

New garbage by-law discussed

The goal of the city's proposed new garbage by-law is to keep the city clean but it will require a change in behaviour, an information meeting hears December 1.

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Dawson rugby wins 2nd place in regionals



Photo: Janet Brais

The Dawson College Blues, with a score of 14, were runners up to the John Abbott Islanders with 20 points in the RSEQ men's rugby finals, November 13 at the John Abbott field. This was the CEGEP regionals finals. Westmounters Zander Brais and George Gardiner were inducted to the all-star team.

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K.I.D.S. evacuated

Car looked like a bomb

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A suspicious-looking car believed to contain a bomb November 28 turned out to be an older vehicle with mechanical problems, Public Security officials said. It apparently had been rigged up to work with a home remedy that generated suspicions and brought a bevy of emergency vehicles to St. Catherine and Grosvenor.

Public safety officers had been called by the janitor of a building at the northeast corner when he found the car illegally left in the parking lot of the building that contains the K.I.D.S. Academy's daycare and pre-school, and several other businesses.

Arriving at the scene about 3:20 pm, Public Safety Officer Paul Moarcas further investigated the car, which the janitor pointed out contained some strange looking components. These included a black cable running from the dashboard to the back seat, a red gas tank between the driver's seat and the back seat and a briefcase with a protruding wire.

Moarcas called for police, blocked access to the area and along with Public Security Sgt. Kim Colquhoun began evacuating children from the pre-school along with other building occupants.

Police cordoned off the area until the owner of *continued on p. 5*

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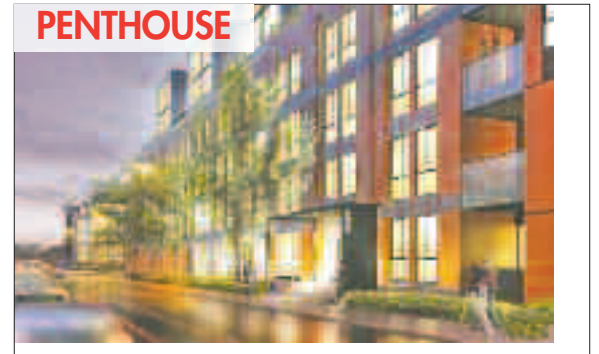


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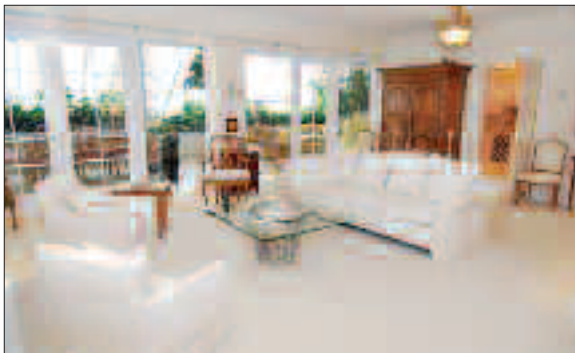
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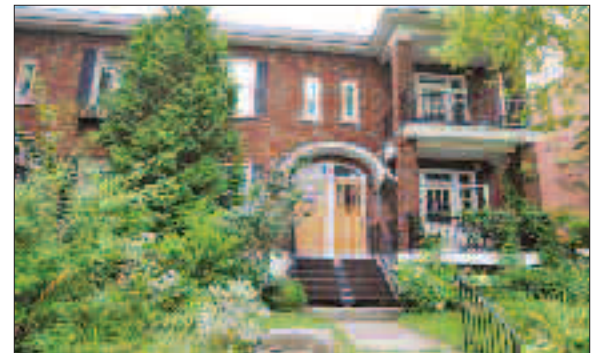


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Library launches eBooks Dec. 7 in time for holidays

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After many months of planning, the Westmount Public Library was set to go live with its introduction of eBooks at 11 am this Wednesday, December 7.

The new service, considered by the library to be a milestone in its continued electronic offerings, is being financed entirely by a \$15,000 donation from the Friends of the Library, using proceeds of its book sales.

It's starting off with 258 titles, 96 of which are for children and teens. Most are current fiction and non-fiction bestsellers selected using the library's regular standards and criteria and purchased from Overdrive, the service contractor.

"We're pretty excited to be able to offer eBooks," said library director Julie-Anne

Cardella.

"It's something our patrons have been asking us for as people become more and more comfortable with technology. And it's happening just in time for the holidays when people may be receiving eReaders as gifts."

The Overdrive service runs on most tablets and eReaders with the exception of Kindle. A full list of compatible systems is available at the library's eBook site: <http://westmount.lib.overdrive.com>.

The new service enables holders of library cards to borrow online any time of day and night up to three eBooks at a time in addition to whatever other library material they have on loan and with a choice of one, two or three weeks. This allows fast readers to make a quick turnover.

There will be no fines for overdue

eBooks: when the time expires, the content simply disappears from the screen.

Because Overdrive and other eBook providers must negotiate licences and agreements with publishers, some titles may still be available only in print form, explained Lora Baiocco, online services and archives librarian. One example of this is the new Steve Jobs biography.

Overdrive, however, was chosen as being the most appropriate service for a public library and offering a good range of

best sellers, though, like most, all are in English.

"Our focus is on high demand, popular titles," explained reference librarian Mai Jay. "We're looking for good literature recently published." The same criteria were used by Wendy Wayling for children's and teens' material.

The eBook collection is being integrated with the library's regular catalogue, and selections may be reserved in the regular manner.



Westmount librarians display examples of the same book in print and electronic versions. From left: Lora Baiocco with a tablet, Julie-Anne Cardella with a traditional book and Mai Jay with an eReader.




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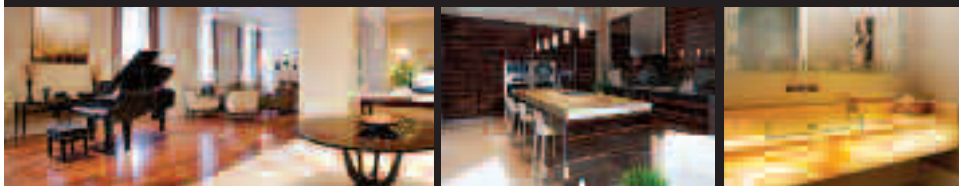


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Residents seek garbage crackdown, clarification

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The goal of Westmount's proposed new garbage management by-law is to keep the city clean, city officials told 15 residents December 1 at an information session held by the Healthy City Project (HPC).

And judging from concerns raised by citizens who spoke during the two-way discussion, that's exactly what they wanted: clearer, better enforced regulations and greater compliance from neighbours.

Where they sometimes differed was in how this could be achieved. Some suggested education, communication and friendly persuasion. Others doubted that would make a difference.

"There's a cult of apathy and neglect that has set in to Westmount," stated York

St. resident Dorothy Lipkovenko. "Westmount isn't what it used to be 10 years ago." She cited "a massive turnover" in population and called for bringing the city back to "where it used to be."

"It's wonderful to see people concerned about their city," said Councillor Theodora Samiotis. The new by-law was, "all about changing behaviours."

The draft document not only updates the current by-law and lays down rules for how and where disposables should be left for collection, it also enshrines into law existing guidelines for the disposal of recyclables, organics, yard waste, bulk items, renovation material and household hazardous waste (see November 1, p. 1).

In general, explained city Environmental coordinator Marina Peter, the by-law calls for *continued on p. 5*



At the information session on the new garbage management by-law December 1, Tom Thompson suggests a name change to "waste management by-law."



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residents to respect the city's separate collections for recyclables, organics and regular garbage and not to contaminate one with the other by mixing them together. In other words, don't send recyclables, kitchen waste and garden debris to the landfill.

In leading a passionate appeal for enforcement of garage regulations, Lipkovenko expressed a litany of concerns and confusion over some details and the decision-making of enforcers (Urban Planning inspectors and Public Security) as well as a lack of respect by people, which were echoed by the nodding of others.

Some spoke of green doggie bags and litter strewn about sidewalks and tossed onto private property.

Patricia Dumais of Greene Ave. suggested that a friendly chat with an offending neighbour can help.

Education of the new by-law can come in many ways, added former HPC environment committee chair Jenny Patton. People would learn quickly enough when collection contractors refuse to remove materials incorrectly discarded.

Previous day discard

Among changes highlighted in the new law are those that allow residents to put out disposables after 8 pm before collection day with the exception of regular garbage that is contained in plastic bags, which may attract wild animals.

As well, leaves will only be picked up if contained in kraft paper bags or open cans; and organics from the green bin only if contained in compostable bags or wrapped in newspaper.

Another is prohibiting any material from being placed on the sidewalk, street or other public place, including leaves and garden debris placed there even temporarily by garden contractors, for which residents hiring them may be held responsible.

Prince Albert Ave. resident Louise Carpentier said she feared being ticketed if someone else put garbage on her property.

And who would watch out for garbage put out in the wrong kind of container, in the wrong place or before collection time, Lipkovenko persisted.

"It's not the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law" that mattered, explained Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

"There's always a judgment call...The city isn't on a witch hunt unless something is causing a problem. The goal is to keep the city clean. And resources won't

be dispatched for someone who puts out garbage" a little early.

Nevertheless, Zalzal later said she would pass on concerns to the city's director general, namely for the deployment of more resources to keeping the city clean.

Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier added that Public Works and Urban Planning inspectors work hand-in-hand, and no one is going to issue a ticket to a first offender.

Zalzal noted that while many of the by-law changes related to the city's responsibility for collection and transport of waste material at a budget of \$1.4 million for 2012, others reflect present or future constraints imposed by other authorities concerning recycling, composting and landfill.

Environmental initiatives had already resulted in Westmount reducing the amount of garbage going to landfill from 8,927 tonnes in 2005 to 5,215 tonnes in 2010.

A "Waste Not" guide can be downloaded from the city website, Samiotis said. She later told the *Independent* she did not know when the by-law would be presented for adoption. It was tabled October 3.

Stolen car recovered on Lewis

A stolen car was recovered outside 126 Lewis November 24 where it had been illegally parked for a couple of days in a zone reserved for construction work, Public Security officials said. The matter was brought to light just after 8 am when contractors complained the car was obstructing their work. In checking out the car's owner with police, they discovered it had been reported stolen and its removal was left in the hands of police.

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Up 3.6% vs. 3.9% in 2011

Agglo increase smaller for Westmount in 2012

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The release last week of the \$2.4-billion agglomeration budget for island-wide services in 2012 translates into a lower increase than in other recent years but still hikes Westmount's share by 3.6 percent.

While the city's portion will go from \$48.1 million to \$49.9 million, it's not exactly "good" news, but it could be considered "better" news, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* December 1.

This compares with increases of 11.9 percent in 2010 and 3.9 percent for 2011 borne by Westmount as its portion of the share assessed to the 15 demerged municipalities of ballooning island-wide expenses. The cumulative effect of the suburbs' increase since 2010 will be 22 percent, he explained, and 20 percent for Westmount.

Bomb scare

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the car could be reached, arrived, was questioned and explained the circumstances.

Public Security remained on the scene until 5:11 pm to help the children re-enter the building on their return from other K.I.D.S. quarters on St. Catherine at Metcalfe, where they had been transported in the fire department's bus.

Someone who had been in one of the houses on Grosvenor at the time told the *Independent* she felt some residents were not well informed on what they should do upon leaving their houses.

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"It's ironic that we're kind of relieved," Trent said. "In a normal world, we shouldn't be, because the increase for 2012 is well over the rate of inflation of 2.5. But it shows how poorly we've been treated in the past because now, in reality, it looks like tax relief."

The agglo's operating costs of \$2.43 billion for next year – up 43 percent from 2006 – is driven largely by pension costs, he said (see November 22, p. 1).

The island's demerged municipalities are being assessed 18.5 percent of the budget apportionment though their population comprises only some 13 percent of the island population.

In terms of impact on Westmount taxpayers, Trent said that while the city's own 2012 budget is still in preparation, regional costs (agglo and the Montreal Metropolitan Community) would consume 54 percent of the total budget and account for 61 percent of tax bills.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WESTMOUNT NEEDS TO UPDATE DECENCY BY-LAWS

Laureen Sweeney's article on a naked 45-year-old NDG woman caught in an "indecent act" behind city hall raises more questions than it answers.

Surely the woman did not violate Westmount's "good morals and decency" merely by being naked in the privacy of her companion's car at 3:36 am, where nobody would have seen her unless they peeped through the window – something which well-brought up Westmount children have been told not to do.

So she was obviously given a ticket for "being intimate" with a fully-clothed man. Is true intimacy possible when one of the parties is fully clothed?

In any case, he should have also received a ticket, either for being partially unclothed or for "being intimate" with another party behind city hall.

And how come the reporter doesn't tell us his age or where he lives? And was he also giggling? Could it be because he might be an upstanding citizen of Westmount who doesn't giggle that his privacy needs to be protected? Or could it be simply because he is a man?

It's not clear whether the reporter omitted vital information or whether the police gave the man preferential treatment. What

is clear is that Westmount by-laws need to be updated to reflect gender parity.

MAYA KHANKHOJE, KENSINGTON AVE.

VOYEURISM THE CRIME

In reference to "Naked woman caught in 'indecent act' behind city hall," (November 29, p. 1), I am inclined to notice that this incident occurred behind city hall in a private vehicle at 3:36 am, with virtually no passing traffic, and that the visibility into the vehicle would require close proximity.

It could be stated that these intimate actions were essentially private until discovered by the Public Security officer. Accordingly, would it not be appropriate to rescind the \$37 ticket, and charge the officer with voyeurism?

Just a thought. Okay, it was a stretch.

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SECURITY OR MORALITY?

While I was surprised to read that a woman was found completely naked at 3:36 am in a car parked behind city hall, I was more shocked to learn of Westmount's archaic "By-law concerning good morals and decency."

The parking lot behind city hall is not off limits at 3:36 am, and although it is a public parking lot, at that hour the woman

may well have had a reasonable expectation of privacy within her car.

Rather than telling the woman to cover up or move along, Westmount's ever-vigilant Public Morality patroller elected to watch the couple for five minutes while waiting for back-up. (Apparently, this is standard procedure. After all, a naked person has nothing to lose and may well be carrying a concealed weapon.)

News of the encounter apparently spread quickly through Westmount's Stanton St. security fortress, and our Public Morality Officers were soon joined by Montreal police.

Was all this really necessary? Was there any reasonable probability that someone who might be grievously offended by seeing a naked woman in a car would be walking in the shadows of the city hall parking lot at 3:36 am?

Perhaps our steadfast Public Morality force should focus its attention on some of the more heinous offences prohibited under the "By-law concerning good morals and decency," such as the prohibitions on wearing bathing suits or immodest clothing in public; exhibiting or selling immoral books or art; or conducting business on Sundays. Gathering evidence of these offences would be relatively easy as the by-law grants our Public Morality force the unfettered power to enter anyone's home or business in Westmount to ascertain whether immoral behaviour may be taking place.

Two suggestions: First, let's repeal Westmount's archaic, unenforceable and unconstitutional turn-of-the-century "By-law concerning good morals and decency." Second, let's direct our Public Security force to simply tell the consenting adults who are getting carried away to move along, and to focus their attention on real problems like burglary, graffiti, and, most importantly, squirrel feeding.

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TRANSPARENT CLOTHING?

With respect to your front page article of November 29, "Naked woman caught in indecent act behind city hall," is this an indication of greater transparency for the future?

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

I-SPY A TOW TRUCK

On a recent Tuesday, while I was at work, my car got towed from the street I live on to accommodate a moving truck.

I was told by Public Works that no-parking signs had been put up at 7 pm the night before and that they expected the cars to be moved before 7 am.

I come home from work at 5 pm every night, and I don't go out again. Also, it's not like I can just glance out my window to check if signs were put out. My car is seldom, if ever, parked in front of my house.

What do they expect me to do? Tuck my children into bed, then throw a coat on over my pyjamas and sneak out into the night to check if no-parking signs were put up while I was having dinner? Seriously?

The city's parking restriction procedures need to be reviewed. Surely they knew before 7 pm that a moving truck was coming the next morning? Better yet, why doesn't Public Works just post planned parking restrictions on the city's website?

Otherwise work gets delayed, cars get towed, and everybody gets very cranky.

I can understand if it's an emergency like a broken water main or when there's a snowstorm. But if they expect me to skulk around in the dark every night playing i-spy a sandwich board just in case, they can forget it, because it's not going to happen.

CHRISTINE O'CONNELL, REDFERN AVE.

ANTI-SQUIRRELISM?

Last week the *Independent* reported on two stories involving Public Security officers. On the front page was a story about a security officer going to great lengths to rescue and return a lost chicken to its house.

Buried on the third page was a story about a security officer using a broom to chase a squirrel from a house.

From this, a couple questions emerge.

First, why is it that chickens are allowed to own homes in Westmount but squirrels are not? The remaining questions are ones I have asked in this paper already: From where does Westmount Public Security Unit's contempt for squirrels come from? How much longer does it think it can ignore this issue? The pressure is mounting, your time is limited.

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Correction

The runner-up of the November 13 Glee showdown competition was St. George's School. ("Glee showdown," November 22, p. 27.)

Caught on phone, student produces meter head

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A youth was tracked down at Westmount High School November 24 after he was spotted by witnesses making off with a parking meter head, Public Security officials report. The youth produced the missing item from his locker when confronted by a photo showing him with the item.

The incident began about 1:45 am when parking inspector Pierre Thibault was approached by a shopkeeper while walking west on St. Catherine near Olivier. The shopkeeper showed him the meter pole with the missing double head and said three boys had made off with it.

The witness showed him a photo he had taken of one youth seated on the meter head. Two other witnesses also came forward.

The photo of a youth wearing a school uniform was immediately transferred from the shopkeeper's phone to the parking inspector's personal smart phone and a description recorded.

Thibault, accompanied by public safety officer Marc Franceschini, proceeded to the school with the picture. The subject

was recognized by school officials, who called the student to the office, where he apparently admitted to the theft.

Police, who happened to be at the school on an unrelated matter, were also informed. Public Security said the city would not be pressing charges since there was no proof the youth had actually removed the meter head and may have simply found it lying on the ground. There were no signs it had been cut off.

On that day of snow and rain, several meter heads were found to have "popped off" new parking meters and were missing from meter posts that apparently did not contain the usual drainage holes.

'Cool Hand' Westmount?

In the 1967 movie *Cool Hand Luke*, Paul Newman's title character ends up in jail after cutting off parking meter heads. Is the suspect a modern-day Luke or did he simply pick up an already detached meter head?

Car theft suspects watched, caught

Public safety officers followed two young men seen testing door handles on parked cars in the area of Kensington and Redfern November 27, Public Security officials said. A caller had noticed them on Kensington just after 9 pm.

PSO Sabrina Tremblay found the pair in the lane behind 377 Redfern and kept them under surveillance while awaiting police, who intercepted them in front of 4300 de Maisonneuve at 9:21 pm. It was not immediately known if they had managed to gain entry to a car.

The number of thefts from cars has been increasing in Westmount and was the subject of a similar incident November 16 on Kensington when suspects had evaded capture by PSOs and police by fleeing through back yards (see November 29, p. 10).

On November 28 at 3:54 am, Public Security received a call for someone looking into cars on Park Place. After 10 minutes of searching the area, a resident of the street informed them that her car's door handle had just been tampered with. It was found to have been almost completely removed. Nothing was stolen but she was advised to file a police report.

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Sleep-over at children's library brings 100th to a close



At a first-time activity hosted by the Westmount Children's Library, 21 children slept over at the library November 26. Six staff members helped organize games, such as ninja tag, werewolf and a scavenger hunt, where kids discovered treasures hidden throughout the library, which were then made into their own library books. The sleep-over marked the end of the Children's Library's 100th anniversary celebrations.

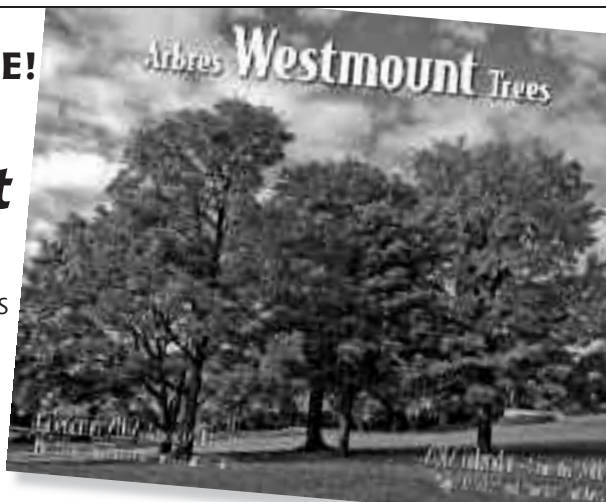
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Glee night, 7 to 8:30 pm, introducing the music of Kol HaNeshama (Temple's choir). Community sing will be followed by refreshments, 8:30 to 9 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

FACE school Midi-Jazz vocal ensemble sings Christmas carols, directed by Emmanuelle Racine, 12:30 pm at Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Free; donations invited.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

• **Dramatis Personae** community theatre presents "A Moment of Your Undivided Attention," with five light-hearted short plays directed by Jacqueline Van de Geer, 8 pm at Victoria Hall. Performances are also Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm and Monday, December 12 at 8 pm. Free, donations invited. Info: 514.486.7423 or www.theatrewestmount.com.

• Centre Greene music morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am for all ages. **Animated musical activities**. Cost: \$5 drop-in. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.6202.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

• **Westmount Youth Orchestra's** concert at Victoria Hall, 2:30 pm. Works by Handel, Lully, Corelli and Beethoven, a carol sing-along and a selection of the *Nutcracker*, with dancers. Cost: \$10 adults; free for kids and students. Info: Isabelle Morin at isabellemorin113@gmail.com.

• **World AIDS Day memorial service** at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 6 pm. In conjunction with Ga'ava, the Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer/Questioning organization in Montreal. Free and open to all. Info: 514.937.3575, ext. 217.

• A *Christmas Carol* fundraiser for the

WPUC Community Centre, 2 pm at **Westmount Park United Church**, featuring traditional holiday songs, "Christmas Café" and raffle. 4695 de Maisonneuve. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$12 students/seniors; \$10 children under 12. Reserve: 514.937.1146.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

• Author Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library.

• "Demystifying Aging," with guest speaker Mark Bromby, 6 pm at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater. Cost: \$30.76 for dinner. Reserve: **The University Women's Club of Montreal** at 514.932.3922.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Westmount Historical Association presents "**The Variety of Sports in Westmount**," with speakers from the department of Sports and Recreation, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Cost: free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: 514.989.5510.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Local police station 12's blood donor clinic, 11 am to 7 pm, at Westmount Square (location of former SAQ store.)

Fallen man helped back into bed

An elderly man, who fell on the bathroom floor of his home November 22, was reported to have been helped back into bed by public safety officers. Officials said the patrollers were called to the home on de Maisonneuve by the man's wife at 11:20 am. He was apparently unhurt but lacked the strength to get up without assistance.

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WMA to consult Westmounters in January on traffic issues

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) plans to hold a public consultation in January to gauge the reaction of Westmounters to a traffic study commissioned by the city that is expected to serve as a planning template for years to come.

A preliminary report by the civil engineering firm Genivar describes traffic conditions in every part of Westmount. A final report was expected to be ready by the end of the year, but has been delayed.

“We propose to have a meeting at the end of January on that subject and to invite citizens to come to be informed on what the findings are and to start getting their ideas as to where we should be going,” WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard said in an interview following the November 14 board meeting.

According to Picard, the city has been using *ad hoc* traffic calming measures for years, such as mid-block stop signs and speed humps, but the time may have come for a broader approach.

During the same meeting, some WMA members expressed concern about the impact that a reserved bus lane along Sher-

brooke St. could have on local merchants, as well as on parking in the area.

“I think there is a concern that it’s a little bit tight for a reserved lane and cars as well,” said Maureen Kiely, who first raised the issue during the September city council meeting.

“I think the merchants may be hit a little bit, and not just in our area but all the way along Sherbrooke,” she added. “There’s going to be no parking from 3:30 to 6:30, I assume, on one side of the street. So it is going to make it that much tighter. It’s going to be a problem, I think, and for some maybe a hardship.”

Following a meeting with Councillor Theodora Samiotis on traffic-related issues, WMA vice president Paul Marriott said he will be recommending that bicyclists be appointed to the city’s traffic committee in the future. “I said ‘how many cyclists are on the traffic committee?’ and she said none,” said Marriott.

“I think they should have community representatives on the traffic committee,” he continued. “They should have somebody from the residents, they should have some cyclists on there and people representing all the different aspects of traffic



Members of the Westmount Municipal Association board discuss issues during its November 14 meeting at the Westmount Public Library.

in Westmount. Not just the police, public security and the councillors. She seemed to think that was a positive idea.”

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Westmounters show their support for NDG Food Depot



The NDG Food Depot received some extra support on December 3 while some of its staff were out gathering donations of food and money at the southeast corner of Victoria Ave. and Sherbrooke St. Among the many Westmounters who made donations were Nick Scheib, far left, and Suzanne Hood standing beside him. Seen on the right are food depot coordinator Marc Culligan and executive director Fiona Keats. Some \$10,000 was collected that day from the depot's entire drive. Of that amount, \$2,230 was collected in Westmount. Food pick-ups took place in NDG and Montreal West. The December food drive is the food depot's biggest mobilization of the year. Some 600 volunteers are involved in the one-day effort. St. Stephen's Church in Westmount help collect food. The Independent's sister paper, the Free Press, was one of the drive's sponsors.

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Foot patrols to start Dec. 10

The Public Security Unit will be increasing foot patrols in Westmount's commercial districts starting December 10, assistant director Greg McBain announced last week.

"The aim is just to be out there on the street to be more visible and deter the typical smash-and-grab thefts from cars and other incidents that occur at that time of year," he explained.

A special focus would be placed on the evening period when stores stay open for holiday shopping and people are in a hurry and not necessarily taking the precaution they should to secure parked cars.

Police had also stated they would be putting more patrollers in the commercial areas over the holiday shopping period (see November 22, p. 7).

Critics meeting with MNA Chagnon and MP Garneau Save the Park repeats calls for arena/pool changes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A group of opponents to the city's arena/pool plan repeated its calls for changes to the project at a press conference organized by the Save the Park! group on November 28.

Speakers reiterated the group's previous claims that the plan for two full-sized underground rinks and outdoor pools where the above-ground arena now stands did not meet the needs of the community in general, was too large for the park and would generate too much noise, traffic and pollution.

Even though the tendering process for design-build submissions is now in the final stage, with bids to be opened December 16, "the city should stop, have a moment of reflection and make changes to the plan," said Patrick Barnard, a co-founder of the group. "That's my message."

"We'd probably be sued," Mayor Peter Trent said later.

Under the design-build process, he explained, consortia bidding on the project have been investing considerable time and money to prepare their proposals according to the city's specifications.

The group also displayed a bound edition of "Change Westmount Arena Plan", a mainly online petition of 2,150 names it had collected over eight months since last April 16. Spokespersons also said they had expressed the group's concerns recently in a meeting with MNA Jacques Chagnon and intended to raise them again with MP Marc Garneau on December 2.

While the group proposed no alternatives to the city plan, Barnard told the *Independent* he personally would like the new facility to be built above ground on the footprint of the existing 1957 arena, with one large ice rink and "the kiddies' rink" along with an indoor/outdoor pool.

He asked those attending the press conference – about 30 – to voice their concerns at the city council meeting December 5.



From left: Mavis Young, Gotham Hooja and Patrick Barnard.



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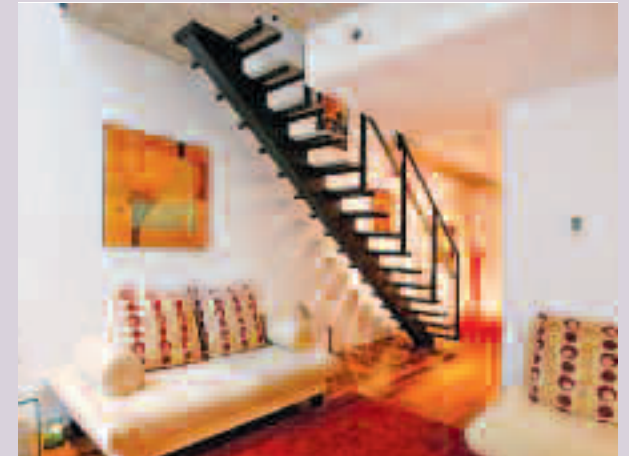
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BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

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Bhavna Khanna sits beside her favourite flower, the orchid.

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lived in Italy (lucky lady!). Not only was she a resident of this country of chic, but she ran a business with her husband Vincenzo. Now she and her family love the parks and the markets of Montreal. I had to invite her to be a Westmount Independent trendsetter.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

My style has evolved a great deal. As far as colours, I would classify myself as a “winter” woman. My closet is filled with black, white and silver. But I have branched out a bit and dared to indulge in colours like red and fuchsia. My style is trendy but not necessarily “up to the minute.” I would never buy something because it is all the rage. I prefer to buy select items that I love and that show my edginess. But, there is also a classic component to my style, and there are also moments when I am more at ease dressed simply.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Comfy-chic. Being dressed up doesn't mean having to suffer. I dress intelligently. Gone are the days where I get dressed up and then desperately await the moment to change out of my attire – especially the shoes! But during the week I do fancy up

a bit as it is fitting to my work place.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

The weekends are for family – my two daughters and my husband. The apparel appropriate for running errands together or spending time outdoors is sporty/yoga/athletic. In winter, I am in a ski suit on weekends.

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object!

Tough question! However, as a former Canadian expatriate and after having lived in Italy for 14 years, I am going to go with six months in Montreal and six months in Italy. I am unsure where in Italy – there are far too many tempting places! La Costa Smeralda in Sardinia is in pole position, though!

What is your favourite flower?

I love orchids. I find them flawless and beautiful. There are no two alike but all are similarly intricate. The occasional, unex-

pected red rose from my husband is always appreciated!

Do you have flowers in your home?

Orchids at the moment. My mum has a love for flowers, and she'll often surprise me with elaborate arrangements when she visits.

Whom would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, from any era?

Christiane Amanpour and Barbara Walters. I am fascinated by their professions and would love to hear them reminisce about the interviews they have carried out with some of the greatest and/or controversial personalities of the 20th and 21st centuries. However I would want the unedited, uncensored version of their views!

GALAS

What is your favourite big Montreal gala?

There is no particular gala that stands out. If it is related to fundraising, I am an avid believer in that social event. For these occasions, the giving involved is heartwarming and inspiring, and I love to attend.

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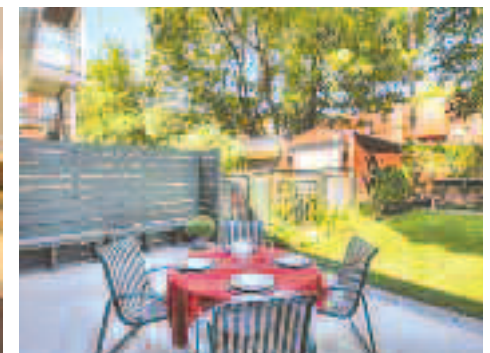
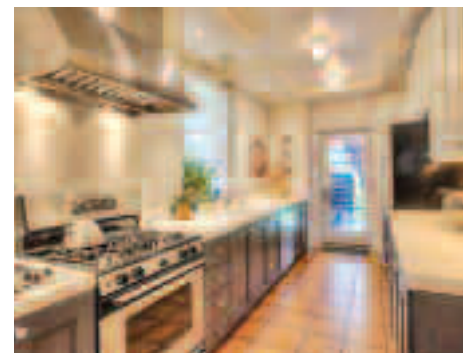


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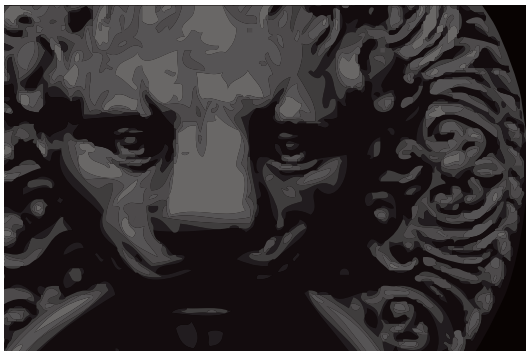
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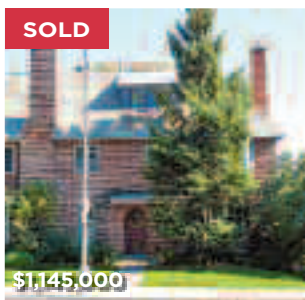
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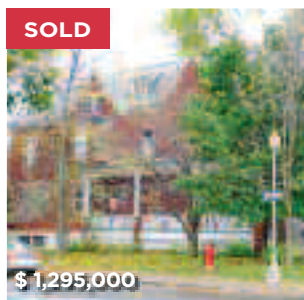


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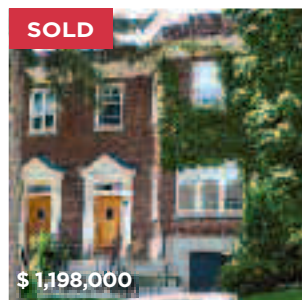
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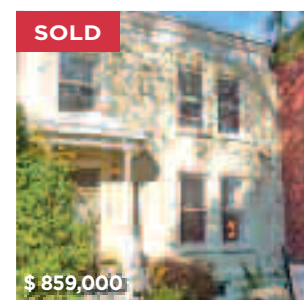
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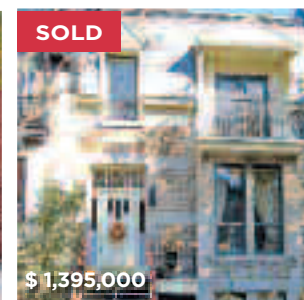
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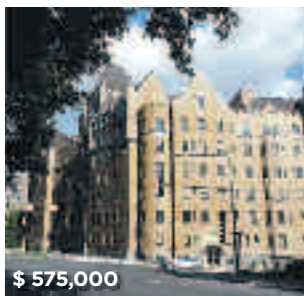
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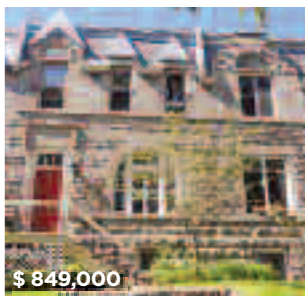
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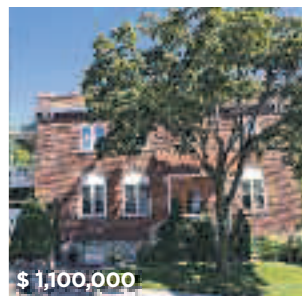
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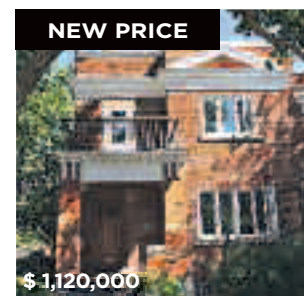
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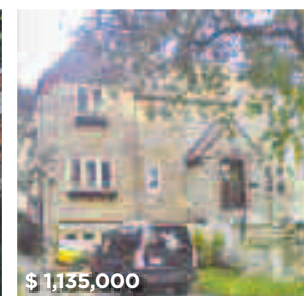
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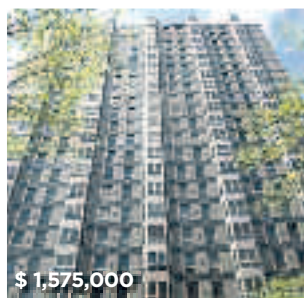
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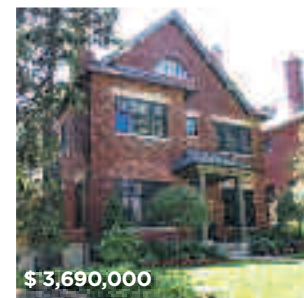
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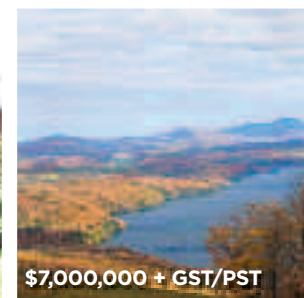
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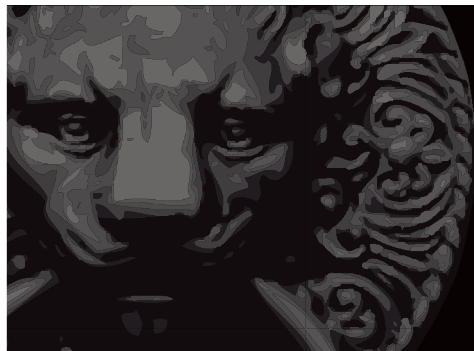
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CONGRATULATIONS to all my kind clients & **THANK YOU AGAIN** for your continued confidence!

Besner's Mora event – glamorous and artistic



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Well, what a night it was! First of all, even the trees seem to wear sequins, as their leaves, wet from the rain and twist-

ing in the wind, reflected light by street lamps. Secondly, the November 3 soirée was one of the most outstanding events performed in Montreal.

Instead of a red carpet (how yesterday), the entrance to the armory on Côte des Neiges was lit by airport runway-style lights. But before one could even get that far, there were “special steps” that had to have been taken: One, you had to be invited; two, the address was confidential; and three, partygoers had to go to one

place, leave their car and then take a bus to the secret address.

There the glam guests enjoyed canapés, bar service and a great space, dramatically decorated with lighting, massive scaffolding and artist **Dominic Besner's** works. After all, it was his event.

Organized by Galerie MX, the eve featured Besner's creation called “Mora” – partly an installation (with a contortionist working her way out of an egg) and part performance. LaSalle College students dressed as jackals took part in a theatrical piece, and singer **Diane Dufresne** appeared as the white lady always seen in Dominic Besner's paintings.

The evening united the best and the brightest of art and society, including Quebec



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Stéphane Laveur and Christophe Astruc.

media celebs **Francine Grimaldi**, **Geneviève Borne**, **Jeffrey Feldman**, as well as **Guy Laliberté**, **Michael Mensi**, **Patrick Rochon** and **Deborah Usher**, editor in chief of *Arabella* magazine, who flew in from Toronto.

Other journalists arrived from London, England and Europe for this one-off event.

Westmounters included **Linda Smith**, **Milana** and **Daniel Gagnon**, **Joseph Montanaro** and **Charles Robinson**, as well as **Stéphane Laveur** and **Christophe Astruc**, who work in Westmount.

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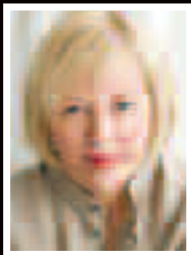
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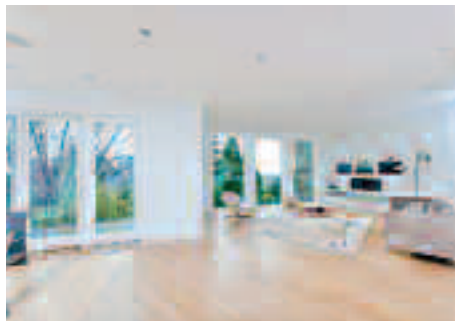


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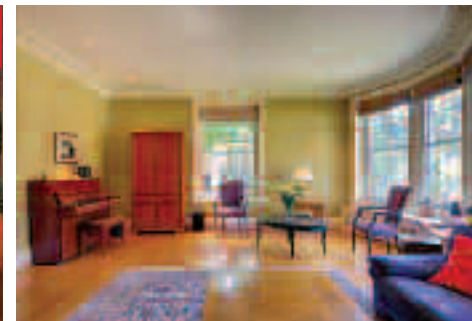
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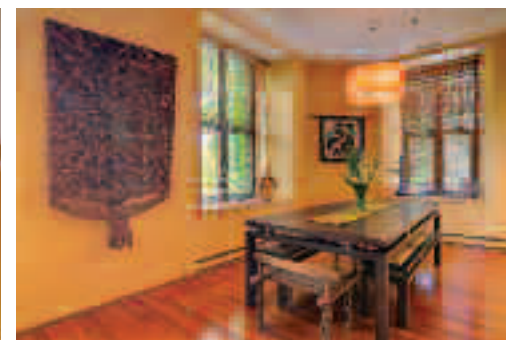
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Trendsetter Bhavna Khanna

continued from p. 13

What designer do you like to wear?

A few. If I had to choose, one that stands out it would Roberto Cavalli. I find his designs and fabric choices exude femininity. I love his original, flamboyant, daring styles but prefer the less eccentric end of his design spectrum.

FASHION

Today many stores such as Zara, Century 21 and H&M offer the latest looks at an affordable price. What do you think of today's fashions?

I think these stores give women the opportunity to explore different looks and "dress up" at reasonable prices. There is something for everyone, and the little gaps in the market continue to be filled by new labels or existing ones expanding their

lines to suit the both genders, teens, children – and even babies!

Made in Italy boutique collecting donations for St. Vincent de Paul

Made in Italy boutique is collecting donations of non-perishable food items at its 4918 Sherbrooke St. store, corner Prince Albert.

"People in the community are so generous and understanding, we want to make it easier for everyone to help those in need – to do our part," stated the store's owner Anna Maria Parisi in a press release.

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Nashens celebrate 30 and 100



Westmounter and former Indie contributor Barry Nashen, left, and brother Jeff were out celebrating IBM's centenary at Ferreira on Peel St. on November 29. Their firm, Nashen Technologies, is a partner of IBM throughout eastern Canada and is entering its 30th year of operation. Barry is vice president and Jeff is the president of the technology firm, which develops custom applications in the customer relationship and enterprise resource planning fields, as well as doing more general IT consulting, education, and 24/7 monitoring and maintenance.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Mitchell receives Selwyn's Speirs Medal



Retired athletic director of Selwyn House Steve Mitchell, left, received the Speirs Medal from outgoing Selwyn House board chair Ted Claxton, right, during a presentation that took place at the school's annual Founder's Day on November 24. Mitchell spent 27 years at Selwyn House coaching hockey, football and baseball, and served as athletic director from 1990 to 2011.

Photo courtesy of Selwyn House

Handsome brothers



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

They are identical brother kittens except for one white spot on Formal's chest, which I refer to as his evening shirt. Since Sporting is not to be left undressed, I refer to his dark chest as a black turtleneck



Formal



Sporting

I could have shown you a photograph of them both rolling around, like two mini-wrestlers, but you wouldn't have been able to tell Formal from Sporting.

sweater.

So, as you can imagine, I am having a wonderful time fostering these young kittens, who are old enough now to go to

Students warned against throwing ice, snow at cars

A Public Security patrol spotted a group of 10 to 15 high school students throwing snowballs and chunks of ice at passing cars on Sherbrooke near Argyle, November 24. Public Security officials said the officer warned the group of the damage and possible accidents that could result and then informed officials at École Internationale.

families in our neighbourhood.

They are healthy, good eaters, affectionate, and macho when they decide to tackle obstacles and new situations.

If you would like more information on Formal and Sporting, please contact me at 514.909.7186 or drop by to visit and get ready to wear big socks – they like to hop onto feet and ride along!

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CYNTHIA LEE

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Eventually, though, through trial and

error, most discover the three-legged challenge difficult but doable. The same logic holds true for four- or five-year-old Ringer, a beagle who happens to have just three useable legs.

For him, every day is like running a three-legged race, but without a partner. The mystery surrounding the circumstance of how this cutie lost part of his leg remains just that, a mystery. This likeable beagle was rescued along with many others from a hoarding situation.

The amazing thing about Ringer is that he is very mobile and also creative about how he manages without his fourth limb.

It's been said that if the mood strikes him he can jump and beg for a cookie. That pretty well sums up Ringer – resilient, determined and having made the best of a terrible and what must have been a terrifying experience, whatever it was.

He is a cheerful beagle, who gets along with all sorts of folk no matter how many legs they have: two, three, four, 10, 25 – it doesn't matter to him!

If you find three-legged races irresistible, how about three-legged dogs? Why not give Ringer a chance? His outlook on life may just prove contagious. Please contact Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions on her pager at 514.203.9180 or email info@gerdysrescue.org.



Ringer

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BUDGET 2012 PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 2012-2013-2014

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, QUE :

- 1 le budget de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 2012 ainsi que le programme triennal d'immobilisations pour les exercices financiers 2012, 2013 et 2014 seront déposés pour adoption au cours d'une séance spéciale du conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount qui se tiendra le lundi 19 décembre 2011, à 20 h dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount; et
- 2 lors de cette séance spéciale, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le budget et le programme triennal d'immobilisations.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 6 décembre 2011.

BUDGET 2012 THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 2012-2013-2014

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, THAT:

1. the budget of the City of Westmount for the fiscal year 2012, and the three-year programme of capital expenditures for the fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the municipal council of the City of Westmount to be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke West Street, Westmount; and
2. at said special sitting, the deliberations of the Council and the question period shall deal exclusively with the budget and the three-year programme of capital expenditures.

ISSUED in Westmount, on December 6, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
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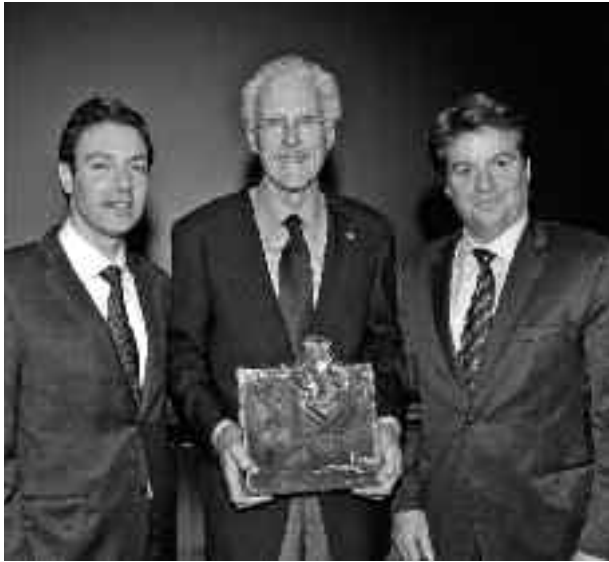
SWAT scores again



Team Bréboeuf was tired but triumphant at the Westmount arena December 4 after beating the Senior Westmount All-Stars 5-4 to win the 23rd annual SWAT Hockey Tournament. Inspired by the late Nicolas Matossian, who as a 16-year-old diagnosed with brain cancer organized fundraisers to help pay for the medical care of other children, the tournament is held each year in support of brain tumour research and neurosurgery at the Montreal Children's and St. Justine hospitals. In addition to the eight-team tournament, a silent auction was also held at the arena on items donated by local businesses, including hockey gear, food baskets and gift certificates.

Photo: Michael Moore

Eberts back in town to receive CFHU award



Former Westmounter and film producer Jake Eberts received the first Key of Knowledge Award from the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (CFHU) November 28 at the Montreal Science Centre's IMAX theatre. From left, Westmounter Ari Brojde, event co-chair, Eberts and former Westmounter Matthew Price-Gallagher, event co-chair. Eberts was in Montreal to introduce his latest project Jerusalem, a 3-D movie which "seeks to enlighten public opinion and knowledge about this historic city, generate understanding among Jews, Christians and Muslims, and encourage tourists to visit the city." The CFHU Montreal office is on Greene Ave.

Photo: Ryan Blau

Digging finished at Arena Dr.



Sewer and water main installation on Arena Drive was near conclusion December 2, a far cry from how it was November 20 around 2:30 pm.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the November 7 meeting of city council.

Vacant lot at Lexington and Edgehill: one permit to build a new house; one to cut trees for the building;

52 de Lavigne: to redesign front entrance and build three-storey extension at rear;

Vacant lot on Mount Pleasant: to build a new house;

21 Grove Park: at a Category I house, to build a new mudroom;

4727 de Maisonneuve: one permit to landscape at rear including new plant beds and a patio; one to create a new rear ground-level entrance, convert a door into a window and replace some windows;

315 Roslyn: to erect a rear fence;

599 Lansdowne: to build an extension to accommodate a two-car garage at the rear; terrace to be built at ground level on garage roof and former garage door to be replaced by windows and a door;

659 Belmont: to restore two front balconies and entrance stairs;

451 Claremont: to replace windows and doors;

478 Wood: at a Category I house, to replace some windows;

434 Wood: at a Category I house, to replace some windows and doors;

333 Metcalfe: at a Category I house, to build new wood railings for front stairs.

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the November 21 meeting of city council.

38 Belvedere Rd.: to cut some trees in front yard in keeping with the application for construction of a fence and retaining wall in front of the building line approved by council November 7;

3769 The Boulevard: one permit to build an underground connection between house and garage and replace garage doors and some windows; one to replace some windows at the home and some storm windows;

454 Mount Stephen: to build a new deck and erect a new fence;

43 Holton: at a Category I* house, to rebuild rear sunroom;

4463 Montrose: to do some landscaping at rear including a new wood fence and gate, patio and greenery;

3227 St. Antoine: to replace some rear storm windows;

46 Surrey Gardens: at a Category I house, to install a generator;

5 Renfrew: to replace some windows;

11 Hillside: at new condo development, to landscape including front entrance steps, ramp to access interior garage and some retaining walls;

333 Elm: to replace front balconies;

618 Grosvenor: to replace some windows and modify two window openings;

450 Côte St. Antoine: to replace the roof

vener;

4920 Sherbrooke: to replace some rear windows;

642 Sydenham: to install a railing on a roof deck;

38 Sunnyside: to resurface driveway with asphalt and pavers;

494 Lansdowne: to replace a window and enlarge a rear opening;

33 Holton: to replace all windows;

487 Argyle: to replace a front window front;

119 Lewis: at a Category I house, to replace some windows;

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Seen, overheard on the streets of Westmount

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Westmounters are a hardy lot. Not one, but two, were observed outside in shorts on the morning of November 22. The temperature was minus 3 degrees C – and the next day it snowed. Now that's pushing it.

Overheard

Man on cell phone at Clarke and de Maisonneuve, November 26, around noon:

"I like businesses that make money right away. Without too many costs. [pause.] And no inventory."

Don't we all?

Minardo helps prepare for Turovsky concert



Westmounter Katherina Minardo holds a poster for the upcoming "The Demons of the Vienna Woods," a classical music concert to take place Thursday, December 15 at the Salle Claude-Champagne of the University of Montreal. The Nouvelle Génération orchestra, created by Russian cellist Yuli Turovsky, will perform music by Arnold Schoenberg and Franz Peter Schubert. Turovsky is also founder and musical director of I Musici de Montréal, on whose board Minardo sits. Tickets can be purchased by calling 514.587.2477, emailing orchestreNG@gmail.com or visiting www.admission.com.

Photo: Westmount Independent

\$75 ticket times two

A resident of Mount Stephen was issued two \$75 tickets September 26 when the barking of two dogs was traced to her home, Public Security officials said. The woman had been issued a previous warning June 14 for disturbing the peace and tranquility of the neighbourhood. Officers reported they could hear the barking from Springfield while responding to the complaint from a resident of the area.

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Crane looms over condo development on Greene



A view of a massive crane looming over the construction site at 1250 Greene Ave., November 11.

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Four cars collide in snow on Clarke

The first snow of the season claimed a four-car accident on Clarke just south of Cedar, November 24, public safety officials report. All four were heading south just before 9:18 am when a taxi transporting four handicapped people for the STM hit the car ahead. A chain reaction ensued.

A Public Security patrol that came upon the accident at 9:18 am blocked off the

street and assisted the drivers and passengers involved. The taxi sustained the heaviest damage and had to be towed away, but no injuries were reported.

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From left, Kirsten Crandall and Governor General David Johnston.

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Crandall is a second-year arts and sciences student at Marianopolis. The award is granted to youth between the ages of 14 to 25, who achieve their goals in: commu-

nity service, personal skill development, physical recreation and “adventurous journey.” Crandall had, in previous years, received the bronze and silver level awards.

Participants receive a log book in which their activities are assessed. Time commitments are also recorded.

The organization claims that to date over 6 million young people from over 120 countries have participated.

Spencer launches Dream Listener



Multimedia artist Karen Elaine Spencer of Stayner St. launched her latest book *Dream Listener* at the Joyce Yahouda Gallery downtown on November 19. For one year, Spencer wrote her dreams out in various languages on large pieces of cardboard, which she then attached to buildings and structures all over Montreal. For the book, she documented it all with photographs. Seen here, from left, are her companion, Jack Locke, Spencer and Patrice Loubier, who wrote the foreword to the book.

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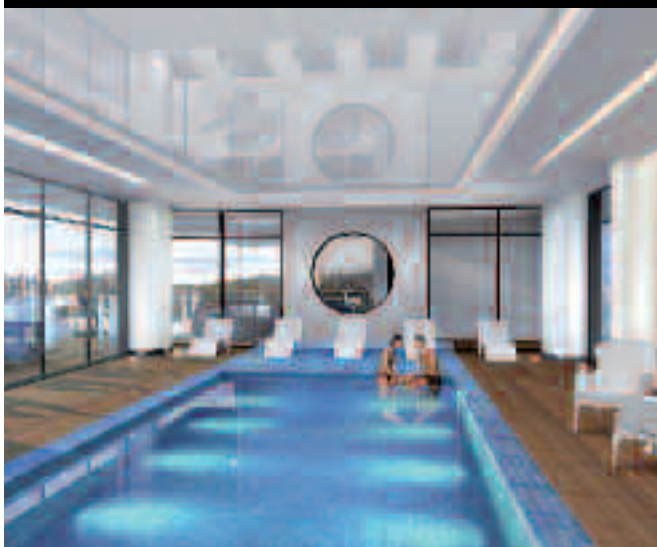
Competing interests on de Maisonneuve Blvd.



A cyclist heads east along de Maisonneuve November 28, just west of Lansdowne, sharing the road with vehicles involved in different construction projects.

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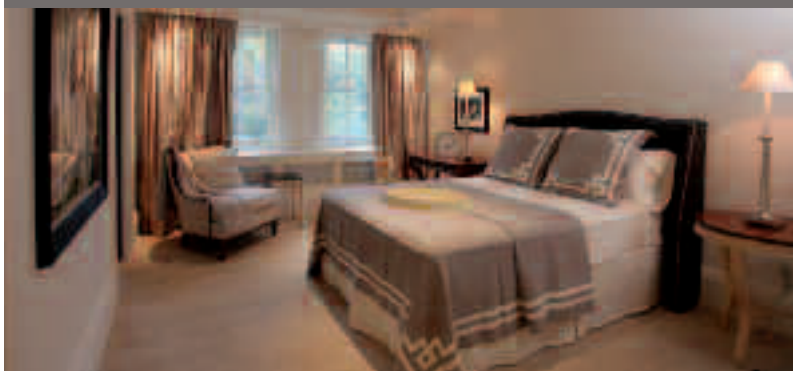
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"But in addition," she added, "there is a powerful component of coordinating our movements with each other, very much like singing in a choir, coming across in a synchronous manner."

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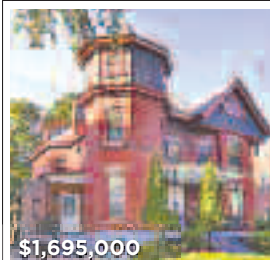
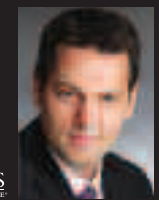
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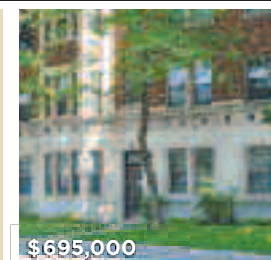
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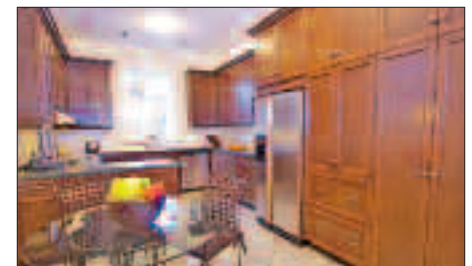
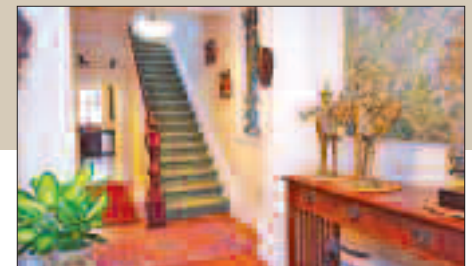
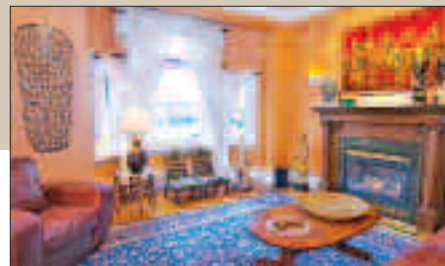
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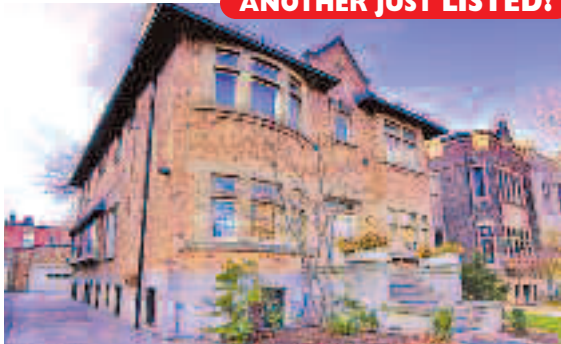
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