

## Commercial recycling starts this week

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A new blue box is hitting the street this week – a giant one on wheels.

It's Westmount's long-awaited commercial recycling depot to be moved around on weekdays in the Victoria Village and Greene Ave. shopping districts for curbside use by small- and medium-size businesses.

"It's an innovative prototype, a pilot project," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. "We may have to make some adjustments as we go."

The mobile unit is scheduled to go into service this Tuesday and Wednesday on Sherbrooke St. east and west of Victoria. It will then move to St. Catherine St. east

and west of Greene on Thursday and back to Victoria on Friday. Service on Greene will start early next month once road construction is complete.

"I think it sells itself," said Gerard Fellerath of Folklore I when the unit was unveiled last week to representatives of the merchant associations in each of the two commercial districts. "We've frequently brought up the need."

He had a number of suggestions, including a request that someone from the city be positioned beside the unit during the first week to explain the process to users and to record their comments.

Michael Millman of the West End Gallery, who heads the association anchored by Greene, also said the need for commercial curbside recycling was long overdue.

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## Library gate count rises to 1,000 users a day Members, web hits up in '09

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount Public Library recorded a busy year in 2009 as gate counts recorded an average 1,000 visits a day, almost 10 percent more than the previous year, according to annual figures released last week.

With membership and circulation also climbing, the new website recorded a total

of almost 48,000 hits in July and August alone, almost double the same period the previous year.

"This increasing use of the library is impressive and significant for our planning of future services and resources," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella, who took on the position a year ago.

Driven in part by the ..... new technologies, she continued on p. 6

## Westmount High vs. Montreal Juniors



Westmount High School (WHS) principal Michael Cristofaro (centre) ceremoniously commences a floor hockey scrimmage between students and members of the Montreal Juniors on October 13. Trevor Parkes (far right), Juniors player and NHL prospect, participated in the face off. Over 600 students attended the event, part of the ongoing Score With School program, that includes eight participating English Montreal School Board schools. The program encourages students to stay in school and perform well. According to a press release, the Juniors won 6-1, but physical education teacher Jeff Kosso called back five goals and an "entertaining" shootout ensued.

Photo: Westmount High

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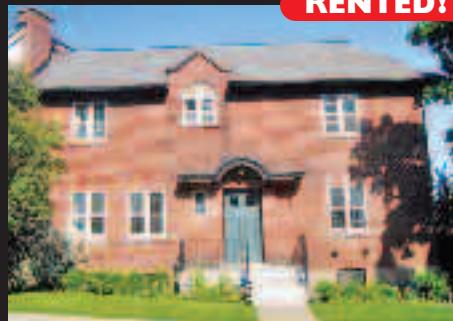
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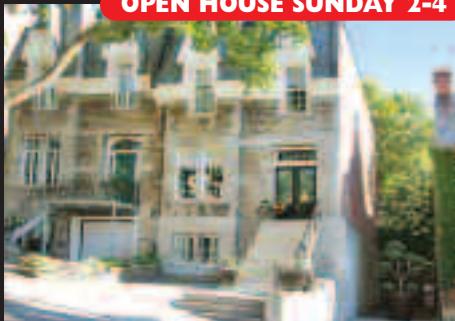
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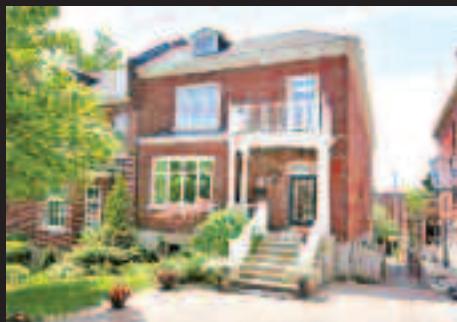
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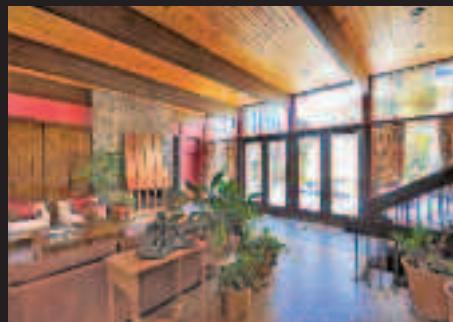
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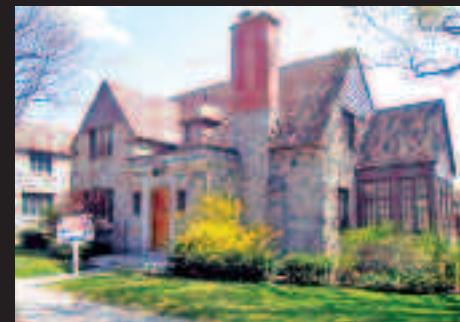
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# Mobile depot seen as innovative solution

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commercial recycling was one of the city's 2010 sustainable development initiatives, Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Environment commissioner, pointed out.

The program's launch completes the city's curbside recycling program, which marks 20 years on October 24 (see separate story, p. 6). It also coincides with the national Waste Reduction Week (October 18 to 24).

"We've been wanting to provide commercial recycling for a long time but couldn't find a way without generating negative impact in the congested commercial areas," Zalzal explained. "We think we've finally found a way. Time will tell if this meets the need."

Designed to fit into one parking space, the unit's manoeuvrability allows it to be hitched to a pickup truck and moved to different locations morning and afternoon to make it as accessible to merchants as pos-

sible. A schedule of times and places is listed in a leaflet being delivered to all potential users.

## Addresses hurdles

The prototype addresses many hurdles that had to be overcome in providing the service, Zalzal explained.

"We had to find an innovative and sustainable way that wouldn't interfere with pedestrian access on the sidewalk, generate a lot of garage blowing over the street, or back up traffic by using a large recycling truck."

It could be a model for others with similar environments, she said. "I don't know of another city that has a mobile unit in its downtown core for small- and medium-size businesses. There are places where recycling is offered in larger industrial sectors but we're dealing with small spaces, high pedestrian and vehicle traffic and a big demand for parking."

As well, the mobile unit involves few

city resources, since merchants will walk to the unit with their cartons and other recyclables.

Larger stores in Westmount, such as Metro and the SAQ, hire their own recycling suppliers.

## Commercial recycling schedule

The current schedule is a preliminary one that calls for the unit to be parked in the following places:

### Mondays on Greene\*

8 to 11:30 am: west side between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve  
12:30 to 4 pm: east side between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine

### Tuesdays on Sherbrooke

8 to 11:30 am: north side, between Prince Albert and Claremont  
12:30 to 4 pm: south side, between Prince Albert and Claremont

### Wednesdays on Sherbrooke

8 to 11:30 am: north side, between Victoria and Prince Albert  
12:30 to 4 pm: south side between Grosvenor and Victoria

### Thursdays on St. Catherine

8 to 11:30 am: north side between Greene and Clarke  
12:30 to 4 pm: south side between Atwater and Wood

### Fridays on Victoria:

8 to 11:30 am: west side, corner of Somerville  
12:30 to 4 pm: east side, corner of de Maisonneuve.

\*after completion of road construction, mid-November.



Representatives of Westmount's two merchant associations get a preview of the city's new commercial recycling depot: at rear from left, Gerard Fellerath of Folklore 1 (Sherbrooke/Victoria) and Michael Millman of the West End Gallery (Greene/St. Catherine). Unveiling the giant blue box are from left: Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, Councillor Theodora Samiotis and environmental coordinator Marina Peter.

## Glen yards piles to have begun Oct. 18

Neighbours of the MUHC's Glen campus received notice on October 16 that installation of the new hospital's 6,000 piles would begin October 18 and is scheduled to end in February 2011. Work hours are Monday to Saturday, 7 am to 10 pm, with dumptrucks working until 11 pm.

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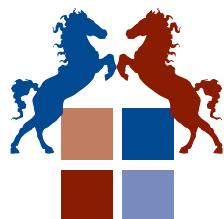
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BENCHES HAVE RIGHTS, TOO

I, the bench on the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Strathcona, am stunned and embarrassed to have been so publicly criticized in this publication (“A Wayward Bench”, October 5, p. 4).

I am truly ambivalent (not “wayward” at all) between my current location and that which is proposed by Mr. Turgeon in his letter – my view should remain effectively the same at either location (people’s arses ends in my face all day long). What irks me about the episode is this: Before my photograph appeared in this paper, alongside comments impugning the worth of my location, I was never once asked to move!

The residents of Westmount need to start talking to benches. You’ll be surprised what an accommodating lot of furniture we are. As redress, I demand to receive a fresh coat of Jaguar-Green paint from Westmount Public Works!

BENJAMIN BENCH, SHERBROOKE ST.

### CP STATION RISKS DEMO

Montreal recently began its demolition of the old Seville Theatre on the corner of St. Catherine and Lambert Closse.

As a result, I couldn’t help but ponder the potentially similar fate of Westmount’s own abandoned CP station, towards which the city and residents appear to be apathetic.

How much longer will this station sit vacant before we rally together, as a community, to decide its upon its fate? Will it, like the Seville, be so unsalvageable by the time we get our acts together that demolition is the only option left open?

If small towns in Saskatchewan, with limited resources, can manage to restore their old stations and transform them into teahouses or museums, then I’d very well imagine an affluent community like Westmount can do similar great things.

ELISSA HAMILTON, CLAREMONT AVE.

*Editor’s note: A walk-around (lay) inspection of the station on October 17 found its outsides to be in reasonable repair with the exception of some graffiti on the far side. – KM*

### SAFE WALK COMPLETED

Finally, with the exception of two people, we have received all the completed questionnaires from the 125 residents who signed up to walk the streets of Westmount to assess the safety of the sidewalks and general environment (see “Citizens mobilize for Safe Walk”, August 10, p. 1).

The enthusiasm and willingness of these volunteers has been incredible. Many of us have stories to tell about the walks through our neighbourhood.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in this safe walk project and also to Joshua Wolfe, West-

mount’s Sustainable Development coordinator for his huge support. Josh is leaving the city this month. I will be sorry to see him go and wish him well.

FRANCIE MONTGOMERY,  
SAFE WALK COORDINATOR AND  
DOUGLAS AVE. RESIDENT

### CRACKDOWN NEEDED ON CYCLISTS

I am not against the bike path, I am not against bicyclists, and I am not against increased paths and traffic. I am against the reckless use of bicycles in this city.

I have lived on the path since it was created in Westmount, and the problem has never been as pervasive as it is now. Bicyclists believe they own the road. Most believe that they are exempt from traffic lights and stop signs as they race frantically up the street and bike path.

In addition, they lack helmets and lights/reflectors required for night riding.

A bicyclist is going to be hit by a car and die one day unless immediate action is taken. Westmount security and the Montreal police need to constantly enforce the laws for bicyclists (handing out heavy fines regularly).

Why must we be so reactionary and not proactive? Why must we wait for a tragedy like the one that occurred to Jessica Holman-Price (the snowplow victim) before something gets done? It is time for action now.

SEAN MAISLIN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

*Editor’s note: It is our understanding that Public Security cannot fine for moving violation, including those involving cyclists. – KM*

### PLEASE MOVE THE PLANNED ARENA ENTRANCE

We have been given the go-ahead to borrow \$37 million in the form of a by-law that has been speedily approved by the Quebec government (p. 2 of the October 5 issue).

Now that it has indeed been rubber-stamped by the provincial government, it’s time to steam-roller it through to completion by September 2012, as I understand it.

I am one of those residents who went to the register on August 17, a week after the by-law was passed by council, to try and muster enough people for a referendum on that by-law.

We required 500 signatures. Most people were still out of town, but a few courageous individuals dared to present a different opinion than the consensus that was based on that package passed out in April of 2010. We managed 114 signatures. Close to a fourth of what was needed.

This project has already begun. I note this from my window at 300 Lansdowne.

Exploratory work at any rate. Thus we have an added responsibility to the citizenry for their safety and security: the young and the old, the disabled, and the rest of the population who will be using this proposed community centre. Everybody’s needs should be addressed, especially regarding traffic.

So, Mr. Mayor, while I congratulate your administration that you now have the necessary funds to carry out this project, I hope that we will still be able to make some changes to the design, not the least of which would be to remove the proposed entrance to the underground garage away from Lansdowne entirely.

St. Catherine St. would be more appropriate as traffic would flow away from an already congested area, and into main public thoroughfares such as Dorchester/René Lévesque. After all, Lansdowne is a residential street.

SANDRA CHITAYAT, LANSDOWNE AVE.

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# Poet Michael Harris shortlisted for GG and QWF literary awards

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Michael Harris is at a loss for words when asked to describe the themes that animate his many published works of poetry.

The longtime Westmounter, current de Maisonneuve Blvd. resident and retired Dawson College English Lit. professor has



Michael Harris with a copy of his latest work, *Circus* outside the Westmount Public Library, October 14.

scored what his publisher, Véhicule Press, is referring to as a “double whammy.”

Harris is one of five finalists up for the Governor General’s Literary Award for Poetry, for *Circus*, his first poetry collection in 10 years. He is among the five English-language finalists from Quebec for this year’s literary prizes. Added to that, the Quebec Writers’ Federation announced on October 15 that *Circus* is one of three finalists for the A.M. Klein Prize for Poetry.

“I’m pleased,” he told the *Independent*, while reacting to the Governor General’s nomination. (The QWF shortlist was announced a few days after the interview.) With some hesitation, he added, “I don’t take awards and all that stuff very seriously.”

On the Governor General’s Literary Awards web site, *Circus* is described as speaking “to the knife-edge of anarchy that underlies the civilization we are asked to accept. Michael Harris tells us that life often disappoints.”

Winners will be announced on November 16. QWF winners will be announced during a literary awards gala to be held on November 23.

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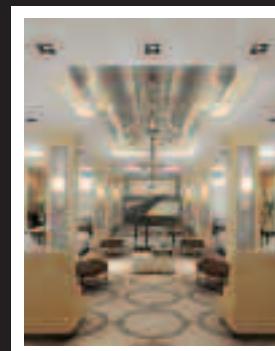
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## Susan Burpee mourned

The Westmount community lost a well known and dedicated volunteer October 8 with the death of Susan Burpee. Funeral services took place Friday, October 15 at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord.

"She was such a hard worker and brought so much dedication to her work in the community," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chairs the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC). "We're going to miss her a great deal."

Burpee served on HAC for many years and her sudden death came as a shock to many colleagues. An avid gardener, she

was involved in several gardening groups. Her own gardens were featured at least twice on the city's Secret Garden Tours. She had also been one of the volunteers participating in the recent Safe Walk Audit.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Burpee, daughters Wendy, Stephanie and Jessica, and five grandchildren.



## Library increases computers

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said, the library's total circulation reached almost 320,000, a rise of some 4 percent. Membership was also up 5 percent, just short of an average of 8,000 a month.

The trends also appear to be continuing in 2010, Cardella said as the library celebrates Public Library Week across Quebec this week, October 16 to 23 (see story October 12, p. 8.)

While membership figures exceeded 9,000 10 years ago, circulation numbers have remained relatively similar. "What our figures are telling us now is that [those] members using the library in a typical month borrow an average of six items," Cardella said.

"This is a very important figure judging by statistics I see from other municipal libraries. It indicates a high level of satisfaction in Westmount."

One of last year's milestones came in mid-December when the DVD collection

reached the 2,000 mark "and its popularity only continues to increase as well."

Contributing to the popularity of the new website was a new section for teens that was not included in the earlier 1998 version, she added.

The installation of six new stand-up computer stations at the Reference section freed up sit-down computers enabling users to reserve up to two hours a day of time compared to one. Internet booking time almost doubled to 14,723 hours. "All our computers are in use most of the time, but there is a tremendous improvement in terms of the flow of users, which translates into little or no waiting."

Another 2009 highlight was the creation and development of a pain management collection made possible by a three-year investment from the Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation (see story November 10, 2009, p. 4). "Many citizens have since benefitted from access to close to 80 books and DVDs on this subject," Cardella said.

"This is one of the most extensive pain management collections in any library in Montreal and is very important given our aging population."

The children's section also introduced a new weekend story time program in 2009.

## Blue box marks 20 years of increasing participation

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Westmount's little blue box marks its 20th anniversary this Sunday, October 24, the day the first curbside recycling collection took place.

Volunteers had helped the city distribute more than 4,000 blue boxes to households of eight units or less. This launched the hallmark program that has since diverted a total of some 35,000 tonnes from landfill, Public Works officials said this week.

The program also led to curbside recycling for apartment blocks in 1993 and, a year later, for schools, churches and institutions. This week the city has introduced its giant blue box mobile depot for commercial districts (see photo and story p. 1).

"These events were very successful at bringing families together for an hour of stories and crafts."

The library also expanded an after-school Homework Help program, which paired 18 children with 18 teens who provided them with help in their French homework.

Of the 8,000 members in 2009, close to 75 percent were Westmount adults and children. Non-Westmounters attending local schools accounted for about 15 percent while Montrealers, institutions and others made up the balance.

Circulation figures in 2009 reveal ups

"In 20 years, we've gone from the small blue box to the giant one," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, who launched the program in 1990 as the city's junior engineer.

"The program was a success from the beginning. Westmount has always been known for its high participation rates." These grew quickly and steadily from 60 percent to 90 percent, just for the household blue box portion.

Zalzal still marvels at the role volunteers played in getting it off the ground.

"Our participation rate is now well established and it's really quite amazing," explained city environmental coordinator Marina Peter in providing the statistics.

But the main challenge of food contamination remains unchanged through the

and downs within various categories. These were marked by increases in DVD loans and all English adult reading. They were offset by some drops in French and children's circulation.

English adult FastRead fiction rose 24 percent to more than 5,700 one-week loans during the year. This is a relatively new service started by Westmount that is so successful it is now offered by Côte St. Luc and Pointe Claire libraries, Cardella said.

"I'm interested to see how all these figures translate into trends," she said.

## Ruth Arnold, at almost 100, still likes snow



Photographed here on October 13 at Manoir Westmount during a communal celebration eleven October birthdays, Ruth Arnold was especially fêted for her upcoming 100th. Arnold was born October 30, 1910 in northern Germany. Arnold, the only centenarian living at the seniors' residence, moved to Palestine in 1935 and then to Montreal in the '50s. She talked with enthusiasm about her life and her move to Montreal, stating in no uncertain terms, "I like the snow."

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## Mayor's Column

# Our traffic jams are not homemade



BY MAYOR PETER F. TRENT

Last month, in a low-level flight of oratory, I publicly described the state of through traffic in Westmount to my fellow island of Montreal mayors. "Westmount is in danger of becoming a traffic sewer," I declaimed.

After an eight-year absence from the mayoralty, I've noticed two, possibly related, things:

1. citizens are much stropplier; and
2. traffic volume and speed are much greater – in spite of the decreased quality of our roads.

Are we Westmounters part of this traffic growth? Let's start by examining our patterns of commuting. In 2006, 9,750 Westmounters were employed. 1,500 worked from home, more than double the island of Montreal rate. 2,000 of us used public transit to get to work, proportionally lower than elsewhere on the island; but we made up for it by the 1,500 Westmounters who walked to work.

This left 4,750 Westmounters who drove or were driven to work: 11 percent fewer than in 1996. But the number of island of Montreal car commuters grew 11 percent in the same 10-year period.

Certainly, employers in Westmount pay property taxes and some service our needs. Still, over a third more "outsiders" commute to Westmount than the reverse, and one-half of them in cars.

My hairdresser, Rose – to whom I present over the years an ever-diminishing workload – drives from Anjou to Westmount daily. Our cleaning woman used to drive in from Repentigny.

But it's not just a commuter invasion. Two CEGEPs in Westmount serve 12,000 students. And when Westmount allowed

schools in residential areas, it was in the days when kids actually walked to school and local schools served local kids. No more.

Our 13 schools in Westmount have a student watershed extending as far as the West Island. Many kids are individually driven to school, often necessitating two round-trips a day.

But probably the most significant source of our increased traffic is the daily swarm of drivers insouciantly barrelling through Westmount on their way downtown. Hence my "traffic sewer" boutade.

Of late, NDG politicians have been berating me for denying a Westmount access to the MUHC Glen construction site. They say their citizens are bearing the brunt of its construction traffic. Hmm. For years, NDGers have used The Boulevard and Sherbrooke as highways to downtown without so much as a thank you, all the while thumbing their noses at our speed limit.

### Nonsensical equation

And think about it. Since only one car commuter in 10 has a passenger, it takes 2,000 kilograms of metal, glass and plastic to transport the average 75-kilogram driver – with smog, CO<sub>2</sub>, and noise as byproducts. With one-half of the island of Montreal commuters – and two-thirds of Greater Montreal Region commuters – driving cars, this nonsensical equation has to change.

Back home, I'm getting pretty stroppy myself. Since buying our house on Côte St. Antoine, we have seen traffic volume and speed soar, as drivers avoid the Great Sherbrooke Parking Lot. Lansdowne, Grosvenor and other streets are even worse off.

Next week: what can we do about it?

## Thieves attracted by backpacks in cars

At least three cars were broken into October 8 in the Victoria Village and backpacks searched or taken, Public Security officials report. The incidents demonstrate the importance of leaving nothing visible in a car, regardless of value, said Sgt. Kim Colquhoun.

Officers responded to one call at 8:13 pm on Prince Albert south of Sherbrooke when the car's owner found a rear side window had been smashed.

While on the scene, another owner reported his car behind 4858 Sherbrooke at Victoria also had been entered by breaking a side window. A stolen backpack containing chef's knives and a bottle of wine was subsequently recovered in a lane. The bottle was broken but only an M3 player was missing.

Meanwhile, a woman reported her car window had been broken and a backpack rummaged through but nothing taken near 4840 Sherbrooke. To add to her problems she had received a parking ticket – and it was raining heavily.

## OBITUARY



**Deichmann, Carl Timon Caspar** – passed away in his 41st year peacefully at home in Montreal on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 after a brave struggle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Mary Gallery, children Nicholas and Natasha, mother Germaine Deichmann, brother Nicholas Deichmann (Anna Briner Deichmann), parents-in-law Brian and Nancy Gallery and sisters-in-law Ann Gallery (Ian March) and Elizabeth Gallery (Matthew Tedford). Timon was born in Bern, Switzerland, raised in Knowlton, Quebec, and lived in Montreal. He was a proud alumnus of Knowlton Academy, Bishop's College School and Queen's University, a lifelong member of the Knowlton community and current President of The Brome Lake Boat Club. Timon enjoyed a successful marketing career in Montreal and stayed true to his passions of sailing, tennis, the outdoors and, of course, skiing. Timon will be best remembered for the love and commitment that he showed his family and many friends. A service was held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Saint George's Anglican Church in Montreal. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Timon's memory to The Brome Lake Boat Club, 221 Lakeside Road, Knowlton, Quebec, JOE 1V0. It is our wish to fulfill Timon's dream of creating memorable summers for kids for many years to come.

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# Hello Dolly



**Underdog**

MARY LAMEY

When the emaciated street dog turned up at the SPCA emergency shelter two months ago, her new caregivers called her Dolly, because she seemed as fragile as a china doll.



Dolly

Photo: Marilyn Gelfand

A pitbull of between one and two years old, Dolly is chestnut brown with a white bib and paws. She had a litter of puppies before being taken in by the SPCA. Her friends there think she may never have had a proper home.

Despite her difficult past, Dolly has made great strides at the shelter. She is eager to please and social, and is now working on potty and crate training. At 55 lbs, she's still scrawny, "but her body is finally starting to catch up with the size of her head," according to the SPCA's Marilyn Gelfand.

Dolly would benefit from a home with an experienced owner able to channel her energy and enthusiasm. She is currently being walked daily by a 105-lb volunteer, so size and strength aren't really the issue. With firm, consistent instruction she will blossom.

Dolly has had her basic vaccinations and will be spayed before she leaves the emergency shelter. Could you find room in your heart and home for this hard-luck gal? If so, contact Marilyn Gelfand at 514.895.5326 or mgelfand@vdm.ca. You can also visit the emergency shelter at 7314 Mountain Sights (across the street from the main SPCA) between 12 and 8 Monday to Friday, 11 to 5 Saturday and Sunday.

To learn about other dogs needing a second leash on life, visit [www.underdog-club.org](http://www.underdog-club.org), where online donations are gratefully accepted to help place and care for Montreal's underdogs.

# Human trafficking lurks – pay attention and report it, says Perrin

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Westmount is affluent, but that doesn't make it immune from human-trafficking.

That was Ben Perrin's message to readers of the *Independent*, following his lecture at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom October 13.

Perrin, an assistant law professor at the University of British Columbia, was promoting his book *Invisible Chains*, which documents sophisticated networks of human trafficking in Canada.

Perrin gave several examples of foreign and Canadian girls, and some boys, under 18, being systematically exploited for sex and labour in Canadians cities and towns by calculating predators. He also detailed an inadequate policing system for combatting human trafficking, and called on the 60-plus audience members to urge Premier Jean Charest to create an integrated police task force to fight trafficking, and to mandate a system that will link victims of trafficking with recovery services.

Several audience members nodded or were heard to say "okay."

"Human traffickers rely on all of us not



Ben Perrin speaks on human trafficking in front of an audience at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom October 13.

getting involved, minding our own business," Perrin said, citing an example of neighbours not reporting banging and screaming they heard from a trafficked girl.

Perrin said it's a myth trafficking only happens in seedy areas, and told the *Independent* about a Filipino live-in caregiver in a situation of modern-day slavery in the wealthy Vancouver neighbourhood of Shaughnessy.

"Traffickers have a plan, and Canada doesn't," said Perrin. "They realize they can get away with it, and so they've come up with all kinds of ways to profit from it."

The first audience question broached the possible legalization of brothels following a recent Ontario court. Perrin said the ruling was an example of the judicial system getting involved in social policy. "It's not about the Charter," Perrin argued, contradicting some supporters of the ruling. "It's about using the judicial system to decide something that would not be decided democratically."

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## Place K's own Friedman wipes out competition

By ISAAC OLSON

Doreen Friedman, an NDGer who has worked at Westmount's Place Kensington for 17 years, placed first in her age group during this year's Montreal Marathon on September 5.

At age 56, Friedman, the senior residence's events coordinator, finished the annual 42.2-kilometre race in 3:38, running alongside more than 2,000 participants. She was the 35th woman to cross the finish line, according to Sportsstats.ca, putting her ahead of eight others in the 55 to 59 age group. She placed 450th overall.

The next in her category, Claudine Bury, ran a 4:21, the site states.

"Win or lose, I just like to be active," said Friedman. "It's my passion, really."

While the competition keeps it interesting, she said she participates in such events more for the personal challenge and her *continued on p. 20*



Doreen Friedman outside her place of work at Place Kensington.

## Emma and 18-year-old Tulip homeless



Life has a way of coming full circle. Emma and Tulip were my neighbours' constant companions for years. When both of my neighbours died, within a period of six months of each other, the Westmount cats – one now aged 18 years old – were left without a home.

Arrangements were made for a foster home with long-time family friends, and they have been cared for beautifully until now. Unfortunately, serious health concerns in the foster home make it impossible to keep Emma and Tulip, yet they want to make sure that the cats are placed into another loving home.

Emma and Tulip are like my old dog Suyeung – seniors with wonderful personalities and in good health. They are quiet and sweet.

Emma is a grey tabby with golden eyes. She is somewhere between 13- and 15-years old. An indoor cat, she is shy, and likes to sit at the window and watch the world go from a warm, quiet spot. She is very clean and uses her litterbox with ease.



Emma

Emma has been spayed, vaccinated, vetted and groomed.

Tulip is a tortoiseshell with luminescent green eyes. She was born in 1992, which makes her 18 years young. She has no teeth left, but that doesn't stop her from adoring her soft food and treats. She is shy and likes to spend her days curled up in a safe spot. Tulip uses her litterbox very well and has been spayed, vaccinated, vetted and groomed. She is extremely loving.

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# Blue box rebates eliminated

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years, she said. People are still tossing soiled pizza boxes and other materials into the blue box instead of tearing off the soiled portion and putting it in the green bin.

Interestingly, Peter noted, "some people are still using the original blue box as long as it holds up." This is a lighter blue and slightly longer than ones that have followed. Many of the older ones can still be seen at curbside, some held together by tape.

Many changes have characterized the years as commercial markets opened up for recyclable products. Plasticized milk cartons and plastic bags were among items not accepted for some time.

Also, since February 2009, the need to separate paper items from glass, metal and plastics was eliminated.

## Remembering RIGDIM

Westmount introduced the blue box along with its eight municipal partners in the now defunct-Intermunicipal Waste Management Board. Known as the Régie or RIGDIM (Régie intermunicipale de



gestion des déchets sur l'île de Montréal), its name survives on the sides of the original blue boxes.

Collection, transport and sorting centres were carried out under the auspices of the Régie, for which Westmount's first contract cost close to \$225,000 for 14 months in addition to fees to the Régie. As markets grew, Westmount received modest rebates for a few years starting in July 1999. Based on quantities collected, these amounted to some \$24,000 in 2000.

Now, with recycling falling under the island-wide agglomeration, Westmount is directly responsible only for collection and transport (to agglomeration sorting centres) at a cost for 2010 of \$215,000.

At the time of the blue box's 10th anniversary, it was announced that 14,000 tonnes had been diverted from landfill, excluding the start of apartment and institutional programs. The next decade has generated an additional 21,000, Peter said.

## Cyclist's cries heard by resident

A resident of upper Clarke called Public Security when she heard screams in the area at 4:51 am September 29. An officer was dispatched to the street and found a cyclist bleeding from the face after falling off her bicycle.

The victim, a resident of St. Henri in her early 20s, was transported to hospital by ambulance while her bicycle was taken to Public Security for safekeeping. She was described as appearing intoxicated.

## Volunteering in and around Westmount

- **St. Antoine 50+ Community Centre** (850 Dominion, just east of Atwater) needs volunteers to drive seniors to medical appointments in the southwest Montreal area. Contact Maggie Taylor at 514.933.7351.
- **Centre Greene** is seeking volunteers for its annual Treats and Treasures Craft sale and bazaar to take place Saturday, November 20. Two shifts are available: from 10 am to 2 pm, and from 2 to 5 pm. Tasks will include helping at a raffle table, in the lunch room and selling goods at the bake table. For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org) or email [info@centregreene.org](mailto:info@centregreene.org).
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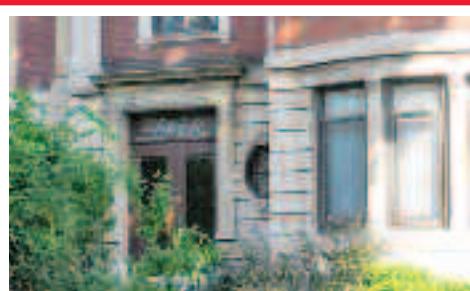
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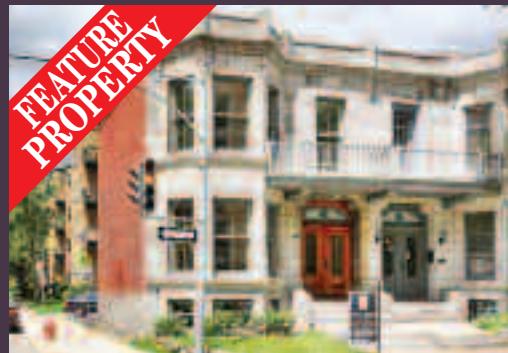
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### ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES **Ballroom Blitz**

Joignez-vous à nous le 6 novembre à 20 h pour une soirée de musique « big band » et de danse avec un orchestre de 17 musiciens. Un cours de danse et une présentation de danse auront lieu entre 19 h et 20 h. Entrée : \$20. Les billets sont disponibles au Victoria Hall durant les heures d'ouverture. Info: 514 989-5226.

### **Cirque des horreurs de l'Halloween**

Le 31 octobre entre 16 h et 20 h, dans les profondeurs du terrain de bowling de Westmount, tout est bien étrange. On entend dire que les esprits maléfiques n'attendent que l'occasion d'être libérés. À l'Halloween, surveillez bien les esprits revenir à la vie, pour une nuit terrifiante... dans le cirque des horreurs au pavillon de bowling. Génial pour les jeunes de tous âges. Venez déguisés ! ! Info : 514 989-5468.



### TRAVAUX PUBLICS

#### **Collecte de feuilles mortes**

La ville offre un service de collecte de feuilles au cours des mois d'octobre et de novembre les jours de semaine. Afin d'assurer que les feuilles seront ramassées, utilisez des sacs en PAPIER ou en plastique COMPOSTABLE. Les feuilles tassées en vrac en bordure de rue NE SERONT PAS RAMASSÉES. Déposez vos sacs de feuilles en bordure du trottoir avant 7 h du lundi au vendredi pour être ramassés à l'intérieur de trois jours ouvrables. Info : 514 989-5390.

#### **Réfection de l'avenue Greene**

Restez informés de l'état des travaux sur l'avenue Greene grâce à Facebook et Twitter. Sur Facebook recherchez : Westmount Greene Avenue et sur Twitter : twitter.com/greeneavenue.

#### **Nouveau service de recyclage pour le secteur commercial**

Depuis le 19 octobre, la ville offre un nouveau projet pilote de collecte sélective, pour les petites et moyennes entreprises de Westmount. Un conteneur ambulant sera utilisé pour recueillir le papier, le carton, le verre, le métal et le plastique dans les districts commerciaux de la ville selon un calendrier de rotation hebdomadaire. Le programme sera offert aux commerçants de l'avenue Greene quelques semaines plus tard, dès que les travaux en cours pour la réfection du trottoir et de la chaussée seront terminés. Tous les marchands et autres propriétaires d'entreprises sont invités à participer à ce programme important dans le cadre de l'initiative de développement durable. Vos commentaires sont importants pour nous. Info : 514 989-5390.

### DATES À RETENIR

#### **Du 16 au 23 octobre**

La semaine des bibliothèques publiques  
Bibliothèque publique de Westmount

#### **Du 17 au 24 octobre**

La semaine québécoise de réduction des déchets

#### **Le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre à 20 h**

Séance du conseil  
Hôtel de ville



### BIBLIOTHÈQUE **Henry V**

Venez rencontrer Gabrielle Soskin, directrice artistique de Persephone Productions et les acteurs de la pièce Henry V le mercredi 20 octobre à 14 h. Vous aurez une vue d'ensemble de la pièce et les comédiens joueront des scènes de cette œuvre majestueuse de Shakespeare à propos de la nature de la guerre. Info : 514 989-5386.

### **Chef Topleaf : Comment les animaux se préparent pour l'hiver**

Vous êtes-vous déjà demandé comment les animaux se préparent pour l'hiver? Venez rencontrer le conteur chef Topleaf le jeudi 21 octobre à 16 h pour un après-midi d'histoires et d'anecdotes amusantes pour toute la famille. 4 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

### **Mystère à la Bibliothèque!**

Découvrez une citrouille chez vous (aucun découpage s'il vous plaît!) et apportez-la à la Bibliothèque entre le vendredi 1 octobre et le vendredi 29 octobre. Enfilez ensuite votre costume d'Halloween et venez vous amuser le samedi 30 octobre à 19 h. Cette année, vous pourrez rencontrer à la Bibliothèque vos personnages préférés d'histoires pour enfants! Les citrouilles gagnantes seront ensuite annoncées lors du gala couronnant notre 13<sup>e</sup> édition annuelle du concours familial de citrouilles d'Halloween. Un événement des plus amusant pour toute la famille! (4 ans et plus). Info : 514 989-5229.



### SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

#### **Quand les seconds comptent**

Le Centre d'urgence 9-1-1 sert de porte d'entrée pour tous les appels d'urgences logées sur le territoire. C'est le numéro à composer quand vous voulez rejoindre les services d'urgence tels que la Police, l'ambulance ou en cas d'incendie.



### COMMUNITY EVENTS **Ballroom Blitz**

Join us November 6th at 8 p.m. for an evening of big band music and dancing featuring music by 17 musicians in the style of the big band era. A dance class and presentation will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$20. Tickets are on sale at Victoria Hall during business hours. Info: 514 989-5226.

### **Halloween Haunted Circus**

Deep below the Westmount's bowling green, a strangeness lurks. Some say it is ghouls and goblins, waiting for the chance to be free. On Halloween, watch the spirits come alive as they swing in the Haunted Circus at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse for one bone-chilling night on October 31st from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Great for kids of all ages. Costumes a must! Info: 514 989-5468.



### PUBLIC WORKS

#### **Autumn Leaf Collection**

The City offers curbside collection of leaves throughout October and November on weekdays. To make sure your leaves are collected, you must use PAPER bags or COMPOSTABLE plastic bags - leaves piled loose WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Place the bags of leaves behind the sidewalk by 7 a.m. Monday through Friday for collection within 3 days. Info : 514 989-5390.

#### **Greene Avenue Refurbishing**

Find out the latest information about the progress of road and sidewalk refurbishing on Greene Avenue. On Facebook, search: Westmount Greene Avenue and on Twitter: twitter.com/greeneavenue.

#### **New recycling service for Westmount's commercial sector**

The City is launching a new pilot recycling project for small- to medium-sized businesses in Westmount on October 19th. A mobile depot will be used to collect paper, cardboard, glass, metal and plastic in Westmount's shopping districts on a rotating schedule, including Sherbrooke Street, Victoria Avenue and Ste-Catherine Street. Greene Avenue will be included in a few weeks as soon as the current road and sidewalk work is completed. All merchants and other small business owners are invited to participate in this new sustainability initiative. Your comments about this project are important to us. Info: 514 989-5390.

### DATEBOOK

#### **October 16 - 23**

Public Library Week  
Westmount Public Library

#### **October 17 - 24**

Waste Reduction Week in Québec

#### **November 1<sup>st</sup> - 8 p.m.**

Council Meeting  
City Hall



### LIBRARY

#### **Henry V**

Meet Gabrielle Soskin, the Artistic Director of Persephone Productions and the cast of the stage play Henry V on Wednesday, October 20 at 2 p.m. An overview of Henry V will be provided and the cast will perform scenes from this majestic Shakespearean play about the nature of war. Info: 514 989-5386.

#### **Chief Topleaf: How Animals Get Ready for the Winter**

Have you ever wondered how animals get ready for the winter? Join storyteller Chief Topleaf for an afternoon of stories and fun facts for the whole family on Thursday, October 21 at 4 p.m. 4 years and up. Info: 514 989-5229.

#### **Mystery at the Library!**

Decorate a pumpkin at home (no carving please) and bring it into the Library between Friday, October 1 and Friday, October 29 for our annual pumpkin decorating contest. Join us after hours on Saturday, October 30 at 7 p.m. for a Storybook Adventure where your favourite characters come to life in the Library! Following the adventure, prizes will be awarded for the pumpkin contest. Be sure to wear your costume! A family event for children 4 and up! Info: 514 989-5229.



### PUBLIC SECURITY

#### **When seconds count!**

The Ville de Montréal 9-1-1 Emergency Centre serves as a clearing-house for all emergency calls made on the island of Montréal. It is the number to dial to contact emergency services such as Police, Fire Department and Ambulance.

**Westmount, à votre portée.** Pour toute question ou commentaire, veuillez nous contacter :  
**Westmount at your fingertips.** Contact us with any comment or question:

**www.westmount.org**  
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**Westmouter afield****Nichol to hike Kilimanjaro in support of MS research**

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

This January when his neighbours will be bundling up against the cold January winds, de Maisonneuve Blvd. resident



*Murray Nichol amidst the exotic flora of the flower conservatory, an environment very different from the one he will be immersed in this coming January when he hikes Mount Kilimanjaro.*

Murray Nichol, 44, will be across the globe climbing the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

In the first week of January 2011, Nichol will climb Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro as part of the Kilimanjaro Challenge for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada to raise money for research of the neurological disease and care for its sufferers.

The loss of a friend two years ago inspired Nichol to become involved in the MS Society of Canada. Since committing to the cause, he has come into direct contact with MS sufferers and their families, and has become increasingly aware of the "profound effect on family and friends" this incurable disease can have.

The Kilimanjaro Challenge involves rigorous training over the course of a year in order to be able to scale Africa's highest mountain – at over 19,000 ft. high – in just five to six days. Participants of all ages and from all over make up two groups of 21 people, who will meet during training sessions to learn to work with each other as a team and to deal with the extreme conditions of the ascent. They fund their own

trip expenses.

A resident of Westmount for almost 35 years, Nichol has so far been able to raise about one third of the \$12,000 needed to meet his goal. His greatest challenge has been the lack of awareness about MS among the general public, though it affects up to 75,000 Canadians. "When I talk about the MS Society, people think I am talking about Microsoft," he explained.

"Most of the donations so far have come from family and friends." Canada has the highest rate of MS in the world, according to the MS Society of Canada.

To learn more about this cause or to make a donation, visit <http://msofs.msociety.ca/2010misc/Sponsor.aspx?PID=1163223&L=2>.

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## BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the September 20 and October 4 meetings of city council.

- 41 Holton:** at a Category 1\* house, to restore some windows and doors;  
**631 Côte St. Antoine:** to replace windows and a door;  
**599 Roslyn:** at a Category 1 house, to replace some windows and a door and modify openings; also to build a new deck and a new garage;  
**4014 St. Catherine:** to change the sign;  
**648 Grosvenor:** to replace some windows;  
**4444 Sherbrooke:** to install fences along Sherbrooke and Metcalfe;  
**3180 The Boulevard:** at a Category 1 house, to replace some windows and a door;  
**468 Mount Stephen:** to modify rear and side elevations and relocate windows and doors;

- 501 Mount Pleasant:** to replace some basement windows;  
**19 Renfrew:** to replace some windows;  
**65 Belvedere Rd.:** to replace patio stones and front steps;  
**348 Wood:** at a Category 1 house, to replace some windows and doors;  
**349 Melville:** at the Serbian Orthodox Church, a Category 1 building, to install two new A/C units;  
**708 Upper Roslyn:** to replace some windows;  
**4862 Sherbrooke:** to modify rear balcony and install two new A/C units;  
**114 Abbott:** at a Category 1 house, to replace some front windows and one at the rear;  
**427 Grosvenor:** to replace some windows;  
**4932 Sherbrooke:** to install a new sign;  
**567 Roslyn:** to install a fence;  
**384 Olivier:** to replace some windows;  
**80 Belvedere Rd.:** to replace some win-

- dows.  
**4281 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category 1 house, to build two detached garages in the rear yard;  
**3040 Sherbrooke:** at Dawson College, a Category 1\* building, to install solar panels on the flat roof, two water towers and installation of a vent, all as part of an energy efficiency program;  
**11 Hillside:** to build a three-storey condo building at the site of the former Caledonia Curling Club where demolition was approved;  
**3249 Cedar:** to build a two-car garage attached to the main house and a new sunroom at the rear;  
**1 Murray:** at a Category 1 house, to replace all windows;  
**35 Church Hill:** to build a new rear balcony and replace roof veneer, windows and doors;  
**628 Victoria:** to enlarge rear door opening;

- 4637 Sherbrooke:** to replace windows and a door, block some openings to make new ones and build two new balconies;  
**464 Claremont:** to build a new rear balcony;  
**53 Oakland:** to redo rear deck and stairs;  
**3664 The Boulevard:** to build a new solarium at the rear;  
**427 Mount Pleasant:** at a Category 1 house, to erect a fence at the side property line;  
**426 Mount Stephen:** to replace a rear door;  
**3227-3233 St. Antoine:** to restore the façade;  
**1 Weredale Park:** at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, a Category 1 building, to replace a rear door;  
**441 Argyle:** to build a terrace on the roof;  
**1200 Atwater:** at the Atwater Library, a Category 1 building, to restore the front porch and steps, demolish a chimney and *continued on p. 22*



Ville de Westmount  
City of Westmount



### AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

#### À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES :

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande du propriétaire du bâtiment situé au **1248-1250, avenue Greene (Les 5 Saisons)** pour un permis de démolition de ce bâtiment.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés durant les jours d'ouverture de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 au bureau de la directrice du Service de l'aménagement urbain de la Ville de Westmount situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

Toute personne qui veut s'opposer à la délivrance d'un permis de démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l'avis public ou, à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l'affichage de l'avis sur l'immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition motivée au greffier de la ville.

De plus, toute personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée ou présenter toute autre soumission doit également le faire par écrit, durant cette période de dix (10) jours au greffier de la ville à l'adresse suivante :

4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2  
Téléphone: (514) 989-5318

Toute personne qui aura déposé une opposition ou une soumission par écrit à l'intérieur de ce délai sera avisée de la date, de l'heure et de l'endroit où se tiendra la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition et ce « programme préliminaire » pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront considérés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité de démolition au cours de la séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 19<sup>e</sup> jour du mois d'octobre 2010.

Nancy Gagnon  
Greffière adjointe de la ville

### NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application from the owner of the building situated at **1248-1250 Greene Avenue (Les 5 Saisons)** for a demolition permit of this building.

All relevant documents concerning this proposed demolition, including plans may be consulted on any working day, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the office of the Director of Urban Planning of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount.

Every person wishing to oppose the granting of a demolition permit must, within ten (10) days of publication of this public notice or failing such notice, within the ten (10) days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned, make his/her objections known in writing to the City Clerk, giving the reasons for his objections.

Likewise, every person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition and/or to make any other submission in this regard must also do so in writing, within the same ten (10) day period, to the City Clerk at the following address:

4333 Sherbrooke Street West  
Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2  
Telephone: 514 989-5318

All persons who will file objections and/or submissions in writing within the said delay shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the said application for the demolition permit and the said "preliminary program" for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. Those persons (or their representatives duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the said public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

Nancy Gagnon  
Assistant City Clerk

# John Fox honoured with retrospective at Klinkhoff Gallery



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Early in September, Westmount brothers **Alan** and **Eric Klinkhoff**, along with their mother **Gertrude** and Alan's son **Jonathan**, greeted guests at the Walter Klinkhoff Gallery, where a retrospective honoured a former Westmounter – Concordia professor and artist **John Fox, RCA (1927-2008)**.

Paintings were borrowed from private and corporate clients as well as loaned by Fox's widow, **Sandra Paikowsky**. Art historian **Judith Hayes**, attending with her daughter **Jessica**, wrote the catalogue for the show. Hayes also loaned one of her own paintings, "Cleaners # 1 2005", for the exhibition.

Other works came from John Fox's estate (managed by Susan Paikowsky) including two turquoise abstracts, un-

usual for their cheerful colours. Indeed, the pretty canvases attracted admiring attention. One, in the gallery window, lured one's eye away from the grey concrete sidewalk, and the other, hung beside a rather muddy-hued work, triggered thoughts of a blue-skied Bermuda day.

Fox painted what was around him: stu-

dents, friends, cleaners, landscapes. He was inspired by, and adored, Venice. He and Susan spent many summers there, admiring that luminous isle's architecture and lovely light.

Guests arrived non-stop on the opening day of the show, and, while enjoying the exhibit, partook of tea and biscuits – a most civilized event. Noted amongst the art lovers were Westmounters **Hanka** and **Sonny Gordon**, **Lynda Gillmeister** and **Allan Case**, and **Caroline Hart**.

Also seen were MMFA curator **Rosalind Peppal**, art professors **Laurier Lacroix** and **Monique**



Westmounter Alan Klinkhoff and his son Jonathan.

**Nadeau-Saumier**, and **Irina** and **Peter Krausz**, who brought a tiny child. It's never too early to train an artistic eye!



Gertrude Klinkhoff, Sandra Paikowsky and Westmounter Eric Klinkhoff.

## Dudek receives Bombardier prize for aqua robot

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Gregory Dudek, a longtime Mount Pleasant Ave. resident, has been awarded the J-Armand-Bombardier prize for technological innovation by the Association canadienne française pour l'avancement des sciences (ACFAS).

Dudek received the award for leading the team at McGill University and York University in Toronto that developed the Aqua Underwater Robot.

It's a miniature robotic submersible vehicle for which a key application is the exploration of biodiversity and marine

habitats on coral reefs.

A professor and the director of the McGill School of Computer Science, Dudek is the son of the late Louis Dudek, another longtime Westmounter, who was widely regarded as one of Canada's major modernist poets and literary critics.

Dudek said he was "thrilled" to have received the award for a device whose compactness makes it relatively unique compared to much larger competing systems. His contribution to the robot was primarily expertise in artificial intelligence, while the physical dimensions were worked out by other team members.

Researchers at McGill were responsible for developing the vehicle's body, and their counterparts at York worked on the software. One of the robot's more noteworthy features is its ability to interact underwater with scuba-diving marine biologists.

"We had been talking to people who study coral reefs and have to make measurements of them," he told the *Independent*. "The idea is that the robot could swim along with a human diver. The human diver can essentially communicate with it, even program it, by using hand gestures or by waving to it in complicated ways."

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## What's on for Westmount seniors

# Contactivity starts new semester



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In life there are no limits in the ongoing pursuit of education or new challenges. In Westmount, there are incredible opportunities available no matter what your age. Facing Westmount Park, at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. in Westmount Park Church is the exceptional agenda-filled Contactivity Centre for seniors. Operating since 1972, this non-profit, secular, non-sectarian organization is open from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday. It has become an ideal

destination to reconnect with friends, meet new ones and develop new skills.

The upcoming calendar of events boasts numerous activities with exceptional highlights. Director Mary Stark explained that registration is occurring in October and there is with a wide variety of options to choose from, such as bridge lessons, history, music, painting, stress management, cooking, plus many others. In addition, there are many structured excursions to countryside restaurants, theatres, and museums. People over 60 years are eligible. Membership costs \$10 a year.

As one grows older, some of the most energizing and enjoyable relationships

transpire with the younger generation. The Interlink Program emphasizes this by bringing together seniors and young people to make music, and Contactivity has been an active participant with its Inter-generational Choir. Rehearsals are separate but everyone unites for a joint performance in May or June.

This project has been endorsed by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Each year, seniors are paired with grade 5 students from Westmount Park School, and during the year they keep in touch with a pen pal exchange. For children without grandparents, this is one way in which they can experience a unique relationship. In today's world of mobility, many young individuals do not have enough or any contact with their grandparents and this association gives them a

taste of that connection.

This year Contactivity is scheduling two unique lectures that are truly worth investigating. On Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm a new course "Jog Your Memory" will be offered. This series is designed to help minimize memory loss during normal aging but it is not recommended for people with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Another course "Adult Children of Aging Parents" will be available to facilitate the way in which adult children acquire the proper communication skills so that the shifting relationship between the generations is respected.

Contactivity is truly a special place providing numerous benefits. It is essential that people are also familiar with Contactivity's Volunteer Outreach program for those seniors who are housebound and require assistance for doctor appointments, groceries or would just like to see a friendly face. For course information or to volunteer, call 514.932.2326.

## St. Margaret's residents to stay put

Residents of St. Margaret's home in Westmount will not need to move when the centre is integrated with two others. According to the Centre d'hébergement de soins de longue durées (CHSLD) St. Andrew's, Father Dowd and St. Margaret's will be integrated into the Centres de santé et de services sociaux (CSSS) Cavendish, consultant for CSSS Paul Gareau reports.

This decision to integrate the homes continues "the CHSLD mission and maintains the designation to serve those who wish to receive their services in the English language."

In an email statement, Gareau reported that the integration, made official on October 1, doesn't change anything for St. Margaret's residents. They will be provided the same services by the same staff in the same location. CHSLD are long-term living facilities, generally dedicated people lacking in autonomy.



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Danielle Taylor in Natarajasana or "Dancer Pose." Trained in Moksha yoga, Taylor's classes are said to suit all experience levels.

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## Friedman loves Dudek's robot to run

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own enjoyment.

However, she admits, beating eight other runners "does boost your spirits. I can't ignore that, but it's not my driving force. Even when I am not racing, I love running."

In the course of her some 30 years as a runner, she has participated in over 30 marathons and other endurance-based races, including triathlons. Friedman described her days of cycling, swimming and running over long distances in one race as ancient history.

"My best marathon time was 2:50," said Friedman. "This was back in '89."

Friedman said she would love to train every day, but her body won't let her anymore. So, instead, she takes two, sometimes three days off a week.

"Four times a week is probably best," she said. "Just because as you get older this kind of activity is best done more in moderation if you want to keep going – if you want to be able to participate. Your body parts don't, you know, react the same as they do at a younger age."

Handheld markers, similar to flags used in semaphore, can also be employed to communicate with the robot. "It's essentially semaphore language that's specifically suited to the interaction of humans and robots."



Mount Pleasant Ave. resident Gregory Dudek, seen here in Westmount Park, has received the J. Armand-Bombardier prize for his work on a highly-compact robotic submersible vehicle.

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# The geopolitics of shale gas



## At Second Glance

HEATHER BLACK

Quebec will no doubt exploit its shale gas reserves. Allaying environmental concerns, Environment minister Pierre Arcand announced that new developers will be certified while others will be subject to rigorous inspections. But why is shale -gas extraction being pushed?

### Economic benefits

Recent shale gas discoveries have sharply increased in the number of natural gas reserves in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. In Canada, sites in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec are in various stages of exploration and exploitation.

New hydraulic fracturing or “hydro-fracing” technology has improved shale gas economics. Cheaper than either coal, nuclear power or any current renewable technology, the economic advantages are clear. For consumers, prices at the pump could fall to \$1 per gallon by 2017 according to Dr. Daniel Fine of MIT’s Mining and Minerals Resources Institute.

Quebec’s known 40 billion cubic feet of shale gas deposits are estimated to be worth \$200 billion. Not surprisingly, deputy premier and Natural Resources minister Nathalie Normandeau announced at the World Energy Congress in mid-September that development of gas deposits is an important piece of Quebec’s energy strategy.

And then there is the potential for 7,500 new jobs within the next few years.

As oil accounts for over a third of Quebec’s energy use, the province spends \$2 billion a year to import gas. Not only could

extracted shale gas meet local needs, excess would be a lucrative export.

In the US, shale gas now accounts for six percent of all energy requirements. However, an MIT study estimates that natural gas usage will rise as high as 40 percent due, in part, to abundant shale gas.

Increased self-sufficiency means that consumers, industry and governments are less vulnerable to world price fluctuations. A study by the Baker Institute of Public Policy at Rice University in Houston, Texas, concluded that increased North American shale gas production “could help prevent Russia and Persian Gulf countries from dictating higher prices for exported gas.”

### The green factor

Substituting coal with natural gas will also cut global greenhouse gas emissions. The Obama administration has agreed to lend “hydro-fracing” technology to China as it moves toward a gas economy. However this technology is not without risk.

In hydraulic fracturing, natural gas is released when high-pressure water mixed with sand and chemicals is injected into the shale deposits. Experts like Dr. Fine consider the technology safe as wells are drilled “only used when an impermeable rock layer surrounds them.” Yet in the US – where the shale-gas industry is exempt from environmental-protection legislation – incidences of contaminated well water persist.

However it is methane – the major component of natural gas and a powerful greenhouse gas – that poses the real problem. A 2010 study by Robert W. Howarth of Cornell University found that “once methane leak impacts are included, the life-cycle greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint of shale gas would be worse than those of coal and fuel oil.”

While global competition and sound economics make it difficult for governments to say no to shale gas development,



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strict regulation is necessary. Quebec’s environmental hearing agency (BAPE), is to review and report to the government on this issue by February. Meanwhile, public hearings continue.

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A garbage truck hit a lamppost on the southeast corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor, Monday afternoon, October 11, Thanksgiving Day, Public Security officials said. A traffic light was left hanging by a wire. The area was secured and traffic directed while repairs could be made.

## Argyle walks for mental wellness

Members of Westmount's Argyle Institute of Human Relations are ready for the Montreal Walks for Mental Health event, which takes place Sunday, October 24 and consists of a 5-km walk, beginning at Phillips Square (600 Cathcart). Mandatory check-in is at 10 am. For more information, contact Team Argyle coordinator Michelle Bertrand at michellebertrand@mac.com or 514.346.4357; or go to [www.mtlmarchepoursantementale.com](http://www.mtlmarchepoursantementale.com). From left: Michelle Bertrand, Carmela Mindel, Nancy Humber, Heidi Wiedemann, Patricia Painter. Foreground: Joan Keebler.

Photo: Argyle Institute



## Rosen's 9-ft. statue unveiled at the JGH

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although a wide chasm separates dentistry and art, Westmount resident Dr. Harry Rosen succeeds at bridging the two.

A professor emeritus in restorative dentistry at McGill University, who sculpts in his spare time, Rosen's latest work, a nine-foot, 20-ton sculpture called "The Ascent," was unveiled outside the front entrance of the Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research at the Jewish General Hospital on October 4.

The sculpture is composed of dozens of thin horizontal slices of stone. It depicts a human figure with its back to the viewer as it is scaling a wall of stone blocks with its right arm reaching into the sky.

According to Rosen, the sculpture stands as a symbol of the goals of researchers at the Davis Institute who are striving to achieve medical breakthroughs.

(See Rosen profile April 21, 2009, 22.)



Westmount resident Dr. Harry Rosen stands before his nine-foot sculpture, called "The Ascent," a 20-ton creation unveiled at the front entrance to the Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research at the Jewish General Hospital on October 4.

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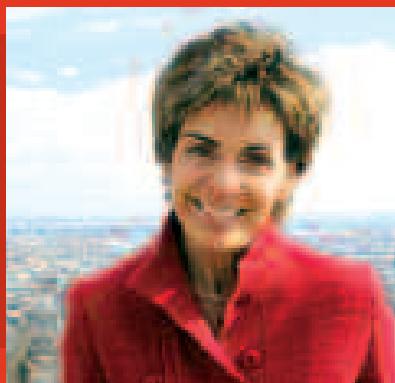
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