remembers those cultivated words



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As usual my dears, Aurelien and I, Greta von Schmedlapp, have been slaving away with the usual juggling of clients, suppliers and deliveries.

Changes galore! All of you design fiends must take a stroll along the section

of Nôtre Dame from Atwater to Guy to see what has changed. There are new trendy restos, including several nice ones at both ends of the “Antique Row,” and the Burgundy Lion Pub facing Liverpool House and Joe Beef are thriving.

The name Grand Central has never been more appropriate than now, as big changes and moves are happening in the shop scene. Gordon Downs and brother Wayne are still very busy with their international clientèle – it’s been over 30 years now.

There are several other top antique

shops on the stretch, but be on the lookout for some contemporary home furnishing places mixed in with other pubs.

Since the area around Atwater market has many new condos, there has to be places nearby for them to shop and party!

### Learn some design vocab

Now, about the design vocabulary that Aurel and I have been obsessing about lately. First off, we start to froth at the mouth when we see the word “opaque” used instead of “translucent.” I have seen this word used in design articles in the *Gazette* and American design magazines, such as: “The shower stall had huge slabs of opaque glass that opened on to the trendy bedroom...” The author obviously meant translucent: trans=across and lucent=light. I don’t think this is rocket science, but keep a look out for this *faux pas*.

The objective of this column today is to let all of you design fiends out there have some choice words to use while shopping antiques, and looking at classic buildings. Sprinkling these words judiciously in your conversation will give the listener/shopkeeper/real estate agent the impression that you are somewhat ..... well educated on the sub- *continued on p. 30*

## Social Notes...



Parade princesses Whitney Mallett, Keira Kilmartin, Shahini, Ashley Trainor, and queen Olivia Crawford

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gown.

Patrick was wearing the golden chain of office, which he dons at official occasions throughout the two-year tenure. Also wearing an official chain of office was Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd (lovely Welsh name!), president of the St. David’s Society, attending with his wife Joanne Devlin, the society’s secretary.

Seen amongst the eleganza were Westmounters McAuslan Brewery’s Peter McAuslan, (in a Buchanan kilt), with his wife, business partner and master brewer Ellen Bounsall (wearing red satin Astri Prugger), and *Westmount Independent* publisher David Price with his wife Catherine McKenzie, as well as Irishman of the year, Jeff Mahar, (wearing a wonderful green cummerbund and bow tie) with his wife, Mimi, and daughter, actress Nathalie Fay;

author Kathy Reichs, and Irene and Bill Hurley, who sponsored the evening’s Hurley’s Hotel Pub.

Danny Zangwill, Power Corp’s VP of real estate and St. Patrick’s Society board member, danced the night away with his wife Carole, who wore a gown by her daughter Stephanie Bergeron.

Zangwill, along with other ball committee members Christie Brown, Julie Dunn, Conall Francoeur, Tod Lunt, Erin Matheson, Marilyn Meikle, Julie Balderston-Rooney, Patrick Shea and Patrick Short organized a sensational soirée, complete with Celtic dances performed with a pretty precision that brought admiring applause.

Parade princesses were Keira Kilmartin, Whitney Mallett, Sarah Shahani, Ashley Trainor, and their queen was Olivia Crawford.

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# 'Pediment,' 'gadrooning' – juicy words

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ject.

My first cultivated word is “patina.” Use this especially in antique shops. Rather than calling a piece of furniture “badly worn,” call it “patina.” Remember, there is a serious business of fake-ageing new furniture, including beating chairs and tables with chains and often burying them in old barnyards! It's not dirty and raggedy, it's is heavily patinated!

Another juicy word is “pediment.” This

is the triangular façade usually held up by several columns. The ancient Greek temples had large pediments, some with elaborate bas-relief sculpture. The Elgin marbles are the most noteworthy examples (look them up immediately!). It's worth several mentions in front of would-be architectural experts. Please do remember that a pediment has nothing to do with young boys!

### Antiquing on Nôtre Dame

The next time you are in one of the shops along Nôtre Dame, look for good mahogany tables or chests that have carved spiral roping along the top surface edges. The expert word is “gadrooning.” For example, “the desk has such lovely gadrooning – not often found in such good proportion.”

The final word for your expert vocabulary today is “chiaroscuro.” Last May, we were so lucky to see the Caravaggio Retrospective. His use of *chiaroscuro* surpasses Rembrandt's. All of you who suffered in Latin in school will remember that this word is a mash-up of *clair* (light) and *scuro* (shadow). In comparison to other artists in his era, Caravaggio used very dramatic lighting almost as if the subjects were in a

spot light. Rembrandt is a close second in our opinion.

### Trip to Tuscany and Rome

So, until next time dear friends...Remember that Aurel and I are planning a “Culture & Sculpture” tour to Tuscany and Rome. The plan is for two trips: one in the spring and one in the fall. The first week will be in Villa di Piazzano in Cortona for marble sculpture, cooking lessons and wine tastings. The second week will be half in Florence and half in Rome to see the classic buildings, along with museum visits to see the real Michelangelo, Vasari, Bernini and Caravaggios. Please do send an inquiry to aurelien@colorsbyaurelien.com for all the details.

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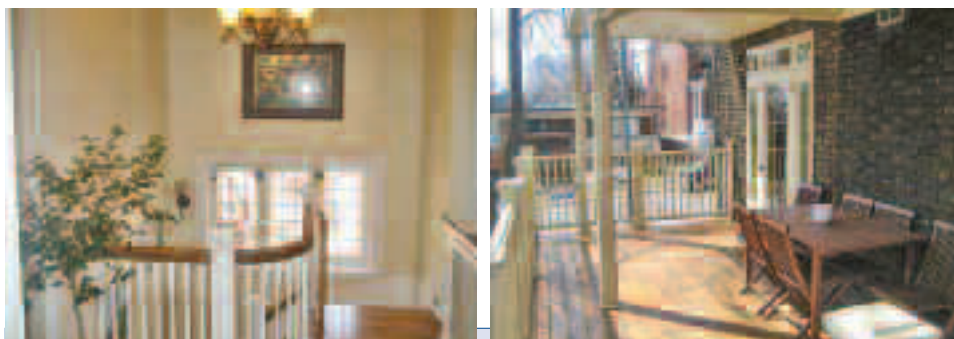


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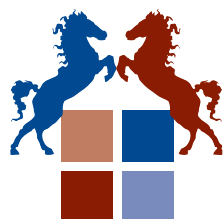
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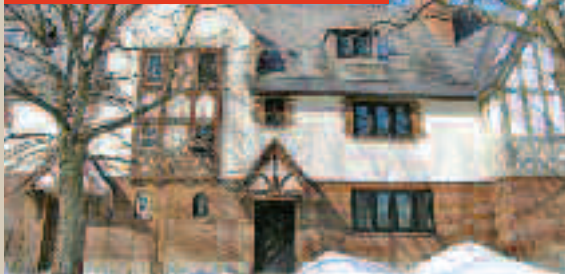
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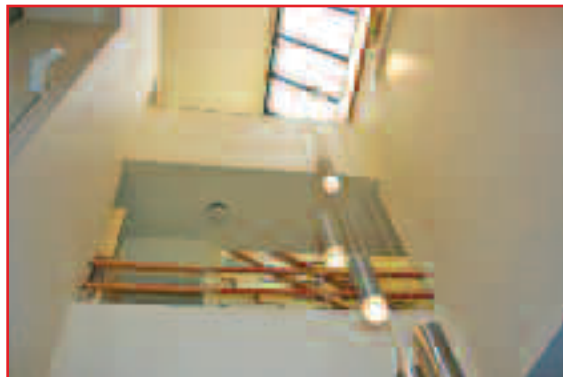
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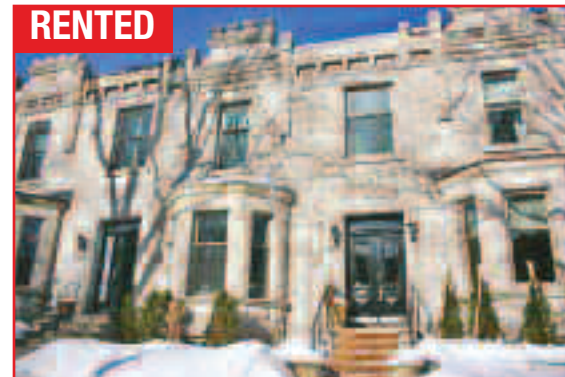


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