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Yay Arlington!

There's probably only one time you'll see this many Arlingtonians gathered together in one spot – at the annual Arlington Ave. block party. For story, see p. 8.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

**Michael Ondaatje,
Ian Rankin coming to
Victoria Hall, see p. 4.**

Greene block to close, merchants plan street event

Westmount to declare Sept. 24 as Car-Free Day

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Westmount will close Greene Ave. to all traffic – likely from Sherbrooke to de Maisonneuve – on Saturday, September 24 as it introduces Car-free Day for the first time, the *Independent* learned last week. The international concept is promoted in Montreal as “In Town, Without My Car.”

The local merchants' association will hold a two-day street event on both the Friday and Saturday to coincide with the closure. Plans for both have yet to be finalized.

Montreal, which launched a car-free

day eight years ago, has its event on Thursday, September 22, as part of a week to be marked as “*En ville sans ma voiture.*”

Westmount made the decision to join the car-free movement this year at an invitation from the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) to municipalities to broaden the program across the Montreal region. The aim is to encourage sustainability through the use of public transit and active transportation.

“We decided to go along with the request since it fits well with council's sustainability goals and our focus on walking, cycling *continued on p. 17*



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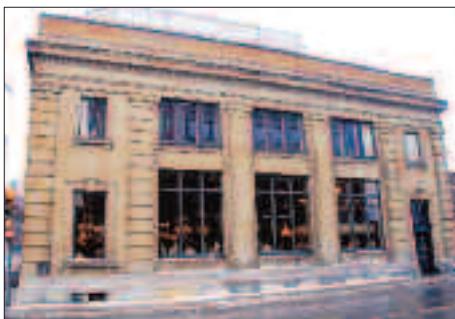
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Two heard, two more to come

Four groups opt to present briefs to traffic consultants

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four community groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to present briefs directly to consultants preparing Westmount's master traffic plan following requests made August 4 to city council.

No other requests had been submitted by last week other than those from the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) and some Lansdowne residents.

The Genivar consultants' preliminary report is expected to be presented to council the week of September 26, according to Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, who heads the city's Administrative Traffic committee.

"I felt people were quite surprised by what we had to say," WMA vice president Paul Marriott told the *Independent* last week. The WMA and the WWCA presented hand-in-hand complementary briefs August 19 in the first of two sessions at Victoria Hall.

"We focused on the bigger picture of how traffic affects the urban environment and the need to look at urban design rather than only traffic management," said Marriott, who explained the WMA position.

Among some of its suggestions were the need for general livability, local mini-bus transport, elimination of concrete planters and installation of raised crosswalks to overcome the annoyance of water pooling at corners. One consideration was "night-time Westmount," he said. "The consultants had gone around only during the day."

Dan Lambert, for the WWCA, addressed the active transportation side of the picture. "What we're hoping for is not just traffic management but for creating a city that's out-and-about and reducing the dominance of cars," he explained.

Second session on Sept. 8

The other two groups are slated to be heard September 8. City director general Duncan Campbell said the intention was to hear only groups with global traffic concerns (see August 9, p. 1 and 9).

Don Taddeo of Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling, said he planned to point out how, with the success of active transportation, the time had come for Westmount to set standards for cycling and take a lead in the area rather than being a "reactor."

"We will also encourage the process to be more open so we can all be at the table together to arrive at a common solution, because traffic has a major impact on the environment, security and health." He said this meant bringing together people with expertise and concerns in many related fields, such as Vélo-Québec.

Lansdowne resident Georgina Smith said that residents of her street had already submitted a written brief and planned to make a few additional points in person.

While some questioning was being allowed at the hearings, the intent was to avoid exchange and debate, Campbell said. He estimated that 98 percent of what had already been brought up so far had already been turned over to the consultants in written form from the groups.

The hearings were "a courtesy," he said, and were intended to focus on global traffic issues.

Global expert on Westmount traffic, see p. 8



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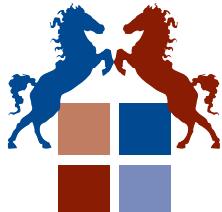
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Fall program features high-profile author series, jazz-bar event

Library reaches out in new, international fields

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount Public Library announced last week a move into new areas for the upcoming season that will bring high-profile international authors to Victoria Hall and continue the library's foray into non-traditional events.

"We're hoping to break new ground for libraries in Montreal as a way to involve even more of the community," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella.

The approach builds on the success of the library's first-ever movie night outside on August 26 when some 800 people turned out to view *Kung Fu Panda 2* in Westmount Park. It was an audience so large it spilled over into the lagoon area, "way beyond our expectation," she said.

Jazz bar

For its season opener September 17, the library's north Findlay Room will be transformed into a jazz bar for a Saturday night after hours words-and-music entertainment event.

In an expanded partnership with Para-

graphe bookstore, the library will also co-sponsor two events, one headlining Scottish crime writer Ian Rankin in October and the other in November with Pulitzer Prize winner Jeffrey Eugenides and Booker Prize recipient Michael Ondaatje.

"Paragraphe can bring in these writers, and we can supply the venue," Cardella explained. This is the first time the library's author series has featured international writers of this calibre, noted programming and outreach librarian Donna Lach.

The introduction of an after-hours event in the style of a jazz bar is based on a concept tried elsewhere, Cardella explained.

Groundbreaking for Montreal

"In Toronto, they have this very innovative type of activity where they transform the library into a meeting area. It's certainly groundbreaking in Montreal."

While the library has previously held a couple of rare after-hour events, the jazz bar will be the first adult event to be staged in a transformed environment – a "mood setting," Cardella explained. It is co-spon-

sored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is "reaching out more and more – especially through our Facebook page," she explained. This was evident

from "press coverage from all over," as well as requests from other libraries wanting to use some of the Westmount's ideas.

Fall author series schedule

The Westmount Public Library's fall author series "is one of our best line-ups ever," said programming and outreach librarian Donna Lach last week.

Three internationally acclaimed writers will headline two events at Victoria Hall, she said. Otherwise, all events will take place at the library. Details may be obtained from Lach at 514.989.5386.

The series will be launched Saturday, September 17 with an "After Hours at the Library" event starting at 7 pm. While the library will be closed to the public (as usual on a Saturday evening), the north Findlay Room will be transformed into a jazz-bar atmosphere with refreshments at which Berlin-based author John Gilmore, a former Westmount

resident, will read from his new novel, *Head of a Man*, and from his history of jazz in Montreal, *Swinging in Paradise*.

Montreal vocalist Vivienne Deane and pianists Martin Franklin, a Westmount resident who first pitched the idea for the event, and Felix Stüssi will provide the musical entertainment. Admission is free.

• **Wednesday, September 21 at 7 pm:** Westmount author Muriel Gold is to discuss her book, *The Dramatic Legacy of Dorothy Davis and Violet Walters: The Montreal Children's Theatre 1933-2009*. Interestingly, pianist Franklin, who will perform at the September 17 event, was one of the young participants in *continued on p. 5*

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the theatre.

- **Saturday, September 24** at 3 pm: Peter Behrens, a graduate of LCC who now lives in Maine, will read from his new publication, *The O'Briens*. The event is co-sponsored by Nicholas Hoare bookstore.
- **Thursday, October 6** at 10:30 am: Montreal author Lisa Bolontzakis and illustrator Daniela Zekina will present their latest book, *Autumn: The In-Between Season*.
- **Saturday, October 29** at 2 pm, Scottish crime writer Ian Rankin speaks at Victoria Hall, co-sponsored by Paragraphe bookstore.
- **Monday, November 21** at 7 pm: novelist Jeffrey Eugenides and Michael Ondaatje will share the stage at Victoria Hall for another event co-sponsored by Paragraphe.
- **Wednesday, November 30** at 7 pm: Anita Rau Badami speaks about her new novel, *Tell it to the Trees*.

Tickets are expected to go on sale this week or next at the library at a general cost of \$5, or \$3 for students and seniors.

PSO douses flames as highway singed

A public safety officer patrolling Stayner Park August 27 used the patrol car's extinguisher to quench a fire that had already started blackening a concrete pillar on the Ville Marie Expressway. Officials said witnesses provided a vague description of a man they had seen carrying branches and cardboard to the spot near 1029 Greene before the fire at 7:30 pm. The flames were described as about 1.5 meters high.

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Sarah Cook Fund turns 10, shoots for

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Organizers of the Sarah Cook Gala have set the bar high for themselves in this, the fundraiser's 10th year.

Their goal is to raise nearly \$1 million for the Sarah Cook Fund, whose main current objective is to relocate an oncology ward at the Montreal Children's Hospital's (MCH) to the McGill University Health Centre's new Glen Yards campus.

The event is to take place on Thursday, November 3 at The Parquet, a large glass-walled atrium at the Centre CDP Capital in Old Montreal.

"This is one of the biggest events that we've ever hosted – raising a million dollars," said Westmounter Brad Massi, who is chairing the gala's organizing committee.

Since its start, the gala has raised a total of \$4.5 million, which supports pediatric oncology at the MCH through the Cedars *continued on p. 7*



Sarah Cook Gala organizing committee chairman Brad Massi (left), and Sarah Cook herself.

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\$1 million in one go at gala

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Cancer Institute.

As one of the fund's most recognizable achievements, the oncology ward at the MCH called "Sarah's Floor."

How the Sarah Cook Gala and Fund got started is a story of courage and determination on the part of a young woman, and the family whose love sustained her as she struggled with cancer when she was still just a child.

In the year 2000 when she only 8 years old, Cook first noticed a numbness in her leg. She was later diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, which is an uncommon form of cancer in children.

For a year, she underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatment at the MCH. She also had many surgeries to remove and restructure some of her lower leg bones.

While Cook discovered two years ago that her cancer had returned, she underwent another round of treatments. She is currently in her second year of undergraduate studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

During the time she was hospitalized,

her parents took turns staying with her during the day and overnight in her hospital room, and they would talk about what could be changed in the MCH's oncology ward to make the lives of other children easier.

"One of my major complaints was that

Ways to raise money for the fund

Over the years, some creative ways have sprung up to raise money for the Sarah Cook Fund.

"Most of the money comes from lemonade stands, birthday parties, \$100 here, \$3 there," said this year's Sarah Cook Gala committee chairman, Brad Massi.

But among the larger organized events held for the fund are the flagship Splash & Dash in November, the 401 Bike Challenge, taking bicyclists on a ride between the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and the Montreal Children's Hospital, and the Sarah Cook Gala to be held November 3. – MCB

the pillows on the bed were always very stiff and uncomfortable and I'd always have to bring my own from home," recalled Cook. Her father, meanwhile, had complaints of his own. "We would always see him with a sore back in the morning because the beds for the parents weren't very comfortable."

Before Cook's therapy and treatment were over, she and her parents decided

that when her health improved, they would start raising money for new pillows and other things for children on the oncology floor.

Thus the Sarah Cook Fund was born.

While they started with pillows, the many donations soon allowed major improvements to be carried out on the floor, including the creation of single rooms with a bathroom each.

Hanging out in burnt home

Squatters may have been responsible for what appeared to be a break-in August 25 at a house heavily damaged some time ago by a fire at 625 Belmont Ave., Public Security officials said.

A neighbour called officers at 5:06 pm to investigate a broken section in the front door and upstairs windows that had been opened. Police were called but did not enter because of possible danger represented by the damaged interior. Instead, the broken section of the door was fastened back in place and PSOs provided special attention to the property.

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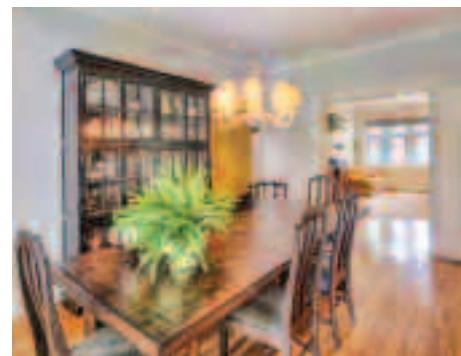
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DRIVE STRAIGHT THROUGH OR SWERVE TO AVOID – THAT IS THE QUESTION

I was driving west on de Maisonneuve on a recent Saturday when I entered the free-for-all section near Greene Ave.

This seems to be the area on the bike path that is open to different interpretations. A teen on a bicycle came hurtling down the stairs, over the sidewalk and onto the bicycle path, barely missing my car, causing me to swerve.

Within seconds, a jogger came along running on the double lines, causing me to swerve.

This was closely followed by a teen cyclist using the metal stanchions as a slalom course, veering in and out. Again I swerved.

My question: Since I am the one in the frowned-upon car, was I right in swerving or should I just keep driving straight?

LUE RILEY, KENSINGTON AVE.

Arlington street party, a tradition started 25 years ago

A ritual of long standing took place on Arlington Ave. on August 31 – the residents' annual block party.

James Aitken started the tradition as a child 35 years ago, when his parents, Sally and Allan Aitken, lived in the house that James now occupies with his wife, Carolyn, and their children.

This was the first year that his mother, who passed away exactly a month ago in July, was not at the block party. "The tradition lives on in memory of Mrs. Aitken," said Catherine Lund, who coordinated efforts for this year's party.

See p. 1 for photo. – MCB

Correction

In the article "New director of AELAQ comes with a business background and with a love for the arts," (August 30, p. 26) the previous position of Lara de Beaupré (new executive director of the Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec) should have been described as the director of Geordie Theatre School.

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Global expert weighs in on local traffic issue

A preeminent Danish specialist in urban design presented some of his views August 22 on ways to increase the livability of Westmount by reducing the presence of cars and promoting walking and cycling.

Architect Jan Gehl, who has taught and worked around the world, was invited to Westmount for informal discussions on the opening day of the Ecocity World Summit in Montreal, at which he provided the opening remarks. The side trip was arranged by Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA).

Gehl met privately with Mayor Peter Trent and Councillor Cynthia Lulham as well as the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). He then addressed a group of representatives from community groups at a city luncheon at Victoria Hall.

"We told him about our current traffic study," said Lulham, who organized the

sessions. "He encouraged us to keep in mind that we have to build cities for people rather than for cars and get back to finding ways for people to move around differently."

Lulham was an Ecocity speaker at Palais des Congrès August 25 on the proximity of municipalities and residents to railway operations, her field of work.

Gehl, whose latest book *Cities for People* is available at the Westmount Public Library, has helped such cities as New York, Los Angeles, Melbourne and Beijing to "redesign their streets and other public spaces so they are more inviting to residents," Lambert explained.

"He mentioned that in Copenhagen, bike paths are cleaned first in winter, so people can cycle to work or school." He also noted that many people will not cycle if obliged to wear helmets, even though this is a safe practice. – LS

School zone offenders to be ticketed

With back-to-school days in full force, Public Security patrols are paying special attention to cars parked unsafely around Westmount's nine elementary schools, said assistant director Greg McBain. Those parked illegally will be ticketed.

The PSOs and police are working in conjunction to keep a presence of officers in the various school zones and educate parents in the proper measures to take when dropping off children and picking them up. While officers are designated to specific schools, all patrollers are being encouraged to visit the zones during key times.

"Cars must not double park, pull onto the sidewalk, be left in no-parking areas and block driveways," he said. "We're ask-

ing drivers to park in designated areas and not to drop children off in the middle of the street."

Demolition – at what hour?

It was 5:30 am when a resident of 4300 de Maisonneuve called Public Security to complain about noise on August 25. Officials said that two workers from a plumbing company were found on a platform removing cement from the ceiling of a parking area behind at 4333 St. Catherine. They were told to continue the demolition after 7 am.

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Hannah Franklin of Holton Ave. was among several Westmounters who took part in a music and poetry performance event at the lagoon in Westmount Park on the evening of August 31. Franklin, who is also a sculptor and painter, read from a manuscript she is working on about a train journey she took at age 7 at the end of World War II. Another Westmounter, Suzanne Daningburg, read from her mystery novel *The Lillivax Inheritance*, which was published in April. Wanda Potrykus of York Ave. served as master of ceremonies. In all, the crowd was treated to the work of six writers and musician Corinna Rose.

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FALL FORECAST

BY CARLY WENER FRIDMAN
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With the cooler temperatures and a return to school comes a renewed focus on our homes.

Vacation is over and the housing market isn't waiting for anyone. In the past few quarters prices have continued to rise and so has the number of transactions. According to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2011 will continue to favour sellers in the single family and multi-plex markets while the condo market will soon balance out. The changing demographics will positively influence the market.

Older households will be prompted to reassess their needs, causing an increase in homes on the market. Many will consider condo living or retirement options as their next step. Equally, demand will continue to grow as suburban households will begin to consider moving closer to downtown.

Experts predict that fall will see the most growth of this year's quarters. Come winter, experts predict our market will begin to moderate due to the uncertainty of the economy. Coupled with the



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traditional exodus of snow birds, fall is the opportune time to make the right move. Thus the coming strong quarter means lots of opportunity.

The key to selling success is to get your home on the market early and make sure both you and your home are ready. Stay tuned for next article with tips on how to get your home sold.

To learn how to make the most of the fall market, make sure to read our series of real estate articles.

In our next article, *Your first impression may be your last.* We will provide you with tips on how to make your home "buyer ready".

Helpful tips like this one: Make sure to keep your yard and shrubberies neatly trimmed and well watered. Sweep your front porch and sidewalk before each showing.

Don't distract buyers from the beauty of your home; make sure all personal effects like children's toys or recycling bins are hidden off the porch.

Invest in small improvements, fresh paint on the door and a well lit entrance will welcome potential buyers.

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Police Beat

Alleged bike thief wanted in Toronto

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A suspect who allegedly stole a bicycle gave police false information about his identity because he was on the lam from Toronto police.

Station 12 got a call at 5:32 pm on August 27 for a man stealing a bicycle at Wood and de Maisonneuve. They were given a description of the suspect, and they located him moments later on Greene Ave.

“The officers asked the suspect to identify himself, and he said he was a landed immigrant from Guyana, but that he lived on the street and had no fixed address,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “That sounded odd to the officers. They checked on their in-car computers, but could find no record of the man through Immigration Canada.”

The suspect was arrested and brought to the operational centre, where an Immigration Canada agent confirmed there was no record of the suspect.

“The suspect was fingerprinted, and we

later discovered he was wanted by Toronto police on a warrant for breaking the conditions of the court,” said Pimentel. “He told us he made up the story about being an immigrant so he wouldn’t have to go back to Toronto.”

Arrested was a 30-year-old man with no fixed address. He was charged with obstruction of justice, and other charges related to the stolen bike may follow.

“We have the bike at our station,” said Pimentel. “It’s a grey Specialized Crossroads 21-speed mountain bike. If the bike is yours and was stolen, bring the receipt or the bike’s serial number to the station to claim it.”

Window smashed at Roslyn home

A would-be burglar smashed a window on a Roslyn house, but police still aren’t sure if anything was taken from the residence.

The home’s alarm was activated when the back door was comprised at 1 am on August 27. The security company’s patrol officer arrived on the scene, and he called

911 after he saw the broken window.

“Our officers arrived to find a small window on the French door shattered,” said Pimentel. “We believe the suspect used a crowbar to break the window. The officers found glass and shards of wood from the window frame inside the house.”

However, the residents were on vacation, so police cannot confirm if anything was taken. They are waiting for the residents’ return to verify if anything is missing.

Back-to-school operation under way

This time of the year means kids are returning to school, and the police are making sure motorists and cyclists are following the rules of the road in school zones.

“We are concentrating on all school zones, but we’re paying special attention to the elementary zones around Roslyn, St. Léon and Westmount Park schools,” said Pimentel. “The operation runs until September 23, and we are making sure motorists and cyclists obey the 30 km/h speed

limit in school zones. We are also advising them to stop at regular stop signs and the signage associated with school buses, and to obey the commands of school crossing guards.”

Failure to do so will mean tickets. Not stopping at a stop sign carries a \$156 fine, and violating school bus signage means a \$277 fine and the loss of nine points.

“Motorists get used to less traffic during the summer, so we want to remind them to be more vigilant at this time of the year,” said Pimentel. “We want all of our young students to be able to get to and from school in the safest manner possible.”

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Dubrovsky brings real estate experience as Jewish General's new board president

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Rick Dubrovsky of Lexington Ave. was recently elected president of the Jewish General Hospital (JGH)'s board of directors.

A Westmount resident for over 30 years, Dubrovsky's education was in general civil engineering and literature. He has worked with both the JGH Foundation and the hospital itself over the past 15 years.



Rick Dubrovsky

"Mr. Dubrovsky has been associated with the hospital since 2000, serving on the construction and real estate committees, as well as vice president of the board and as chairman of the JGH Foundation," stated the JGH's press release of August 28.

When asked how his experience in construction and real estate contributed to his role as a contributor to the JGH, Dubrovsky told the *Independent*, "The JGH

has undergone tremendous physical growth in the last 10 to 15 years, not only in new buildings but also the refitting of old buildings. It has been a continual process of growth and renovation [...] Building coordination is really key."

Dubrovsky continued by praising the contributions made by contributors and volunteers working through the JGH Foundation. "The lay people have a strong and dedicated and long history of serving people through its various committees over the years. It has been a multifaceted involvement."

He also spoke of his ambitions as board. "I am still developing my strategy [...] certain areas certainly have my attention."

Some of the areas mentioned by Dubrovsky were good governance at a hospital level, openness and full disclosure, and the construction of Pavilion K that is due to provide "state of the art facilities" for patients. He also highlighted his concern about the "the well-being of the state of health care in Montreal and Quebec [in general]...I look forward to working with government," he said.

Water work to miss bike path, but manhole installation will close Melville

Work by Montreal to rehabilitate the water main paralleling the bike path through Westmount Park will not close the well travelled route, Councillor Patrick Martin said September 2.

A temporary water line is slated to be installed at the latest September 12. However, the start of work to install a prefabricated manhole at Metcalfe and Melville,

set for September 19, will close Melville to traffic for a week, said assistant Public Works director Andrew Duffield.

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RODNEY LANDI

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

In my strolls around Westmount parks with my dog-lover friends, I often see a very natty chap walking his canine. I could not help but notice his style – really interesting t-shirts, loafers with no socks, great jeans, and sometimes, pre-cocktail hour, extremely elegant suits. Well, it makes sense. Rodney Landi was with the Cirque du Soleil for years, and is now VP of marketing at Tristan. He has been in fashion for years. His personal style is a cross between Euro-chic and Montreal urban.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Like many people today, I'm all about mixing it up. I'm not fond of dressing head to toe with one designer, look or brand. There's no personality! I like to combine European designer label investment pieces with classic never-out-of style traditional pieces and then stir in a touch of wear-now fashion from local resources like Tristan. Did you know they manufacture in Quebec?

What is your favourite way of dressing?

My rule is dress it up, dress it down – dressy pieces worn in a casual way, or casual clothes with an upscale twist. I will mix my most comfortable pair of old jeans with an expensive designer jacket, Converse All Stars sneakers (I have many colours!) and a classic Oxford cloth shirt. I

love designer shoes, belts and watches and have bought lots over the years (especially when travelling), so even if I am wearing my most basic and well-worn casual clothes, I can give it a bit of style with a couple of designer touches. As my dad always said, "You can always tell a well-dressed man by his shoes."

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

On the weekend it's very much the same pieces, just a bit more casual. It's all about speed and comfort. On a Saturday with errands to run, a bit of low maintenance gardening, a walk with the dog and maybe a movie or dinner with friends, you need to be ready for anything.

LIVING

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

I made that choice by moving to Mon-

treal from New York City 28 years ago! Nothing beats Montreal for quality of life, great food and great people (I won't comment about the roads though!). I love living in Westmount. It's the best of city living combined with the neighbourly feel of a small town. Mind you, I wouldn't mind having a bit more free time to escape the winter weather. My favourite spots these days are Palm Springs, California, and Zihuatanejo, Mexico. My dog is named Zihua so that every time I call her to go

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Rodney Landi and his two-year-old Schnauzer named Zihua enjoying a stroll in Murray Park, August 27.

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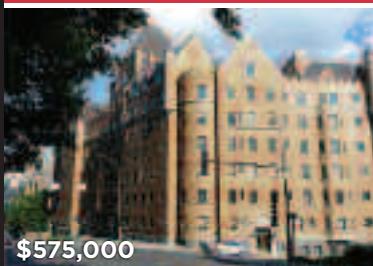
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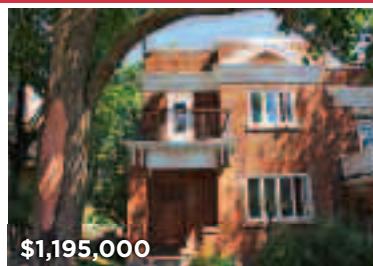
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Hope & Cope hosts fantastic soirée at the Shaar



*Social Notes
from Westmount
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim was the site of "Soirée Fantastique 2011" on August 23. This was Hope & Cope's 30th anniversary party, featuring legendary composer **Marvin Hamlisch** and child prodigy pianist **Ethan Bortnick**.

The driving force behind the record-breaking amount raised was Hope & Cope's founder and chair, the awesomely accomplished (and always elegant!) **Sheila Kussner**, who spoke eloquently of her husband **Marvyn's** support.

The Kussners' daughters attended, **Janice** arriving from Toronto, and Westmounter **Joanne**, with husband **John Leopold**.

Noted were Westmounters **Dominique Lanctôt**, **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**, **Jeremy Reitman**, **Sarah Rubin**, **Elaine** and **Calin Rovinescu**, **Peggy** and **Buddy Greenberg**, **Alta Levenson**, **Joanne** and **Douglas Cohen**, **Carrie Garbarino**, **Heather Paper-**



Sheila Kussner

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sponsored the delicious dinner.

Wines were sponsored by **Marjorie Bronfman**. Gala co-chairs **Pauline Segel** and **Heleena Wiltzer** presented a moving video produced by Hope & Cope.

Seen in the sold-out crowd were the event's patron co-chairs **Heidi Strohl**, **Sylvia Vogel** and **Nancy Wiseman** (incoming Hope & Cope president), the organization's co-pres **Serena Black** and **Jeannette Valmont**, as well as executive director **Suzanne O'Brien**.

The program booklet contained wishes from **David Johnston**, governor-general of Canada; Premier **Jean Charest** and Montreal mayor **Gérald Tremblay**.

Noted in the divinely decorated room were **Alan Allnut**, **Joelle Berdugo Adler**, **Rosalie Jukier** and husband **Lewis Dobrin**, fashion designer **Simon Chang**, **Dale** and **Nick Tedeschi**, **Barbara** and **Don Seal**, and **Hanka** and **Sonny Gordon**.

The magical eve, festooned with fabu-



Westmounters Aldo and Dianne Bensadoun, and Alvin Segal.

lous floral arrangements by **Kevin Camara**, raised a jaw-dropping \$1.7 million to support Hope & Cope and its Wellness Centre.

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Photo: Westmount Independent

Car-free day a 'gesture'

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and reducing car use," Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the *Independent*.

Planning to announce the decision during the city council meeting the evening of Tuesday, September 6, Samiotis said Greene was chosen as being one of Westmount's busiest streets.

"It's our first year," she said, "and this is a gesture."

Exactly how much of the street will close has been complicated by construction south of de Maisonneuve and other factors. Merchants, however, will include the entire two-block commercial strip in their event.

Current plans call for community groups, such as the Healthy City Project, to set up tables on the closed portion of the street during Car-Free Day.

Samiotis, the city's Environment commissioner, who represents ward 8, along with ward 6 councillor Nicole Forbes, have been liaising with merchants.

"It's a co-operative effort with the city

that fits well with our slogan 'Buy local – think Greene,'" said association co-chair Michael Millman of the West End Gallery.

The AMT is to be promoting Westmount's event along with others. It also offered to provide sod to "green" Greene, said city director general Duncan Campbell. But this was turned down as being "very labour intensive and not very sustainable."

Countertop bins on-site for Car-Free Day

The city will make its kitchen countertop compost bins available to Westmount residents in exchange for the appropriate coupon at Car-Free Day on Greene Ave., Saturday, September 24. There is a limit of one per household.

Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis said a total of 150 bins out of 500 had already been distributed over July and August since the program was launched (see June 28, p. 8).

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Selwyn House: Thursday, October 6, from 5 to 8 pm, school tours; 6 pm, grade 7 presentation. Kindergarten open house:

Thursday, November 10, from 8:30 to 10 am school tours; 10 am Kindergarten presentation.

Villa Maria: French sector open house Saturday, September 24, from 1 to 5 pm; English sector open house Saturday, October 1, from 1 to 5 pm.

LCC: Saturday, October 1, from 9 am to 12 pm; Wednesday, October 5, from 10 am to 2 pm and 4 to 7 pm. Kindergarten open house Wednesday, November 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 am; presentation at 10:15 am; Fall pre-university open house Thursday, December 1, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; tours at 5:30 pm.

The Priory: Sunday, October 23, from 2 to 4 pm and Tuesday, October 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

St. George's: High school open houses Saturday, October 1, from 12 to 3 pm and Monday, October 3, from 8:30 to 11 am. Elementary school open houses Wednesday, October 12, from 8:30 to 11 am and Thursday, October 13, from 8:30 to 11 am.

Villa St. Marcelline: Thursday, September 29, from 4 to 8 pm. For Kindergarten and elementary school, by appointment.

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

Magazines

“American Treasure: Hollyhock House: One of Frank Lloyd Wright’s earliest projects in California, the Hollyhock House in Los Angeles, reveals how the sunshine state helped shape the architect’s iconoclastic vision,” by Christine Lennon in *Martha Stewart Living*, September 2011, p. 112.

“Retro Revival: Virginia Armstrong has filled her bright sixties townhouse in southeast London with a lustworthy selection of mid-century bargains,” by Rohini Wahi in *Homes and Antiques* (vintage issue), August 2011, p. 29.

“Esprit loft: une maison de village revisite la tradition rhétaise en s’inspirant des lofts. Espaces ouverts, blancheur immaculée, meubles chinés et déco minimaliste sont les secrets d’une transformation orchestrée par un couple d’antiquaires,” by Martine Freynet in *Art & Décoration*, July-August 2011, p. 78.

Adult fiction:

Swedes come in from the cold ...

The Gallows Bird by Camilla Lackberg – A woman is found dead, apparently the victim of a tragic car crash. It’s the first in a spate of seemingly inexplicable accidents in Tanumshede and marks the end of a quiet winter for detective Patrik Hedstrom and his colleagues.

Harbor by John Ajvide Lindqvist – Anders and Cecilia take their six-year-old daughter Maja across the ice to visit the lighthouse in the middle of the frozen channel. While the couple explores the lighthouse, Maja disappears – either into thin air or under the ice – leaving not even a footprint in the snow.

Reference French

L’auto 2012 by Jacques Duval, Jean-François Guay, Éric Lefrançois.

L’annuel de l’automobile, chief editor, Benoit Charette.

Adult French:

World in motion

Au coeur de la Libye de Kadhafi by Patrick Haimzadeh – The author takes us on a tour of Libya’s history and culture and helps us understand why the Khadafi regime has been able to endure for more than 40 years. This books draws on a number of interviews that the author conducted with Libyans of different backgrounds.

L’étincelle: révoltes dans les pays arabes by Tahar Ben Jelloun – The acclaimed novel-

ist pens this essay that analyzes the recent regime changes in the Arab world. He examines the reasons for these historical events by writing from the point of view of fallen dictators, as well as ordinary people such as Mohamed Bouazizi, who immolated himself, setting in motion a wave of public protest that toppled the Tunisian regime.

DVDs

South Riding – When Sarah Burton returns to her hometown as headmistress, she is full of ambition, determined to create a great school and to inspire her girls to take all they can from life. But in the aftermath of the World War I, the country is in depression and ideals are hard won. Lydia Holly, the scholarship girl from the shacks, is the most brilliant student Sarah has ever taught, but when her mother’s health fails, her education must be sacrificed – there is nobody else to care for the children.

Another Year – A married couple who have managed to remain blissfully happy into their autumn years are surrounded over the course of the four seasons of one average year by friends, colleagues and family, who all seem to suffer some degree of unhappiness.

Comics for children

Chicagoland Detective Agency: The Drained Brains Caper by Trina Robbins – Thirteen-year-old Megan Yamamura enlists the help of 12-year-old computer genius Raf to help her find out why her fellow students are behaving like zombies.

Percy Jackson: le voleur de foudre by Rick Riordan – Fans of *The Lightning Thief* series will love the new graphic novel featuring Percy Jackson and the gods of Mount Olympus.

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- Montreal Cancer Summit from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Mont Royal Centre, with guest Westmounter **Gwen Andrews Nacos**. Cost: \$50 or \$500 for VIP. Can be purchased by

emailing cedarslance@muhc.mcgill.ca or by calling 514.934.1934, ext. 23622.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The family of **Ilyse Segal** will be selling all of her work from noon to 5 pm at her home at 434 Wood Ave. Proceeds go to the Montreal SPCA and Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Thomas Schnurmacher discusses "9/11: Ten Years After." Lunch at 12 noon; lecture at 1 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Cost: \$5 for lecture and lunch. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The MUHC **Good Neighbourly Relations Committee** meets 7 pm to 8:30 pm at 5100 de Maisonneuve, ground floor. Info:

514.934.8317 or po@muhc.mcgill.ca.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

• The **University Women's Club of Montreal** holds its first dinner meeting of the season at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Ave. Cost: \$30.76. Reserve and info: 514.288.9765. Newcomers welcome.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Westmount Historical Association presents "Westmount sports clubs since the 1880s," with speaker Patrick Martin, past president of the Mount Royal Tennis Club and current Westmount city councillor. At the Westmount Public Library, 7 to 9 pm. Admission free for members; non-members \$5 at door. Info: 514.989.5510.



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Real estate, on average

Number of transactions in parentheses. All dollar amounts are averages.

	August 9	July 5	June 1	May 3	April 5	March 1	Feb. 1	Dec. 1
Semidetached on the flat	\$1,011,300 (5)	none	none	\$1,045,000 (1)	\$826,667 (3)	\$925,000 (1)	\$640,000 (1)	none
Semidetached, Mid-Westmount	\$1,357,143 (7)	\$1,143,800 (10)	\$1,338,000 (3)*	\$1,239,500 (6)	\$1,020,000 (5)	\$950,000 (1)	\$1,239,222 (9)	\$1,171,750 (8)
By type								
Detached	\$2,087,500 (6)	\$1,610,000 (3)	\$1,328,333 (3)	\$2,028,571 (7)	\$2,105,000 (3)	\$2,483,333 (3)	\$1,729,621 (4)	\$2,290,000 (3)
Semidetached	\$1,146,267 (15)	\$1,238,583 (12)	\$1,273,800 (5)*	\$1,216,500 (8)	\$947,500 (8)	\$937,500 (2)	\$1,179,300 (10)	\$1,171,750 (8)
Townhouse	\$843,750 (4)	\$872,000 (1)	none	\$1,300,000 (1)	\$775,000 (2)	\$812,400 (5)	\$722,333 (3)	\$903,000 (5)
Duplex/triplex (1 unit)	\$521,500 (2)	\$561,500 (2)	\$459,167 (8)	\$250,643 (7)	\$445,690 (3)	\$424,300 (3)	\$373,125 (8)	\$540,000 (2)
Condo	\$617,500 (6)	\$930,571 (7)	\$1,125,000 (3)	\$385,500 (2)	none	\$617,500 (2)**	none	\$573,650 (6)
Commercial	none	\$1,650,000 (1)	none	none	none	\$24,100,000 (1)	\$1,519,167 (3)	none
Land	\$920,000 (2)	none	none	none	none	none	\$3,700,000 (1)	\$150,000 (1)
By area (excl. commercial and land)								
Upper Westmount	\$1,787,500 (5)	\$1,712,500 (2)	\$1,388,333 (3)	\$2,069,167 (6)	\$2,105,000 (3)	\$3,550,000 (1)	\$1,573,317 (1)	\$3,800,000 (1)
Mid-Westmount	\$1,165,444 (18)	\$1,078,867 (15)	\$1,051,286 (7)*	\$1,161,682 (11)	\$937,500 (8)	\$1,038,738 (8)	\$1,403,180 (12)	\$1,115,267 (15)
On the flat	\$813,875 (12)	\$1,074,250 (8)	\$708,571 (7)	\$512,800 (5)	\$741,767 (4)	\$688,333 (6)	\$681,500 (8)	\$593,988 (8)
All transactions	\$1,133,771 (35)	\$1,148,154 (26)	\$1,151,194 (18)	\$1,261,705 (22)	\$1,118,805 (15)	\$2,505,619 (16)	\$1,284,839 (25)	\$1,017,236 (25)
Percentage paid over valuation (arithmetic avg.)	17%	21%	25%	7%	2%	4%**	24%	8%
Percentage paid over valuation (\$-weighted avg.)	21%	23%	20%	8%	-1%	1%**	27%	5%

Data is by newspaper reporting date, not notarial registration or sale agreement date. The dividing lines between the three geographic areas are the middles of The Boulevard and Sherbrooke St. All data excludes parking lot and storage transactions. All evaluation data is from the 2011 roll.

* Excludes \$4.2-million transaction.

** Excludes a condo at 51 percent and a commercial transaction at 73 percent of evaluation.

Premiums on evaluations solid over recent reporting period

The August and July newspaper reporting times saw pricing levels reported remain relatively consistent with June. Overall, buyers paid 20 percent more than valuation in the transactions reported in June, and 23 percent and 21 percent more in July and August.

The average mid-Westmount semi-detached provided a relatively large number of data points in this period (only 3 in June, but rising to 10 in July and 7 in August), and the average such transaction remained in a tight range: \$1.3 million, \$1.1 million and \$1.4 million respectively.

Over the whole period of the table presented above (December to August), the semi-detached house (regardless of location) has also implied a very consistent average (i.e. a range of \$937,500 to \$1.3 million, with an average of \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million in December, February, May,

June, July and August).

Other “lumpier” data series have bounced around a bit. For instance, detached houses have averaged as low as \$1.3 million (June) and as high as \$2.5 million (March), but on lower volumes (seven units per month at the most).

Similarly, Upper Westmount has seen averages as high as \$3.8 million (December, on one transaction) and as low as \$1.4 million (June). This is unsurprising given the wide range of house sizes and lots in these categories, and the small number of transactions.

More uniform and data rich, mid- and on-the-flat Westmount have been more consistent in the \$937,500-to-\$1.4 million range for mid-Westmount; and a \$512,800-to-\$1 million range for the flat, but with four (of eight) monthly values between \$650,000 and \$750,000.



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Trendsetter Landi

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out for her walk in a freezing blizzard I have a momentary vision of the sun setting over a warm, palm-fringed bay.

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

I think it would be fun to have an interesting mix of people from different eras: British artist David Hockney, turn-of-the-century American writer Edith Wharton, Roman emperor Claudius, and Coco Chanel would be an interesting group for dinner. I would just hope none of them is a lactose intolerant, gluten free, kosher vegetarian with a nut allergy!

FASHION

Today, many stores such as H&M and Forever 21 offer the latest looks at very affordable prices because things are often made in Asia. For quality pieces, possibly Armani is the last "old school" designer to be still creating. What do you think of today's fashions?

I think current fashion is great because there is such a great variety of choice. There's no longer one way of dressing, instead it's all about finding a style that suits you and the way you live. It has become

completely democratic so that both men and women can express themselves through fashion. You can buy a cheap piece and add it to a bespoke jacket for a quick look. Sharon Stone famously wore an affordable top with a glamour piece at the Oscars.

What do you think is the future of fashion, with throw-away stuff convincing consumers to do just that, while couturiers spend hours to finish a garment?

Since the first cave dwellers threw an animal skin over their shoulders, people have tried to attract a mate, define their social status, identify their tribe and express themselves through fashion. While we all need to be more conscious of our precious resources and try to leave less of a footprint, I do think fashion is a defining part of the human psyche.

Who is your favourite designer?

I must say I have a soft spot for Prada. At the same time that Prada pushes the envelope, the pieces are so versatile and well-made that you want to wear them year after year. Tom Ford is also a favourite. He did amazing things revitalizing Gucci and is now doing very exciting things under his own brand. If only his clothes fit me (sigh...).

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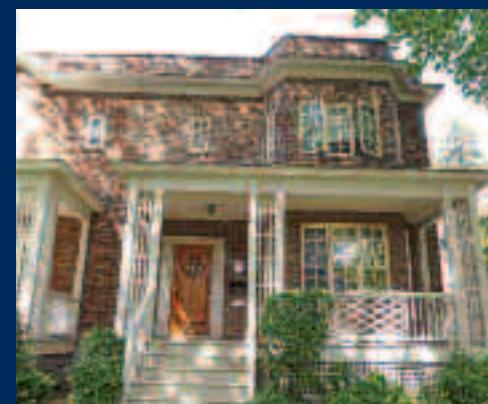
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Elderly sleepwalker safe

Public safety officers searched the neighbourhood around Forden Ave. just after 2 am August 28 when the wife of an octogenarian discovered him missing. Officials said she subsequently found him on the ground in the back yard. The man, who walked with a cane and needed officers' assistance, claimed he must have been sleepwalking.



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Soirée d'astronomie au Sommet

Joignez-vous aux membres de la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada au belvédère du parc Summit le samedi 17 septembre de 19 h à 22 h afin d'observer le ciel d'automne. Apportez une tasse afin de goûter gratuitement au jus de pomme chaud et épice. Info: 514 989-5226.

Concert : Ensemble QAT : 1938

Le 21 septembre 2011 à 19 h 30 au Victoria Hall. Ce quatuor présente des sélections musicales de 1938 produites dans le contexte historique de la veille de la 2^e guerre mondiale. Entrée : 20 \$; billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.



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Club de lecture d'été TD : fête de clôture !

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Concert : Ensemble QAT : 1938
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Après les heures à la bibliothèque

Sur un fond de musique jazz, l'auteur John Gilmore lira des extraits de son nouveau roman, *Head of a Man* et de son livre sur l'histoire du jazz à Montréal, *Swinging in Paradise*. Les artistes seront : la chanteuse Vivienne Deane et les pianistes Martin Franklin et Felix Stüssi. Le samedi 17 septembre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5386.

Club de lecture anglaise

Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise le mardi 20 septembre de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *Sanctuary Line* de Jane Urquhart. Info : 514 989-5386.

Rencontre d'auteur – Muriel Gold

L'auteure Muriel Gold de Westmount lira des extraits de son nouveau livre *The Dramatic Legacy of Dorothy Davis and Violet Walters: The Montreal Children's Theatre, 1933-2009*. Le mercredi 21 septembre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5386.



AMÉNAGEMENT URBAIN

Visite guidée : La maison Hurtubise

Visite guidée de la plus ancienne maison de Westmount : La maison Hurtubise. Le samedi 24 et le dimanche 25 septembre 2011 de 11 h à 16 h au 563, Chemin de la Côte-Saint-Antoine (coin de l'avenue Victoria) Westmount (Québec). Organisée par l'Association historique de Westmount, www.westmounthistorical.org/hurtubise et la Ville de Westmount, www.westmount.org. Gratuit et sans réservation. Info : 514 989-5219.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present in a special exhibition the works of Liselotte Fisher from September 8th to October 1st, 2011. Info: 514 989-5521.

Astronomy at the Summit

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Concert: Ensemble QAT: 1938

September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Four musicians present various musical pieces from 1938 produced within the context of a world on the brink of World War II. Admission: \$20. Tickets available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.



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TD Summer Reading Club – closing party!

Join us for the end-of-season party of the TD Summer Reading Club on Saturday, September 10th at Victoria Hall for prizes, entertainment and food! The Rag and Bone Puppet Theatre will present *A Promise is a Promise*. Club members may pick up free tickets at the Children's Desk. Info : 514 989-5229.

Chess and Scrabble Club

Our Chess and Scrabble club will meet on Friday, September 9 and 30 at 2 p.m. Drop by for a friendly game as we look forward to meeting new players. Info: 514 989-5386.

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September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Concert: Ensemble QAT: 1938
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October 3 at 8 p.m.

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After Hours at the Library

Enjoy the sweet sounds of jazz music while author John Gilmore reads from his new novel, *Head of a Man* and from his book on the history of jazz in Montreal, *Swinging in Paradise* on Saturday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Performers include singer Vivienne Deane and pianists Martin Franklin and Felix Stüssi. Info: 514 989-5386.

English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20 as they discuss *Sanctuary Line* by Jane Urquhart. Info: 514 989-5386.

Author Event – Muriel Gold

Westmount author Muriel Gold will discuss her new book *The Dramatic Legacy of Dorothy Davis and Violet Walters: The Montreal Children's Theatre, 1933-2009* on Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

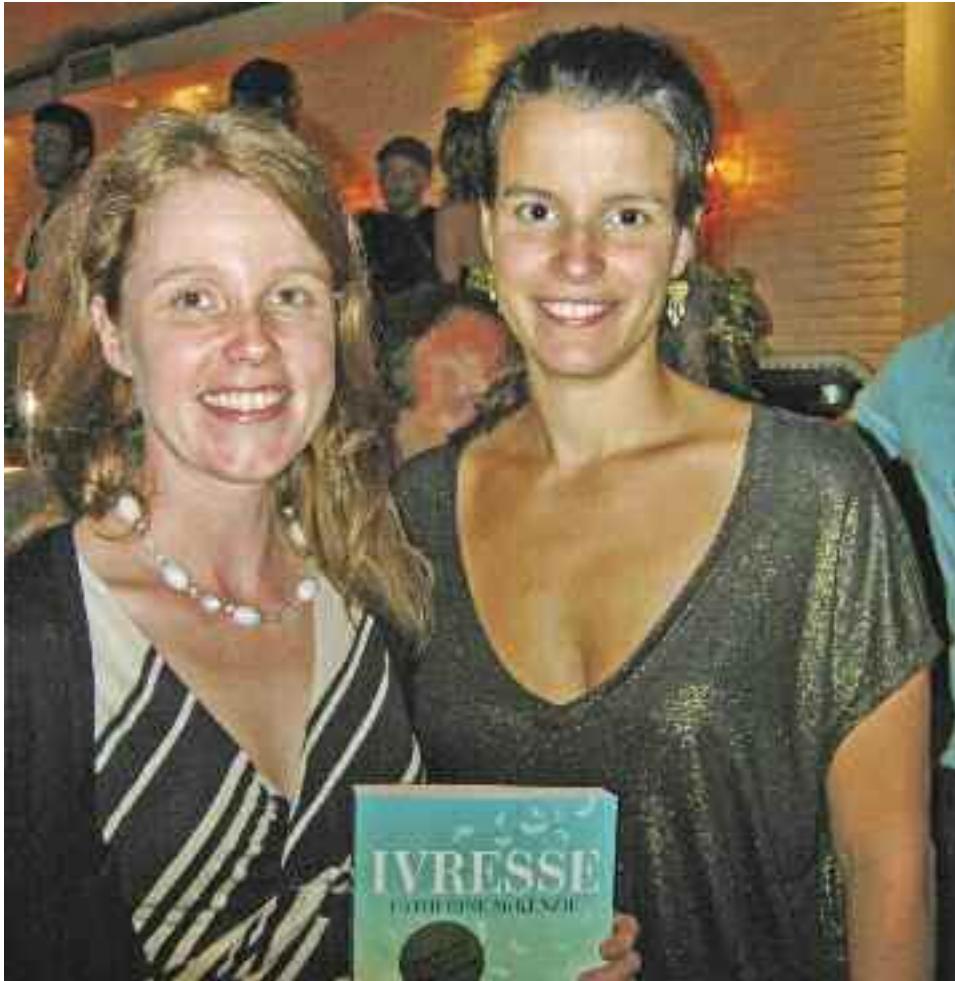


URBAN PLANNING

Guided Tour: Hurtubise House

Guide tour of the oldest house in Westmount: Hurtubise House. Saturday, September 24, 2011 and Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 11 am to 4 p.m. at 563 Côte-Saint-Antoine Road (corner of Victoria Avenue) Westmount (Quebec). Organized by the Westmount Historical Association, www.westmounthistorical.org/hurtubise and the City of Westmount, www.westmount.org. Free and No reservation. Info : 514 989-5219.

McKenzie releases French version of Spin



Catherine McKenzie, left, and Nadia Lakhdari King.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Westmounters Catherine McKenzie and Nadia Lakhdari King were on Laurier Ave. in the Plateau on August 30 to celebrate the launch of the French version of McKenzie's first novel *Ivresse (Spin)*, which Lakhdari King translated into French.

A German version comes out in November.

Lakhdari King is also a novelist and has published the *Eléonore* trilogy in French. The two women met in law school but

only reconnected recently when they discovered their common literary vocation.

McKenzie's second novel, *Arranged*, came out in Canada this spring. Next year, her third, *Forgotten*, will be published in Canada and all three of her books will come out in the United States.

McKenzie is the wife of the *Independent's* publisher.



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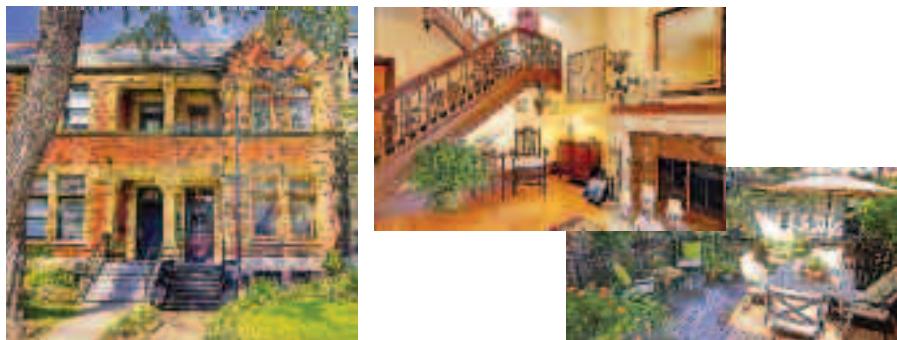
size not to mention lavishing kisses on those who care for him. Ever looked under the garden shed to find your prince charming? The police found him, come and claim your kiss. Make haste and contact Gerdy's Adoptions and Rescues on at pager number 514.203.9180 or email info@gerdysrescue.org.

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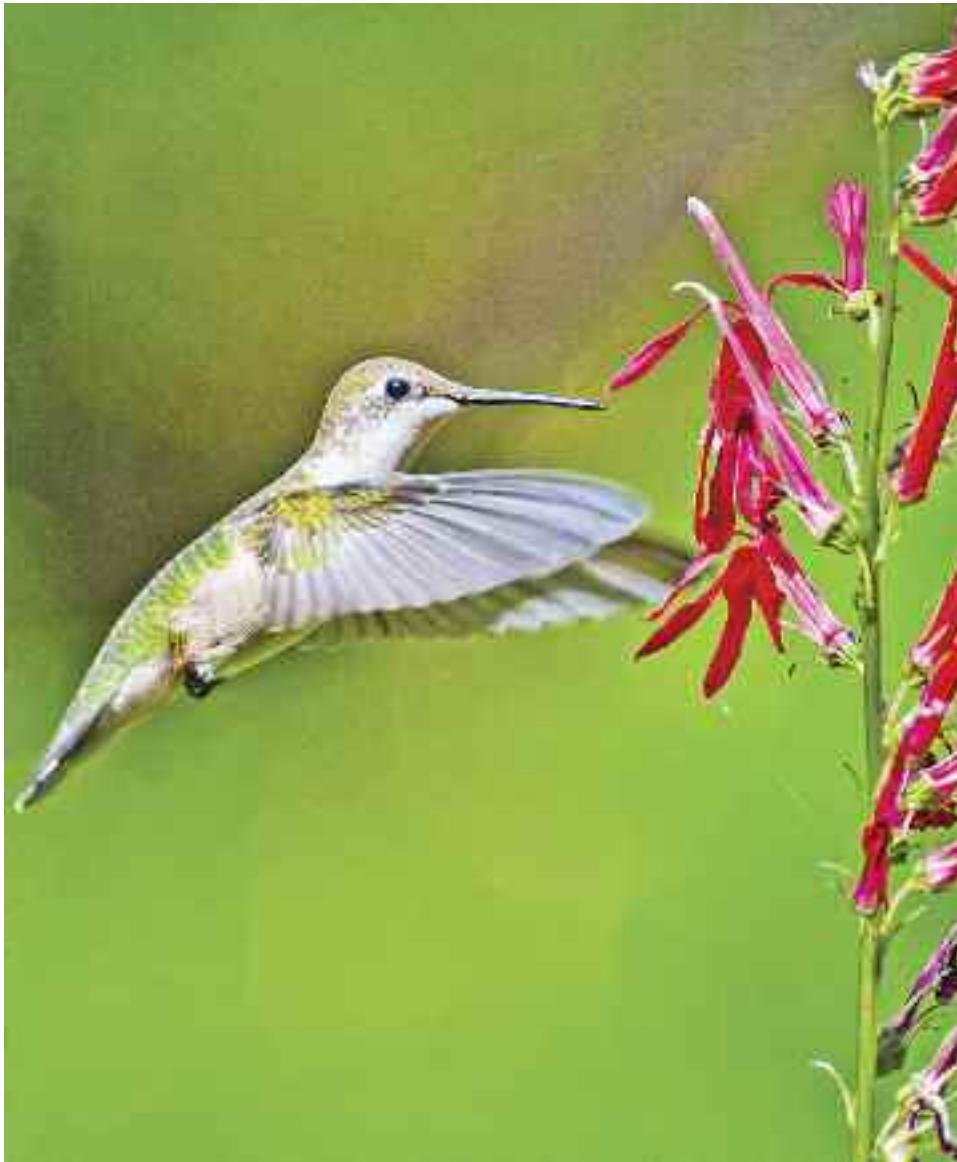
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This hummingbird visiting the photographer's garden reminded him of the 1969 hit song in the UK "Where do you go to, my lovely?" by Peter Sarstedt. As regular as clockwork each year, hummingbirds appear in gardens in mid-August along with the monarda, cardinal flower and specific annuals. In a couple of weeks, the flowers will die and these tiny birds will fly away, probably to Mexico or Central America. Photographed above August 27 is a female ruby-throated hummingbird (called as such, even though it's the male that has the ruby throat, not the female) and it is about the only hummingbird seen in eastern Canada.

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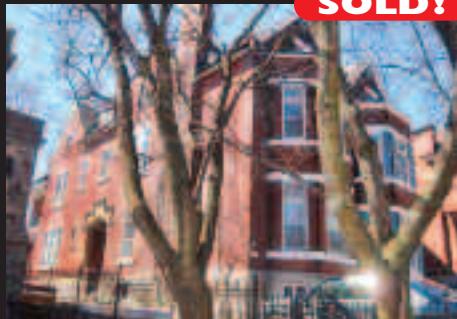
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