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*Complaints rise over vagrancy, noise, construction, dogs*

## Public Security reports reflect community concerns

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A rise in the number of Public Security reports relating to leaf blowers, construction annoyance, vagrants and dogs reflects the complaints of residents and special attention given to these concerns by officers on patrol.

This is the way Public Security director David Sedgwick explains some of the differences in the number of documented in-

cidents during the first 10 months of this year over the same period in 2011.

"A good indication of this is the problems we've been having with vagrants and alcohol consumption in the southeast section of the city," he told the *Independent* last week.

A total of 208 reports dealing with these "disturbances" compares with 147 last year, statistics reveal. But because of the social nature of the vagrancy issue, the number of reports does not translate into more than a handful of ..... the 221 tickets issued this ..... *continued on p. 4*



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## Dec. 1 marks changes to laws on parking, dogs, leaf blowers

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the start of December comes the onset of winter parking restrictions on a number of streets throughout Westmount and the end of street cleaning hours.

Also, after the fall season, the use of leaf blowers is now illegal once again but as of December 1, dogs can be walked off-leash in Summit Woods, if accompanied by a keeper.

"We're asking all drivers to check the street signs before parking," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. For

the winter period, December 1 to March 31, parking may now be permitted on only one side of a street.

As of December 6, public safety officers will be on foot patrol in the commercial areas, which become more congested during holiday shopping. The goal is to ensure overall safety and act as a deterrent against possible crime, McBain said.

As well, officers will leave crime prevention warnings on cars parked on the street or in parking lots where they spot items left visible – and vulnerable to thieves.

## ECS back for G!EE showdown



ECS was back this year to participate in the Just For Kids Foundation's G!EE High School Showdown. It was one of 11 schools from all over Montreal that participated in the song-and-dance competition. It took place on November 11 at the performing centre of Loyola High School in NDG. Another Westmount school participating was Selwyn House. Royal Vale was the winning school, with Lindsay Place in second and ECS in third. The event raised about \$100,000.

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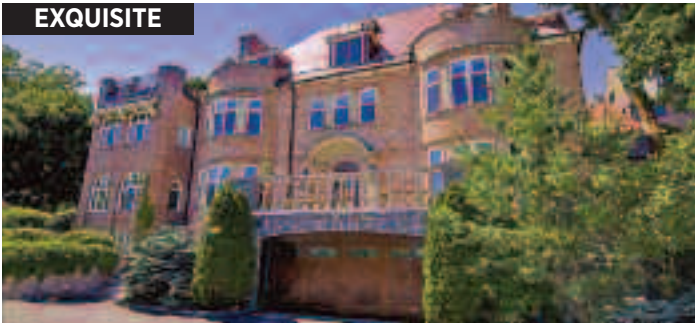
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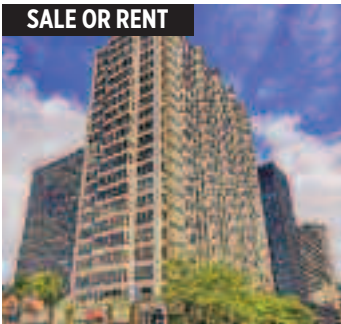
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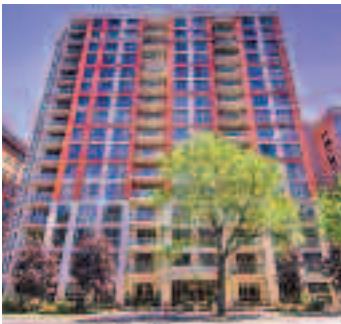


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# Automated ticket system expected to increase efficiency

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council gave the go-ahead November 5 for Westmount to participate in a group purchase with other municipalities of an automated ticketing system for the issuance and tabulation of the city's annual 60,000 hand-written parking tickets. Ticket revenue is forecast at some \$2.3 million this year.

The new system is expected to increase efficiency and, hopefully, improve the city's access to the status of tickets, according to city officials. This has been a challenge since Westmount's municipal court was merged into Montreal's in 2002.

The acquisition of the hand-held automated ticketing units will enable parking inspectors to print out waterproof tickets

on the spot, download the information and enter it into the court system, Public Security director David Sedgwick explained last week.

While Montreal remits the fines it collects from Westmount tickets, the city has lost the revenue from other fees or charges along with the ability to manage the payment and processing of both parking and by-law tickets.

Even records relayed to Westmount's Finance department from Montreal can sometimes be challenging to interpret, Sedgwick said.

The automated system is expected to reduce errors, ticket cancellations and court contestations that can result from omissions, illegible handwriting or other issues, he added.

"Hopefully, it will also give us better access to tracking our tickets."

"Communication is not as easy as it was when the court was part of our own system – absolutely," declared Alan Kulaga, who spent two decades of his career with Westmount Municipal Court and is now the city's director of Human Resources and substitute director general.

"We had a paper ledger of all court cases and could accurately track them," he said.

When Westmount's ticket system was

computerized, it was especially easy to make inquiries into whether or not tickets had been paid, he added.

Although the exact purchase cost of the new ticket system is to be determined through the tendering process, once acquired it is expected to generate a 30-percent saving in the purchase of tickets currently used.

The second phase of the program, extending it to tickets for by-law infractions, is expected to follow eventually, Sedgwick said.

## Trent returns to Montreal/agгло finance committee

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After recent changes in the Montreal mayoralty and coalition composition of the executive committee, Mayor Peter Trent has announced that he will return to his position as vice chair of the Montreal/agglomeration's Finance and Administration committee representing suburban municipalities.

Trent had walked out of the committee's budget review sessions November 1 in protest over hearings into the budget contending the procedure was "a charade" that "rubber stamps" a process controlled by Montreal (see November 6, p. 3).

But after attending the first agгло meeting of the new "regime," now headed by Mayor Michael Applebaum, November 22, Trent told the *Independent* he had announced that he would be returning to the

committee "as there is a sea change in Montreal's attitude and key players.

"Things are far less partisan and are more depoliticised," he explained.

There are no changes in representation on agгло standing committees by the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), which he heads, he said. There were, however, "radical changes" in Montreal's representatives to the agglomeration council.

Westmount councillor Patrick Martin also retains his position as vice chair of the Contracts Review committee.

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# Few of 2,800 reported incidents generated tickets

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year for by-law offences.

In fact, relatively few of all 2,852 incidents that made their way into written reports have generated tickets. This is because of Public Security’s focus on education rather than enforcement, Sedgwick said.

“Our philosophy has always been to issue warnings for a first by-law offence,” he explained. There are exceptions, however.

There is no toleration, for example, for consuming alcohol in city parks or for contract gardeners who use leaf blowers outside of the designated spring and fall clean-up periods because these workers have been informed of the regulations, Sedgwick said.

### Varied assistance

Of all Public Security reports, more than 30 percent are unrelated to by-laws but apply to other services. These include medical assistance, motor vehicle acci-

dents, hazardous situations and fires, as well as found items, or found and injured animals and birds.

This year, construction activity has also been keeping officers busy checking sites, especially the larger ones. Included in 244 related reports are 75 involving work undertaken outside permitted hours and 105 for contractors using the street or sidewalk for equipment or supplies without obtaining the required permit.

Other noise reports – including loud parties and music – increased to 278, boosted by the leaf blower, which generated 67 reports compared to 38 last year and led to 51 tickets (see table).

In addition, there have been 56 reports of barking dogs, 62 for dogs running loose and 88 off leash while accompanied by keepers. Only nine incidents were recorded of dogs spotted without permits and the total number of dog reports is down over last year from 246 to 226.

### Graffiti in decline

Also in slight decline .....  
so far this year is the inci- *continued on p. 11*

## By-law tickets issued

The dollar value of 221 tickets issued by Public Security this year (January 1 to October 31) for by-law infractions has not been tallied, according to city officials. Fines, plus court fees, vary widely depending on the by-law and other circumstances, such as whether a person has previous known violations, is an individual or a company, or a juvenile. People under age 18 cannot receive by-law fines exceeding \$100.

By-law tickets, January 1 – October 31	2011	2012
Quebec Tobacco Act (smoking)	0	0
Parks, alcohol possession	25	10
Parks, vehicle/bike	4	1
Parks, curfew	33	23
Loitering	5	4
Disturbance, intoxicated	4	3
Begging	9	0
Nuisance, material on street	9	8
Defacing property	2	4
Feeding wildlife	6	4
Consumption of alcohol	2	17
Dogs, no permit	2	3
Dogs, errant	10	12
Dogs, off-leash	20	25
Dogs in a run outside hours	6	2
Dogs, bite	0	1
Dogs, barking	7	4
Circular distribution	6	8
Permits, certificates	8	3
Noise, party, music, yelling	9	15
Noise, construction	4	11
Noise, delivery after hours	0	1
Noise, leaf blowers	31	51
Total, incl. others	195	221



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# Executive hockey league heading outdoors, 4 on 4

By MICHAEL MOORE

Westmount’s grizzled hockey veterans will be braving the elements this winter for their fill of Canada’s national winter sport.

With the arena under construction, the city’s 35-and-older Executive league will be playing their games on the new refrigerated outdoor rink being set up in the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG).

“It’ll be interesting, especially in the cold of February,” said Doug Buchanan, goaltender for the defending champions, the CEOs. “Most of us at one time played outdoor hockey when we were younger.”

To best utilize the outdoor rink, the league’s 96 players will use a 4-on-4 format with “pond hockey” nets measuring 72 inches wide by 6 inches tall and no goalies, forcing Buchanan out of the goal for the first time in decades.

“I might get my just deserts from a lot of my teammates when I make mistakes, which I most likely will,” he said, laughing.

Although excited about returning to

hockey’s outdoor roots, Buchanan knows it is a only a stopgap while they wait for the opening of the new Westmount recreation centre.

“Westmount’s plan for this year is very positive in terms of keeping this type of recreational hockey going,” he said. “The focus is to do this for one year and have a lot of fun with it.”

The Executive league drops the opening puck of the season on Thursday, December 6.

## Trucks spotted using MUHC road

Public safety officers on patrol noticed trucks exiting the MUHC site by the emergency road leading from the super-hospital onto Glen Rd. November 15, Public Security officials said. The road is intended for use by emergency vehicles only and its use by construction trucks at 6:46 am was recorded for information purposes.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TOO BAD INDIE DIDN'T COVER HAMLET

I was very surprised that your newspaper was reluctant to give any coverage to Persephone Productions' performances of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at Victoria Hall on November 17 and 18, despite several phone calls and a press release from our publicist. Is it question of space or priority?

I noted that you gave two pages of photos in the social column covering the festivities at the Ritz Carlton in the November 13 edition. I was bewildered as to why this event was deemed to be more important to your readers than the fact that a long-time Westmount resident brought her theatre company to the community to present one of the greatest masterpieces that has ever been written.

In our current political climate, anglo culture is seriously threatened. We need to celebrate and honour those of us with a passion to keep the arts and culture alive. You surely have your part to play.

GABRIELLE SOSKIN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
OF PERSEPHONE PRODUCTIONS

## MORE BIKE PATHS WOULD REDUCE CITY REVENUE MORE

In response to my letter questioning Dan Lambert for his silly idea to eliminate two lanes of traffic on Sherbrooke through

Vic village, he "estimates" that daily traffic along the east-west streets would be cut in half as a result of his measures. ("Dissuade commuters from going through Westmount, November 20, p. 6). On what scientific or evidentiary basis does he make this claim? He goes on to say that the elimination of "two lanes would not seriously affect drivers" outside rush hours.

But what about during rush hours? What does he think the effect would be? It should also be noted that the city estimates the loss of revenue of \$150,000 per year for the portion of the existing bike path east of Greene Ave. due to parking meters being hooded. How many hundreds of thousands of dollars more per year would Lambert's proposal cost the city in foregone revenue?

Lambert also laments the fact that there are only 4 km of "safe bike paths" in Westmount versus 125 km of road lanes for drivers. In fact, cyclists are free to and repeatedly do make use of the entire 125 km of roads in Westmount. Cyclists certainly are not at a disadvantage when it comes to roadways to ride their bikes.

As for what constitutes "safe" bike paths, does Lambert consider that the bollards used on our existing bike path render it any safer than riding on roads without them?

In reality, the solution for the heavy traffic on our east-west thoroughfare, as

John Dorey states in his letter of November 20, is to speed up the flow of traffic by adapting such measures as synchronizing the traffic lights and increasing the duration of green lights in the east-west direction.

Also, is it really necessary for the city to install automated pedestrian crossing lights at every intersection?

STEVE MYRO, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

## TOO MUCH TGA?

As a self-described boulevardier, I tend to notice things while on a promenade or enjoying a coffee.

My musings have not endeared me to many a city burgher, but I sleep well nonetheless.

A recent query that seems to have blossomed into a mild fixation is the company TGA, whose trucks are as common in Westmount as our own municipal vehicles. See a sidewalk under repair, a pothole to be filled or a plumbing connection to be made and there will be that omnipresent logo.

As someone who hires many subcontractors in the course of my private affairs, I know that pricing can vary due to a supplier's situation. A lack of work or an upcoming expense, such as a wedding, divorce, tuition payment or other will suddenly put a formerly high bidder in a position to become the low one.

That said, how can it be that TGA wins our infrastructure contracts so regularly? Are we to believe that their competitors are not subject to the same unknowns and demands as those that I solicit? In fact, Mayor Peter Trent broached a similar issue, though in a general sense, in a recent council meeting.

I would like to broach my TGA quandary with the mayor, Councillor Patrick Martin or director general Duncan Campbell, but given my history in making enquiries, I am left asking myself, "what's the point?"

DAVID LUDMER, GROSVENOR AVE.

*Editor's note: We asked Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities and Public Works, who told us that in 2012 TGA bid on nine projects, and it was the winning bidder on five of them.*

*Regarding the darkest possible reading of your letter, it is worth noting that Martin has previously stated that if successful bid-rigging was going on island wide, it would have been necessary for Westmount to be a victim along with other island entities: "Otherwise, if Westmount obtained lower prices, it would be a signal that something funny was going on in*

*Montreal" (October 30, p. 9).*

*Mayor Peter Trent has also explained recently (October 9, p. 7) that municipalities are required by law to accept the lowest bidder.*

## BIKE PATH OPEN THIS WINTER DUE TO PRESSURE?

More than a month ago, my letter appeared in the *Indie* concerning the bike path in winter ("What's happening with the bike path this winter?" October 16, p. 6). I asked about the costs to our city, and how many riders use the path in winter.

In the article "de Maisonneuve bike path stays open, 'weather dependent'" (November 20, p. 1), Duncan Campbell, the city manager, stated that there would be a loss of \$150,000 from the non-use of parking meters on de Maisonneuve – but no mention of rider usage.

My question is: Could these funds be better applied for other purposes, for example lowering taxes? Aiding needy families in our community? Providing more benches along our walking areas?

I also asked why, last year, after stating that the bike path was to be closed for the winter and immediately afterward, the mayor stated at a council meeting that it would remain open. No reply.

And again, it will be operative this winter. Is this due to high-pressure lobbying?

Are we acting to what is beneficial for the community or what appears to be politically correct?

STANLEY GROSSMAN,  
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

## OPEN BIKE PATH DOES NOT MEAN LOST \$

In the November 20 edition ("de Maisonneuve bike path stays open, 'weather dependent,'" p. 1), there is a false assertion that the cost to Westmounters, due to lost parking revenue, of keeping the bike path open in winter is \$150,000. This seems to be repeated from time to time and is without basis.

In 2011, the figure mooted was \$100,000. At that time, I questioned this figure and this is what Mayor Peter Trent told me: "Our latest calculations based on a \$2/hr rate at 60 percent capacity is \$72,000 loss of parking revenue for six months, or \$60,000 for five months' closure – which is both closer to reality and was the number we used for our poll in April. A 100 percent capacity would give \$120,000 for six months."

I don't believe parking rates have more than doubled. However, I did not believe that figure

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## Parking dispute on Mount Pleasant ends without assault charges pressed

A parking dispute arose November 15 when a woman tried to reserve a parking spot on the street for her husband outside 4141 Sherbrooke, the office building at the corner of Mount Pleasant. Public Security officials said the woman was standing in the vacant space when a car not driven by her husband tried to back into it.

The woman, a St. Lambert resident, was reported to have started banging on the back of the car as confirmed by a witness. Meanwhile, she was “nudged” by the mirror on the car driven by a resident of St. Laurent.

While the woman had no right to obstruct a parking spot, officers said, it was no reason for the driver to bump her with the mirror. Police were called, but the husband, who had arrived by then, said they did not want to press assault charges and the dispute was reported “resolved.”

## Glen memorialized in new plaque built of same material



Contractor Mark Castelli drills holes into a limestone boulder that was used to mount the historical plaque outlining the history of Westmount Glen, November 12. The boulder was taken from a limestone quarry near the Beaconsfield Golf Club and is the same stone that was used in building the Glen arch and the footings for the Victoria bridge, according to the Westmount Historical Association.



Westmount Mayor Peter Trent, Westmount Historical Association president Doreen Lindsay and association member Jane Martin spoke at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque celebrating the history of the Glen on November 21 at the southwest corner of St. Catherine and Glen Rd. They are pictured here with members and supporters. The present Glen archway was built in 1892, replacing a wooden trestle bridge. Trent joked that the Turcot interchange, built less than 50 years ago, is about to be ripped down and replaced, while the Glen bridge is celebrating its 120th.

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# More traffic turmoil to come to the West End, super-hospital meeting reveals

By ISAAC OLSON

Westmounters attempting to navigate eastern NDG have dealt with some serious traffic headaches since the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) began constructing its super-hospital in 2010.

Well, those headaches appear to be a cakewalk compared to what's coming next.

On November 13, officials from the ministry of Transportation (MTQ), the city of Montreal and the MUHC laid out more concrete plans for area infrastructure rehabilitation and renovation as the hospital continues towards its target summer 2015 completion.

More than 100 citizens gathered in the MUHC-owned 5100 de Maisonneuve Blvd. to listen to reports that included, for starters, plans for the Turcot interchange reconstruction project. The spaghetti network of on-ramps and off-ramps that have long made up the interchange will face intermittent closings throughout the reconstruction, said the MTQ's Alain-Marc Dubé, meaning Westmounters headed west are likely going to run into detours, orange cones and delays for at least four more years.

That rebuilding of the interchange, slated for completion in 2017, means the St. Jacques St. bridge over the Decarie expressway will need to be demolished and replaced, he said, because its supports are in the way of the planned roads below. This means the heavily used route will be

closed from fall 2013 to winter 2015.

During that time, the Ville Marie expressway's recently rebuilt St. Jacques St. exit will also be temporarily closed to stem traffic flow to the bridge reconstruction area. Dubé said the eastbound Ville Marie Expressway's ramp from St. Jacques will be permanently closed in 2013 and a new on-ramp will eventually be built on Pullman St.

During that construction, drivers can expect temporary road closures and delays in the area around Pullman and St. Rémi St. Also, Carillon Ave., which connects Pullman to Notre Dame St., will be per-

manently closed.

Despite complaints from many area residents, Upper Lachine Ave. will, by late 2014, also be permanently closed to motor vehicles between de Maisonneuve and Crowley Ave. because, explained Montreal's Alain Trudeau, the five-way intersection at Decarie Blvd. would otherwise not function. Decarie, once a one-way street, will reopen next year as a two-way, five-lane road that will provide hospital visitors two entrances to the complex.

Cyclists and pedestrians will still have access to Upper Lachine, Trudeau said, as the city works to create a park-like area there. However, the road's closure still angered many residents, who are concerned not just about car traffic, but also the two major bus routes that use Upper Lachine to get to the Vendôme Metro station.

## Sherbrooke St. spring construction

Starting this spring, Sherbrooke St. will also be under major construction between Claremont Ave. and Northcliffe Ave., said Trudeau. The sewer network will be replaced with

super-sized conduits to mitigate basement flooding of homes and businesses in the area. The sewer line under de Maisonneuve and Northcliffe will also be replaced. This project also includes related work on Côte St. Antoine Rd. – an already busy alternative for westbound commuters.

Dubé said the work will be carefully planned so as not to have everything happening at once. The city of Montreal and the province will be working together to minimize the impact on the community, he said, and studies are being done to determine how best to detour traffic throughout the construction period. Offi-

cials will also work to improve the area's public transit network, he said.

"There are going to be impacts," said Dubé in French. "We are not hiding that. But we will be working to reduce the hardships as much as possible."

## Lambert, Jochym raise concerns, make suggestions

Representing the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), Dan Lambert, one of several Westmount residents noted at the meeting, addressed officials about the hospital's construction project's already-felt impact on the surrounding area and said with the MUHC's plans to create a "health corridor" on de Maisonneuve, the impact will get even stronger with time.

It's already very difficult for cyclists to use the bike path on de Maisonneuve, said Lambert, "but it is going to be much worse once your project is implemented."

The only logical solution, he said, is to run the bike path parallel to the train tracks, behind the Metro station between Claremont Ave. and Decarie Blvd. That section of de Maisonneuve, he said, should "no longer be for private cars, but only restricted to buses taxis and pedestrians."

The MUHC's Pierre Major said hospital officials realize "we do have some responsibilities in minimizing these impacts that go well beyond the Glen site, and we have always taken actions in regards to that." The MUHC is working with all its partners to help reduce issues, he continued, but, in regards to things like the bike path, it is the city of Montreal that has the final say.

"In terms of your proposal of converting the vocation of de Maisonneuve, I think it's an interesting one and I think it's one that needs to be looked at carefully," said Major, noting the MUHC has co-invested in much of the area infrastructure work.

Trudeau said there is still more than a year to plan for the bicycle path, and the city is still exploring the possibilities. Plans could be revealed soon, he added, but "our priority is to work on Decarie and next year we are starting on de Maisonneuve and the work will be done in 2014. We're moving one step at a time."

Also representing the WWCA, Roger Jochym asked if the MUHC has a "critical path timeline" to have a dedicated second entranceway from the Vendôme Metro station to the hospital by

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Westmounter Dan Lambert asks hospital officials how they plan to mitigate the impact of the incoming McGill University Health Centre on area traffic circulation for cyclists, pedestrians and transit users.

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## Station 12 Reports

# Senior home break-in leads to scuffle, police chase

By ISAAC OLSON

*The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.*

The 35-year-old staffer of a senior citizen home on Hillside Ln. heard a window break just after 11 pm on November 17, so he went to check it out.

However before he went, the man called 911 and warned dispatch of the situation, Station 12's Constable Adalbert Pimentel said.

When the employee entered the empty room, he said there was a man trying to escape out of a broken window with a computer under his arm. The worker grabbed the suspect and they fell into a short scuffle, which caused the suspect to lose his loot and, once he broke free, he fled empty-handed.

The police arrived moments later and

the victim was able to give a decent description to police, said Pimentel.

The suspect ran south behind the buildings and down the 25-metre escarpment leading to the Ville Marie expressway and St. Henri. Because it was so steep, said Pimentel, the suspect mostly slid his way down the slope. Nonetheless, the police stayed in pursuit. Several officers responded, he said, and were able to track the suspect by looking for signs, such as upturned rocks, broken branches or fresh footprints.

Officers tracked the suspect to the corner of Agnès St. and de Richelieu St. The suspect's jacket was on the scene, he said, so police called in a canine unit to track him. But, the trail had run cold.

Officers have fingerprints, and they will test the jacket for DNA samples, said Pimentel. The suspect is described as approximately 5'10". He is described as a white male with blue jeans, a dark blue jacket and white running shoes.

## Loud voices heard from within

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## Super-hospital, cont'd. from p. 8

opening day. To this, Major answered "we're in a feasibility study and only after that will we know precisely the delivery date, but we are aiming for the opening of the campus."

The MUHC, Major said, is working with partners such as local transit authorities, the municipality and the province to install a handicap-accessible tunnel from 5100 de Maisonneuve to the Metro station's platform and the hospital. This would be a second tunnel entrance as another will be the extension of the existing tunnel, which runs under the train tracks. That tunnel will emerge onto the hospital's front plaza.

## Steel roof beams slated to come next

# Arena rises as mezzanine needs after-hour concrete work

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city granted permission last week for the pouring and polishing of concrete to continue into the evening of November 23 at the Westmount recreation centre. Notice of the late Fright night work was to be relayed to residents in the neighbourhood by email and postings.

The work involved the creation of a smooth surface for the floor of the mezzanine and common area immediately above the ice-level changing rooms located between the two rinks. The mezzanine is one storey below street level.

"I'm surprised how quickly the project progresses from week to week," said Councillor Patrick Martin, who chairs the recreation centre steering committee. Workers at the site are working at different stages in various locations in the coordinated effort, he said.

He explained that the polishing must be done immediately after the concrete is poured and continued until completion re-

quiring the extended hours.

Concrete columns to support the steel roof are now in place above the changing rooms, still encased in the wood frame-work. The steel roof beams measuring 105 feet are expected to be installed soon so the roof can be closed in before the winter.

Work on the main floor slab at ice level can continue once the building is closed in, Martin explained.

## Boots McLeod's Christmas trees are back!

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## Segal wins philanthropist of year award



Alvin Segal

Westmounter Alvin Segal was named "Philanthropist of the Year" by the Quebec Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) on November 16, it was announced by the Segal Centre for

Performing Arts.

The AFP website describes Segal as "a guiding force for decades due to his exemplary philanthropic contributions. Thanks to his support, the Jewish General Hospital was able to erect the comprehensive cancer centre that bears his name, the Segal Cancer Centre. The Segal Centre for the Performing Arts ... also has him to thank for seeing the light of day."

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## Scouts start fundraising to attend next jamboree in Alberta



Westmount Park Scouts are hoping to attend the 2013 Canadian Jamboree (an every-few-years meeting of Scouts), which will take place in Sylvan Lake, Alberta in July next year, if they can raise money to cover travel expenses to fund 10 Scouts, said leader Douglas Leahey. This would be the first time they would attend a Jamboree since the group was re-formed five years ago, he explained. Pictured above at their November 13 meeting in the Westmount Park School gym are, from left, back row: Scouter Andrew Bird, Shaelyn Saunders, Xenos Dionisopoulos, Owen Brooks, Evan Yatrou and Scouter - Leader Douglas Leahey; front row: Shi Tong Lu, Brayden Saunders, Francois Thollon, Ben Harnad, Arthur Lopez and Francis Bouchaud. The Scouts are planning to fundraise through the selling of Christmas trees and wreaths, and delivering the Lovell's directory, as well as direct solicitations. For more information, visit [www.scoutswestmount.ca](http://www.scoutswestmount.ca).

Photo courtesy of Douglas Leahey



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### EMPLOIS D'ÉTÉ 2013

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## Bored? Cats to the rescue



### On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

Our cats do not suffer from Stockholm Syndrome. Despite upwards of 2,000 days of captivity, and, in my opinion, rather first-rate treatment.

Every day we keep expecting to see some evidence of empathy, traumatic bonding or at least tolerance. Fat chance! At best, we might encounter a haughty dismissal; more likely, we endure unfettered disgust, if not open hostility. And for what? For such transgressions as having the *chutzpah* to throw out the new toaster box, a mere seven months after purchase!

Rare is the day when we are not obliged to dodge yet another assassination attempt. There are frequent, ninja-like ambushes from upper bunks. And the ever-popular “weave between the legs” strategy, typically on the stairs, preferably in the dark, and ideally when we have laundry basket in hand.

### Stealing treasures

In addition to the blatant physical assaults, there is ongoing psychological tyranny. Our pussies have a penchant for making off with USB keys and other tiny-but-critical items, and depositing them into hockey bags – the domestic equivalent of a black hole if ever there was one.

As well, they delight in tromping about on the computer keyboard, erasing hours of work, and pausing on the space bar long enough for our PC to maddeningly mimic a rifle going off repeatedly. Merely an acoustic decoy, as it turns out, while they change the language of use from “US English” to “Sanskrit.”

Their contempt is all the more galling in view of the fact that both our little darlings are “rescue cats.” (Should this evoke an image of noble felines with first-aid kit and whiskey flask around their necks, ever at the ready to dig us out from under an avalanche, allow me to clarify: We rescued them.)

To be fair, they do exhibit certain behaviours that could be mistaken for affection. Our little cat, lithe and fluffy as a dust bunny – if harder to vacuum up – favours us with incessant and uninvited facial dermabrasions. Delivered with her death-rasp

tongue and, if timed correctly, during our (previously) deepest stage of REM.

Our larger cat – referred to lovingly by my father as “a pig in fur” – enjoys a more passive approach. Nightly, he settles his suffocating heft on our chests, crushing the breath of life out of us, and invoking disturbing dreams of being buried in the very avalanche from which he would *not* dig us out.

### Unwanted gifts

There is also plenty of gratitude in the form of “gifts” which we believe to be mice, some even recognizable. And of course everyone’s favourite: fur balls. These, it seems, are always disgorged while skulking backward, so as to create the longest possible natural rampart. The urge which precedes the upchuck is apparently accompanied – globally, across all house cat cultures – by the irrepressible thought, “Quick, abandon hardwood! Find upholstery!”

Despite all their foibles, or perhaps because of them, our kitties remain marvelously charming and endlessly entertaining. After all, what can possibly compare to the pleasure of watching a rapturous, claws-intact cat playing slippery-slide on the (often already set) table cloth?

Only problem? With six laps vying to lure two cats, there simply aren’t enough of them.

*Westmounter Ingrid Kovitch Dannenbaum is an avid dabbler in sports, cooking, DIY projects, outdoor pursuits, and crafts (when she is not accumulating pets and corralling her four kids, that is). In her spare time she works as a family doctor.*

### Some parking toleration while in Florida

A silver Mercedes noticed by a parking inspector November 17 to have accumulated parking tickets over the previous three days was traced to the owner living at the highrise at 1 Wood, Public Security officials said. A security guard at the building managed to reach her in Florida, where she was reported as saying she had authorized her grandson to use the car during her absence. When he was apparently unable to move it due to “unforeseen circumstances,” she was granted parking toleration until her return in two days but was told she would have to pay the tickets already issued.

# ON THE SHELVES

Among recent reading and audio-visual material at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

## Magazines

“It’s Global Warming, Stupid: If Hurricane Sandy doesn’t Persuade Americans to Get Serious about Climate Change, Nothing Will” by Paul Barrett in *Bloomberg Businessweek*, November 5-11, p. 6.

“How to Feed Nine Billion: Droughts, Commodity Speculation, and Growing Demand are Placing an Unprecedented Strain on Our Global Food System. Can We Avoid a Full-blown Crisis?” by Evan Fraser and Andrew Rimas in *The Walrus*, December 2012, p. 22.

“Detroit, de la cité fantôme à la ville laboratoire: durement frappée par la crise de la construction automobile, la ville principale du Michigan est à la fois l’un des plus criants symboles des plaies de l’Amérique, et la preuve de son ingéniosité pour survivre et se réinventer” by Cécile Soler and Eric Bouvet in *Le Figaro Magazine*, November 2, p. 52.

## E-books

*I’m Your Man: The Life of Leonard Cohen* by Sylvie Simmons – The definitive biography of one of the most enigmatic,

## Tickets, cont’d. from p. 4

dence of graffiti (201 incidents this year to 269 the previous year). This is also reflected in the city’s clean-up costs, according to Sedgwick. At \$45,000, “It’s down a fair amount,” he said.

Also among reports on the decline are those describing suspicious or criminal activity, the feeding of wildlife and a number of hazardous situations.

Interestingly, an annual report from 2000 stated that Public Security recorded 1,994 incident reports for the entire year compared to the 2,852 this year for 10 months. It also issued 190 statements of offence – tickets – for by-law infractions. At that time, among other personnel, the unit employed 19 patrollers and four parking inspectors, who issued 48,134 parking tickets. It operated on a budget of \$2 million.

Today the force costs \$3 million to operate and has 15 full-time public safety officers (patrollers) and 7 auxiliary (part-time) officers. There are also four full-time parking inspectors and four who work part-time to issue an expected 60,000 parking tickets annually (49,183 as of October 31).

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*The Universe Within* by Neil Turok – The most anticipated nonfiction book of the season, this year’s Massey Lectures is a visionary look at the way the human mind can shape the future.

## Adult English – Award winners

*The Purchase* by Linda Spaulding (2012 Governor General’s Literary Award for Fiction) – On the journey to a new homestead, Daniel Dickinson, a young Quaker father and widower, trades a horse for a young slave, Onesimus, unwittingly setting into motion a chain of events that will lead to two murders and the family’s strange relationship with a runaway slave named Bett.

*The Republic of Wine* by Mo Yan (Nobel Prize in Literature 2012) – Plagued by persistent reports of cannibalism in a province known as the Republic of Wine, the Chinese government sends a special investigator to substantiate the disturbing rumors.

## Adult French – Spotlight on sports

*Courir avec les Kényans: les secrets des hommes les plus rapides du monde* by Adha-

ranand Finn – A homage to the elite Kenyan runners, the author spent six months training with them preparing for the Lewa marathon, one of the most difficult races in the world.

*Roger Federer: la quête de la perfection* by René Stauffer – Federer is considered by many to be the best tennis player of all time. At 31, he is still a formidable presence on the court. This biography by a Swiss journalist describes how he became a champion and highlights his many exploits.

## Books on CD

*Astray* by Emma Donoghue – The colourful, fascinating characters who roam the pages of Donoghue’s stories have all gone astray; they are emigrants, runaways, drifters, lovers old and new. They cross other borders, too: those of race, law, sex and sanity.

*Room* by Emma Donoghue – With rich detail, this celebrated author takes us from puritan Massachusetts to the Yukon gold rush, antebellum Louisiana to a 1960s Toronto highway.

*The Red House* by Mark Haddon – The set up of Haddon’s brilliant new novel is

simple: Richard, a wealthy doctor, invites his estranged sister Angela and her family to join his for a week at a vacation home in the English countryside. He has just remarried and inherited a willful stepdaughter; Angela has a feckless husband and three children who sometimes seem alien to her. All eight arrive with low expectations for a pleasant holiday.

## New art books for children

*Face Book* by Chuck Close – This fascinating, interactive autobiography on artist Chuck Close discusses his life, disabilities, art and the process he uses.

*Collage et arts visuels* by Elisabeth Grimaud – Focusing on collage work, this book will inspire you to create your own masterpieces.

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# Akiva reaches out to US schools affected by Hurricane Sandy



Akiva students and parents put together November 12 "Hurricane Sandy Packages" for Jewish day schools in the tri-state area of the US that was affected by the late October hurricane. Over 70 boxes of school supplies, books and educational games were collected in two days, according to Cindy Warren, director of communications at Akiva School. A parent-led committee asked students and their families to donate gently used or new school supplies. Grades 1 through 6 also wrote letters to students affected by the storm "to let them know that they are not alone and that Akiva students were thinking of them, according to a press release issued by Akiva. Inset: A handwritten letter by an Akiva student to a "friend" at a hurricane-affected school.

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# Woman has sore ribs after car runs red light

A woman was reported to have sustained sore ribs after the car she was driving October 11 was hit by one that allegedly ran a red light on Sherbrooke at Kensington, Public Security officials said. The woman was driven home nearby by public safety officers after being examined

by Urgences Santé.

Officers came across the accident at 8:56 am at the northwest corner. The impact had pushed the victim's car onto the property of the Whitehall apartments at 400 Kensington. It was not known if any tickets were issued.



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**WESTMOUNT, VICTORIA VILLAGE:** Charming 4 bdrm Victorian house, 1 prkg, terrace, walking distance to Vendome metro & shopping. MLS 9068622 **\$795,000**

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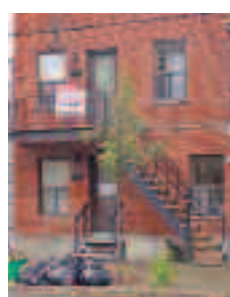
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St. Henri – 5012-5014 Ste Marie  
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St. Henri – 758-762 rue Marin  
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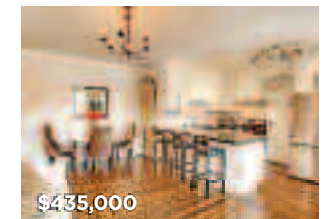
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WESTMOUNT | GROSVENOR AVE.



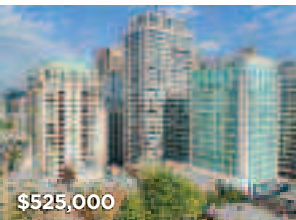
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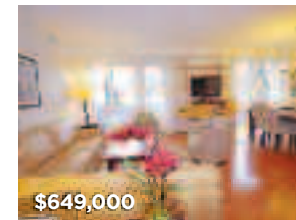
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NDG | COOLBROOK AVE.  
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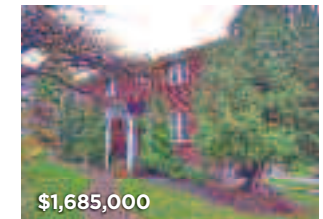
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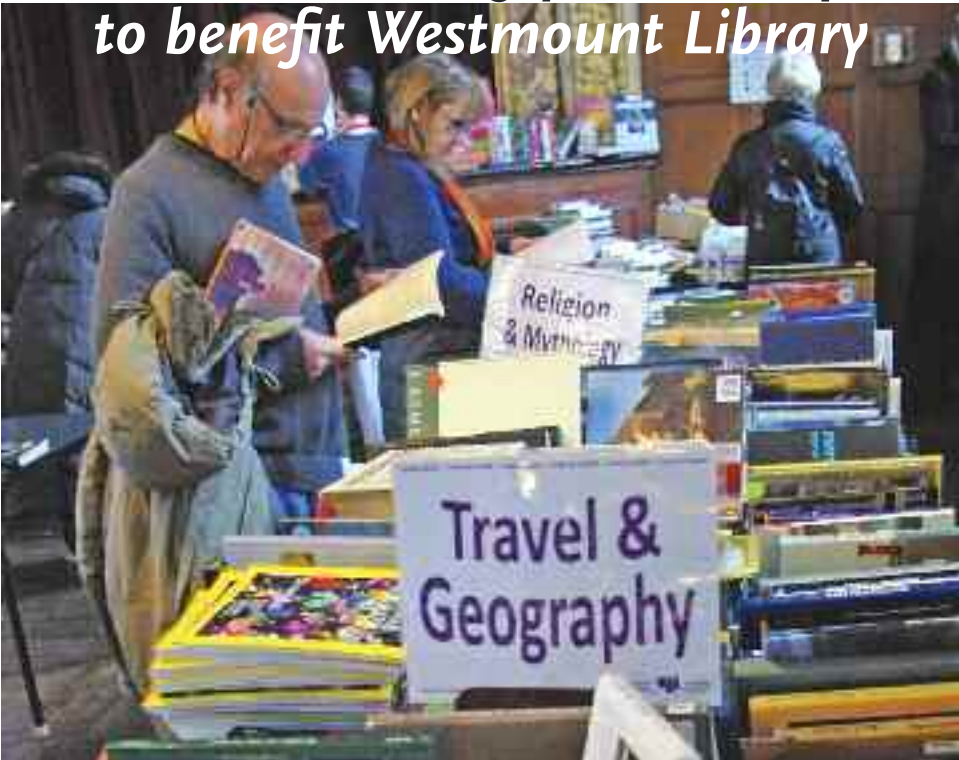


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# Second book sale of year takes place to benefit Westmount Library



The Friends of the Library's semi-annual book sale has come a long way since it got started more than a decade ago with a single table of used books set up at the entrance to the Westmount Public Library. While the two-day sale used to raise around \$1,000 to enhance the library's collection, over the past three years it has taken place at Victoria Hall and has raised more than \$15,000 each time, according to Friends of the Library president Carolyn O'Neill. "It's very nice to have everything in one room," said O'Neill, who coordinated the latest sale on November 24 and 25.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

# What's to Eat Westmount?

## The ultimate Oreo cookie is ... homemade!

By REBECCA BINIK

I'm not a great baker, and it took me some time to complete the homemade Thomas Keller Oreos I chose for this column. Warning! This recipe will take a little while because the dough and filling need to be chilled for a couple of hours before baking and assembling the cookies.

I made both a day in advance. Even with the warm weather this November, it will soon be winter, which conjures up daydreams of weekend skiing, baking and occasional relaxing, if you catch my drift.

This recipe is adapted from Thomas Keller's Oreos recipe in his new book *Bouchon Bakery*.

### The filling:

- 4.4 ounces (125 g) of white chocolate
- 0.5 ounces (15 g) of unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup (125 g) of whipping cream (35%).

Melt chocolate and butter together in a bowl placed over a pot of simmering water.

Heat cream in a separate pot but do not boil. Add cream to melted chocolate and butter while whisking constantly until mixture is smooth. Don't worry about it too much. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and put in fridge for at least 4 hours.

### For the cocoa shortbread:

- 1 3/4 (249 g) cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (1.6 g) cocoa powder
- 3/8 tsp baking soda
- 8 ounces (227 g) unsalted butter

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2 tsp kosher salt  
3/4 cup (161 g) granulated sugar.

With a hand-held whisk, mix together flour, cocoa and baking soda in a bowl. Try to crush as many cocoa clumps as you can. Put butter in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and mix on low until butter is smooth then add salt and mix for 15 seconds. Add sugar and mix for 2 minutes. Scrape down sides. Add the dry ingredients on low speed until dough comes together and looks dark and cocoa-ey.

Take dough out of mixer and with the heel of your hand, fashion into a 6-inch rectangular brick. Cover in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour until firm.

Heat oven to 325°F. Un-wrap the dough and place in between two pieces of parchment paper and pound it out with a rolling pin. Roll it out into a thin sheet. (Initially I didn't roll it out as thin as I would have liked and my dough heated up and started to get greasy. I refashioned it into

a brick and put it back into the fridge to cool again until it was firm.)

I made mini cookies and used a 2-inch round cookie cutter to cut disks out of the rolled-out shortbread (see photo p. 20). Use a mini offset spatula to transfer disks to a parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Let cool.

Once cooled, I used the mini spatula to smear some filling on one cookie and then topped it with a second cookie to make a cookie sandwich.

They can be stored covered in the fridge for up to three days.



## Sunday work stopped at 2 sites

Two men building a balcony on Upper Belmont November 18 were told they could not continue the work on a Sunday without a permit to do so, according to Public Security reports. They claimed to be unaware of the regulation.

At 245 Victoria, south of de Maisonneuve, workers without a Sunday permit were also stopped from noisy work following a complaint. The men were reported to have stated they needed a compressor to power a jackhammer for breaking up cement in order to repair a leaking pipe in the building. They were allowed to use a small tractor to clean up the broken cement, however, so people could enter the premises the next morning.

## Dumptruck clips Audi

The step on a city dump truck clipped the side of an Audi parked November 15 outside 808 Upper Lansdowne, Public Security officials said. The city driver claimed he was trying to manoeuvre through cars parked on both sides of the street at about 1:20 pm. The driver of the Audi, a St. Lambert resident, was located nearby at Villa St. Marcelline.

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This time, it was Hope. This 8-month-old kitten was so desperate to get out of the trap that she lost her leg. It is a miracle she survived with such an injury, this tiny tortoiseshell kitten, only a few pounds.

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gency surgery on her leg. She was put in the care of Gerdy’s Rescues and Adoptions and received the surgery she needed. She also received all the required vaccinations and was spayed.

The staff at the veterinary hospital loved her and fussed over her as she started to recover. Hope enjoyed being carried around and held. She is very affectionate and cuddly.

One of the technicians took her home to foster until she was ready for adoption. Now she is ready to be adopted and cared for wholeheartedly by a forever family.

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*Your neighbour, Lysanne*



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## 3 incidents caused by overpasses

A large heavy truck was seen ripping down a light fixture from the Greene Ave. underpass beneath the Ville Marie Expressway on October 7, public safety officers said. A witness managed to record a licence plate, which was turned over to police.

Immediately to the north, two other trucks were snared by the railway overpass within four days. Despite warning signs, the location has caught many trucks over the years owing to the steep uphill incline. It was, however, “unusual” to find two such incidents so close together, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. He suggested there may have been a detour due to construction.

One was a Canada Post truck trapped on October 8 causing traffic to back up down to St. Antoine St. just before 8 am. Officers redirected traffic so the truck could be backed down the hill.

A 53-foot truck also had to be backed down on October 12 after the driver tried to go under the overpass ripping off part of the top around 12:20 pm.



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## Construction truck jams Greene

Greene Ave. was rendered “almost impassable” November 16 by an 18-wheeler parked just south of de Maisonneuve at around 11 am, Public Security officials said. The driver was finally tracked down attending a meeting through the project manager of the condo development at 1250 Greene, who said the drivers had been instructed to park on de Maisonneuve. The truck was moved.

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# TRENDSSETTERS

## ELISSA AND JUSTIN DALLEGRET

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*One morning whilst dashing to collect laundry on St. Catherine St. near Greene, I noticed a young mother looking very “London” (England); that is to say, funky yet chic. It turned out I recognized Westmounter Elissa Dallegret from years ago when I worked with her father François, a Paris-trained design guru and architect. Elissa’s mother, Judy, used to knit colourful sweaters. So it is no wonder Elissa looked so cool! Catching up with her, I learnt that Elissa was a chef for 12 years. “That limited my clothing,” she laughed. Today, as a mum with two little ones, she exudes that Parisian “je ne sais pas quoi” – clothes seemingly thrown on, layers that work and a great sense of colour. Elissa has a very stylish twin brother, Justin, so this style column is times two!*

### STYLE

*How would you describe your personal style?*

ELISSA: Well, it is really casual chic. I love layering, which is actually perfect for Montreal weather, especially now. And I love loose clothes – which is a great asset with two growing kids. I have to keep moving! JUSTIN: Always a little “off.”

*What is your favourite way of dressing?*

ELISSA: I love the way Parisiennes dress. It is hard to explain what it is, but a sense of simplicity and femininity, and yet with stylish accessories. So, I guess that whether it is a weekday or weekend, that is always my style.

JUSTIN: Casual, rugged and edgy.

*On weekends, what do you like to wear?*

*And where do you go?*

ELISSA: I usually go very casual. I love wearing my velvet leggings, fleece zip-ups and these days, I add cozy socks in my Crocs. I am usually with friends and family.

JUSTIN: A hoodie. I love Acne jeans and always have some 511s (by Levi) in my drawer. I find most of my clothes are re-born, from army surplus stores and Saturday morning shopping trips in New York City. When I go out, I love a no-name bar on Park Ave. Literally, it has no name. During the week, I go to Dominion Tavern, Buvette chez Simons and Furco.

*What kind of shoes do you love?*

ELISSA: I have a big shoe fetish! Lately I have been wearing my purple two-inch heeled booties with jeans and skirts. I also wear Tsubo black-pointed rubber-soled

shoes. I love them! They go with everything. For a more casual look, I wear black or light-brown sling-back Crocs with no socks [when it’s warm] or my light purple ballerina suede shoes. Preppy punk!

JUSTIN: I am trying to get some Nike Free Run + Hypershields as my next best sneaker.

### LIVING

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

ELISSA: There are actually quite a few places, but I would need my family and friends there too. It’s easy to say in Tuscany or Provence, but I would need all the people I love to be there too.

JUSTIN: Anywhere near an ocean.

*What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?*

My fave is lily of the valley, but I must say I also love double-headed dark purple lilacs with their amazing fragrance. Oh, and, lupins. I see thousands of lupins when I go to Nova Scotia. They love the sea air.

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

ELISSA: Probably my grandmother and grandfather on my mum’s side of the family as first choice, and my father’s dad – my Papi. Then Grace Kelly, Princess Diana and Katherine Hepburn. It would make an interesting mix!

JUSTIN: I would have to say my grand-

mother.

*What is your favourite big Montreal event?*

ELISSA: The Film Festival for Kids was fun, and I love the Jazz Festival. We go as a family and really have a great time.

JUSTIN: I love the Montreal Oysterfest in Old Montreal. It’s a yearly fundraiser for the Open Pier Foundation, a non-profit that fights for clean waters.

### FASHION

*Today many stores such as Zara and Le Château offer the latest looks at an affordable price. What do you think of today’s fashions?*

ELISSA: I have to say I don’t think much of them at all. I find that young people dress in a way that is too revealing for their age. Most of the time the clothes don’t suit their bodies, leaving their tummies hanging out. The really younger kids don’t dress like kids anymore. It seems to me to be all about trying to be way older than they really are. So much so, that the wrong kind of people may be taking too much notice. Luckily my kids are still young enough that they let me help them get dressed in the morning!

JUSTIN: I’m glad that it seems to be on the simple side lately. I don’t like things over-done. At least in my circles...



Twins Elissa and Justin Dallegret duplicated many times in parallel mirrors, October 27 in a Westmount studio.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Queen-sized princess



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CYNTHIA LEE

They say every woman wants to be a queen – for a day of her own kingdom. But have you ever heard someone say they want to be queen-sized? Not so much, right? The whispers and giggles taunt those struggling with the extra rolls wherever they go.

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Princess

Princess very much, who believed spoiling her with too much caloric food equalled love.

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## Baritone Quilico stars in local Christmas concert



Renowned baritone Gino Quilico, left, performs in a trilingual version (German, English and French) of O Holy Night, alongside Emma Huebner and Béatrice Gagnon, both students at the Villa Sainte-Marcelline school for girls, during a Christmas concert held at St. Léon Church on November 24 for the benefit of the school foundation.

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# Claremont resident upset over McDonald’s waste management

By MARTIN C. BARRY

René Le Clère, a resident of an apartment building on Claremont, whose corner apartment window faces onto Sherbrooke St. and the entrance to an alleyway, was upset to see what he thought was a mishandling of waste removal from McDonald’s on Sherbrooke.

He said he witnessed early-morning garbage pick-up, recyclables being loaded into a regular garbage truck, and a smelly mess left behind on the sidewalk and in the alleyway.

But the city of Westmount says the fast food restaurant is not violating Westmount’s waste management by-law by putting recyclable materials out with the regular garbage – and there is no municipal obligation for McDonald’s to recycle.

In the meantime, however, McDonald’s has advised its garbage removal contractor to respect a by-law clause, which forbids garbage pickup before 8 am. This after the contractor was caught red-handed on at least one occasion taking garbage away an

hour and a quarter before it is allowed.

The city was informed by Le Clère that McDonald’s contractor, Enlèvement de déchets Bergeron Inc., had been observed taking away the garbage from an alleyway on the north side of Sherbrooke just west of Claremont at 6:45 am on August 24. He said he saw the waste removal truck doing the same thing at the same time a week before.

In a letter Le Clère sent to Mayor Peter Trent on August 29, he complained about foul-smelling liquids leaking from McDonald’s garbage, which regularly spill and are left behind on the pavement in the alley and on the sidewalk on Sherbrooke St. after Bergeron has taken away the garbage.

“They passed this morning, and I’m sure there are big stains,” Le Clère said in an interview on October 22 with the *Independent*. “It’s full of bacteria, and it’s disgusting. During the summer when you sit on the terrace outside McDonald’s, when the sun is hot, it smells like a garbage dump.”

Although the city of Westmount currently has no door-to-door recycling program for commercial establishments, the Urban Planning department’s sanitation inspector, Risuke Pilon, said businesses are nonetheless encouraged to deliver their recyclable materials to the mobile wheeled recycling units.

Asked whether McDonald’s would be violating Westmount’s waste management by-law if it put out recyclable cardboard with the regular garbage, he responded, “It does not contravene the by-law for busi-

plaint.

“I went by and spoke to the manager at McDonald’s, and he clarified the matter” with their contractor, said Pilon, confirming that the pickup time is “not earlier than 8 am.”

Regarding the spills, he said business owners are required by the by-law to clean up any sort of liquid or solid debris left behind by their trash.

Apart from the fact that the alley is used by Bergeron to take away McDonald’s garbage, Pilon noted that he has been summoned to the alley several times in recent months, “because there’s all kinds of illegal dumping there.” While Pilon insisted that “it happens on occasion,” he added that “it’s kept under control.”

Since the city’s sanitation inspector isn’t always available, Pilon said the department often relies on photographic proof from Public Security and residents to help enforce the city’s waste management by-law.



René Le Clère in his apartment October 22.

nesses, unfortunately. Recycling is something that we’re trying to implement and we’re trying to encourage. That’s why we’re offering this service ourselves. But because there’s no door-to-door service, we cannot oblige them.”

But Pilon said Bergeron was contravening the by-law by having its crew remove garbage at 6:45 a.m. While he was not aware of the complaint Le Clère made to the mayor, Pilon said he received a phone call from another tenant of Le Clère’s building who had a similar com-

## Youths throw debris out window

Teenagers in an apartment at 418 Claremont were tracked down by public safety officers after someone complained that debris was being dropped down from a window on the third storey at pedestrians on the sidewalk. Officers pinpointed the source from plastic bags on the sidewalk and reportedly issued a stern warning to two youths.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

• Author **Charles Foran** gives a talk on

**Letters, cont’d. from p. 6**

so I did an access to information request to get the actual revenue figures for the previous five years (including when the bike path was closed in winter). I discovered parking revenues either stayed the same or went up after the closure of the path.

More recently, at the Master Traffic Planning meeting, Genivar presented the actual utilization rates of the parking meters in Westmount: None of them are 100 percent. This means that there is always metered parking available. The truth is that there is no real loss of revenue – indeed, the meters on de Maisonneuve are not hooded. They have been removed completely.

It was also reported that NDG is not keeping their side of the path open. This is also untrue. They will be keeping it open for the fourth consecutive winter as part of the Reseau Blanc.

If Westmount is truly serious about reducing traffic in our city, then parking areas will have to be removed, as has been the case in Copenhagen for the past 30 years. Hopefully this will also answer Irwin Edelstein’s letter in the same issue (p. 6).

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## PROXIMITY TO DOWNTOWN MEANS COMMUTERS

I read with great interest the two opposing points of view regarding increased traffic in Westmount in the November 20 edition of the *Independent* (“Dissuading commuters...” by Dan Lambert and “Speed up the flow...” by John Dorey).

One of Westmount’s many advantages is that it offers a number of quiet residential neighbourhoods while still providing close proximity to the downtown core. This proximity also causes some problems as commuters take advantage of Westmount’s east-west streets, using them as conduits to and from downtown. Unfortunately we cannot alter this geography;

Mordecai Richler and discusses his biography *Mordecai: The Life & Times*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Free.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

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Westmount always has been, and always will be a gateway to and from downtown Montreal for those coming from and returning to points west.

To hope that commuters will forego this route by inconveniencing them is cutting off one’s nose to spite one’s face as tax-paying citizens of Westmount will also be inconvenienced. If we are going to use this method, let’s go whole hog. Let’s put out word that the city of Westmount will undertake no snow clearance nor removal – assuming we get snow – and no potholes will be filled on our east-west thoroughfares. That ought to keep folks out! Too bad if Westmount citizens have to deal with it!

A step in the right direction, in my humble opinion, is to facilitate the movement of eastbound traffic during the morning rush hour and likewise the westbound flow during the evening rush hour. Currently on St. Catherine St., there is a strictly enforced “no stopping” regulation on the south side from 8 to 9 am. This is very effective as it provides an additional clear lane for cars and buses. Alas there is no corresponding north side “no stopping” regulation in the evening and traffic is often at a standstill from Kensington to Melville and beyond, inconveniencing many Westmounters in cars and on buses.

Unless we can move Westmount from its current position as a portal to and from downtown, we are going to have to live with commuters. Let’s make it convenient and safe for all – Westmount citizens and outsiders alike by assuring a smooth flow of rush-hour traffic.

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- “**Scrooge comes to Victoria Hall**” with Jeunesses musicales du Canada, which will present a musical version of “A Christmas Carol,” 2 pm at Victoria Hall. For children 6 and up. Tickets: Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$8 and seniors (65 and over) \$10, available at Victoria Hall (cash only). Info: 514.989.5226.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **City council meeting**, 8 pm at city hall.
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The WRC Campaign is run for the community, by the community. If you would like to get involved and be part of the team, we would love to have you! Please contact Camilla Leigh, WRC Campaign Coordinator at 514 928-3599 or at [camilla.leigh@clphilanthropic.com](mailto:camilla.leigh@clphilanthropic.com).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Colin Thomson from November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521.

### Concert: A Christmas Carol

Jeunesses musicales du Canada presents Charles Dickens' classic story with musical accompaniment, including bagpipes, hurdy gurdy, bouzouki, cello and others on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall (presentation in English). Tickets: \$12 (adults), \$10 (65+) and \$8 (under 12 years); cash only, please. Info: 514 989-5226.

### Christmas Tree Lighting Party

Bring the family to the 2012 Christmas Tree Lighting Party at City Hall on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Christmas stories and carols along with a cup of hot chocolate and other goodies. The party is free, but donations of non-perishable food items for Westmount's Annual Holiday Food Drive are welcome. Info: 514 989-5226.



## LIBRARY

### Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Our next sessions will take place Wednesdays November 28 and December 5 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Readers to Readers Book Club

Join our morning book club with a twist. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:15

## DATEBOOK

### December 3 - 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Party** at 6:30 p.m.  
**Regular Council Meeting** at 8 p.m.  
City Hall

### December 3, 7 and 10 - 8 p.m.

Dramatis Personae Community Theatre:  
*Six Stairways to Heaven*  
Victoria Hall

### December 12 - 4:30 p.m.

Community Chanukah party  
City Hall and Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom

a.m. to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386.

### English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Info: 514 483-5604.



## PUBLIC SECURITY

### Non-Perishable Food Drive

Contributions of non-perishable food items towards the Christmas basket programme for needy families in the area are now being accepted and are very appreciated. Bring items to the containers in Westmount's municipal buildings and at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. until December 21<sup>st</sup>. Cash donations and new toys in original packaging are also welcome. Info: 514 989-5468.

### Winter parking restrictions in effect beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>

Please be advised that winter parking restrictions on certain Westmount streets are in effect beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure to double-check the signs when parking your vehicle. Info: 514 989-5222.

### Reminder: theft prevention

The Westmount Public Security team reminds everyone to make sure their parked car is always properly locked and that all valuable items are removed or stored out of sight. Info: 514 989-5222.

### Going away? Let us know.

Westmount residents may contact the Public Security Unit to ask for a "Passing Attention" for their home if they expect to be absent for an extended period. Officers will periodically check the home during their patrols and notify the appropriate contact if any intervention is needed. Info: 514 989-5222.

## Westmount, à votre portée.

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# The status of Westmount's smelly ginkgos



This photo of a female ginkgo biloba tree was taken December 1, 2011 in Murray Park, close to Côte St. Antoine. Two female trees are known to be in the park and one in Westmount Park. Several have also been observed (and smelled) on Prince Albert near Somerville. Male and female trees appear similar, but only the female produces fruit. When the temperature drops and after the first frost, the fruit falls to the ground and smells “disgusting,” according to the photographer. These trees are identified by the large patches of fruit shed around their base in late fall. It is one of the oldest tree species and one of the longest living with examples thousands of years old. Their fan-shaped leaves are a deep, rich green throughout the summer, turning to golden yellow in the fall. The tree is a native of China. The fruit can be toxic if not handled correctly.

Photos: Ralph Thompson

## Woman spots lost car from patrol vehicle

A woman who couldn't remember where she had parked her car while visiting someone at Manoir Westmount on Sherbrooke and Lansdowne finally spotted it with the aid of public safety officers. She was driven around five streets in the area in a patrol vehicle until noticing it on Roslyn north of Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. The woman lives in NDG.

## Man followed on bus

A man was reported by a parking inspector to be screaming November 17 at Sherbrooke and Claremont, Public Security officials said. He was reported to have calmed down when public safety officers arrived just after 7 pm but was kept under surveillance. When he was seen boarding a 124 bus, officers followed it as it headed north on Claremont.



The same female ginkgo biloba tree in Murray Park was photographed on November 16, about two weeks earlier than the photo taken of the same tree last year. The tree did not have any fruit at this time this year, and the tree is totally bare of berries and leaves. Two ginkgos noted in Westmount Park did drop their fruit over the last few weeks.

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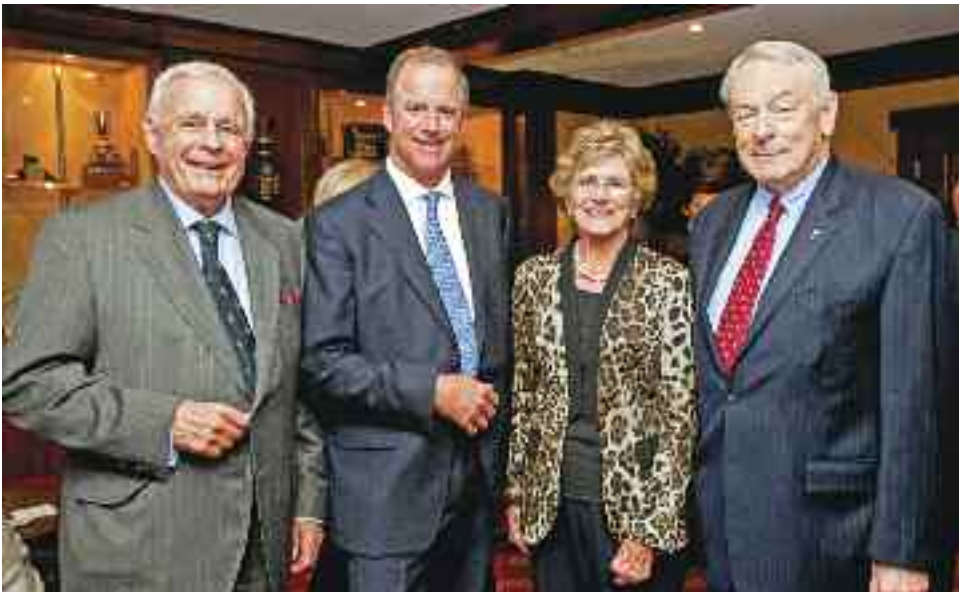
VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmounter **Richard Pound** was honoured on October 10 at the 11th Annual Action Centre Foundation Soirée. Held at

the Atwater Club, the theme was “A Celebration of Olympic Proportions.” Tickets were \$500 to attend the early cocktail reception and meet Pound, and \$150 for the event itself.

Olympians present included 2012 silver medalist **Benoit Huot**, paraolympian swimmer, and **Olya Ovtchinnikova** of the Canadian Olympic fencing team.

International Olympic Committee members attending were **Wayne Russell** and **Walter Sieber**. Action Centre executive



From left: Chil, Jamie and Virginia Heward, and Richard Pound.

director **Joanne Heward**, attending with her husband **Geoff**, greeted the sold-out crowd.

Westmounters present included soirée pres **Andrew Pepper** with his wife **Sophie**, **Bunny Berke** and **Larry Lusko**, **Virginia** and **Chil Heward**, **Michelle** and **Ron Kaulbach**, **Sophie Palmer** and **Patrick Kelly**, **Jodie Lafrenière** and **Scott Pritchard**,



Joanne Heward

**Charles Vennat**, and **Tyler Schlemm**, as well as former Westmount res **Maria** and **Jonathan Birks**.


Westmounter **Mel Hoppenheim**, there with his wife **Rosemary**, wearing a gorgeous Chanel camellia pin, was once again, the astute – and amusing! – auctioneer and was praised for his

11 years of unstinting volunteerism.

Committee members ..... were Westmounters continued on p. 31



Christina Birks and Charles Vennat.



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## Social, cont'd. from p. 30

Charles Frosst, Anna Goth, Alison Jarvis, Jodi Lafrenière, as well as Gilda Abdulezer, Cristina Birks, James Davidson, Nancy Guitard, and brothers Geoffrey and James Heward.

Long-time Action Centre supporters, the Belec, Westmounters **Anna and Phil**, and **Philip Belec** (same name but unrelated), were noted amidst the chic crowd.

The annual event raised over \$110,000 to support the centre, which offers programs for physically challenged people. Soirée supporters were Global Montreal, represented by the ever-charming **Jamie Orchard**, and CJAD Talk Radio by Westmounter **Andrew Carter** – also charming.



Mel and Rosemary Hoppenheim.



Jamie Orchard and Andrew Carter.

## Jubilee medals awarded to MacDougall and Fanous



Several people in the Westmount community received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recent weeks.

James MacDougall of Prince

Albert Ave. received his medal from MP Marc Garneau on November 14 at the offices of the Quebec Society of Disabled Children. He was being recognized for “improving the quality of life for deaf and disabled people in Canada.” He is an associate professor of psychology at McGill, and is founder of the Canadian Deafness Research and Training Institute and the

James MacDougall



Nabil Fanous

Institute for Rehabilitation Research and Development at the Ottawa Hospital.

Dr. Nabil Fanous, cosmetic and facial reconstruction surgeon,

received his medal on September 9 from federal minister Jason Kenney. The medal was awarded for “his scientific contributions in the field of plastic surgery and facial reconstruction.” He is president of The Canadian Institute of Cosmetic Surgery, located in Westmount Square.



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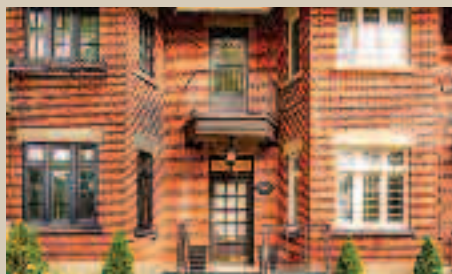
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