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Dorchester 'eyesore' finally to come down

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's been an eyesore in the neighbourhood for years and a thorn in the side of district 8 councillor Theodora Samiotis.

And now, what remains of a partially demolished apartment building at 4216 Dorchester near Greene is finally going to be totally removed, city council agreed in awarding a tender for work October 3.

The building was razed by fire in 1998 and *continued on p. 16*



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At the Westmount Metro store (Supermarché Fletcher) October 14, Graham Fletcher and longtime customer Barbara Spencer share a laugh a week before his retirement October 22. See p. 3.



Photo: Laureen Sweeney

MUHC noise emissions nudging closer to settlement

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After more than two years, a settlement appears close at hand in efforts by a group of local residents to have noise reduced from the ventilation units at the Glen site of the super-hospital.

A class action suit was launched last year against the Montreal University Health Centre and the SNC-led building consortium, and was taken to Quebec Superior Court on their behalf in May 2015 by lawyer Catherine Sylvestre.

Lawyers from all sides who are involved "are working on dates *continued on p. 8* available to them and to

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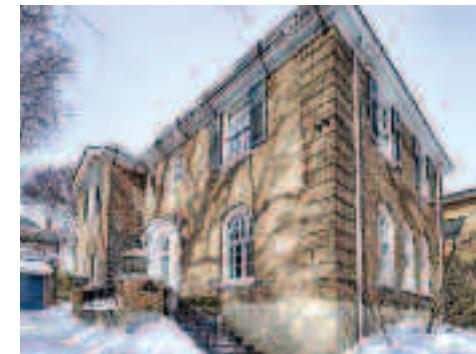
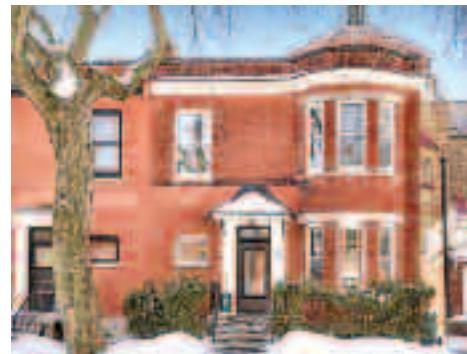


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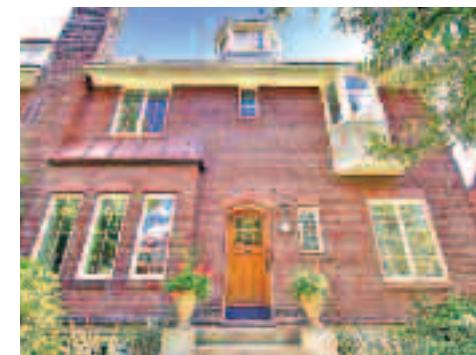
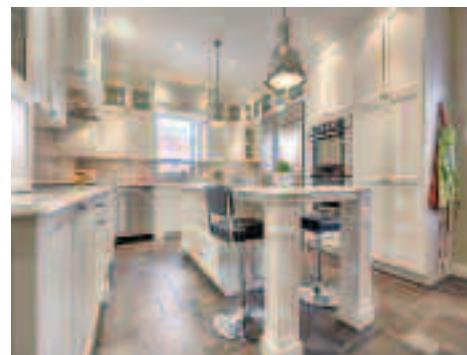
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Fletcher retires after 50 years in the grocery business

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When Graham Fletcher retires October 22, it will mark more than 50 years in his career in the grocery industry – fully 30 of them at the landmark store at Sherbrooke and Victoria, where he has been manager and franchisee, first for Steinberg and now Metro Inc.

"It's the people – the employees and the customers – I'll miss the most," he said last week. "I'll have a big lump in my throat when I say goodbye. I know so many customers by name."

And the impact of his role through three decades goes both ways.

The city will recognize Fletcher's commitment to Westmount by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation for "the extent of his generosity to the community over the years."

During the ice storm of 1998, he is reported to have donated more than \$50,000 worth of food and supplies for use by the

city during the emergency operations, according to Mayor Peter Trent. He has also donated food to non-profits for fundraising activities throughout the years.

Not only is the store one of the busiest sales-wise in the Metro family, according to Fletcher, but it carries the largest number of brands and SKUs despite its relatively small floor space. "I have products others don't sell."

In all, he said, that's 25,000 products and SKUs turning over in just 21,000 square feet for which a comparable store doing the same volume would have at least 40,000. "I do more volume than the Loblaw store on St. Jacques."

Time has come

At age 67, Fletcher has been pushing back his retirement date over the last year but now has finally decided the time has come.

He wants to avoid the winter drive to-and-from the new home he's fixing up in

Ingleside, Ontario, "15 minutes west of Cornwall." He moved there over the summer after selling his house in Dollard des Ormeaux.

"We get up at 3:15 in the morning to leave by 5 and be in by 6:30," he explained. "In the winter, it would be too tiring."

The "we" refers to his wife, Brenda Fletcher, who works in the store's bakery section three days a week and will retire

with him. Their son, Steven, however, will be staying on as grocery manager.

Almost fulltime commitment

Fletcher's whole career has been a full-time commitment. "I don't think I've gone more than three days without calling the store, even on vacation," he explained.

He usually takes off Sunday and Tuesday but *continued on p. 19*

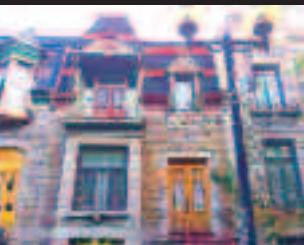


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How the store evolved

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It was enlarged again in 2000 as a member of the Metro banner when it took over the spaces occupied by the Miss Westmount coffee shop and Electrolux on Victoria.

"We were hoping to move into the space now occupied by the pharmacy but the city wouldn't let us." This relates to the maximum size allowed for storefronts regulated by the zoning by-law.

The store now needs more renova-

tions, he said. It was "good news" to Fletcher when redevelopment plans by the property owner fell through in March (see story April 5, p. 1). This has protected the employees as well as the current nature of the store, he said.

Otherwise, it likely would have been closed and reopened as more of a 5 Saisons operation, he explained. "I was very happy for the staff."

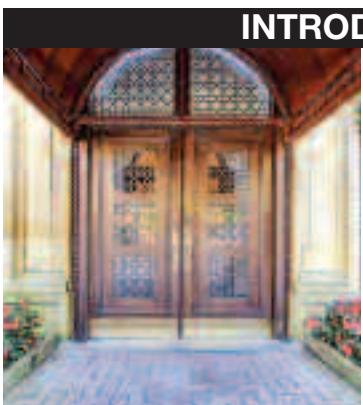
It also enabled the leaky roof to be replaced over the summer. "There would have been no point replacing the roof only to have it torn off" in a demolition.

– LS

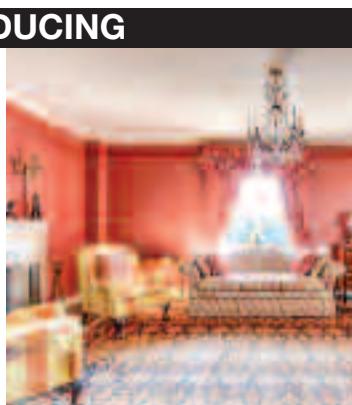


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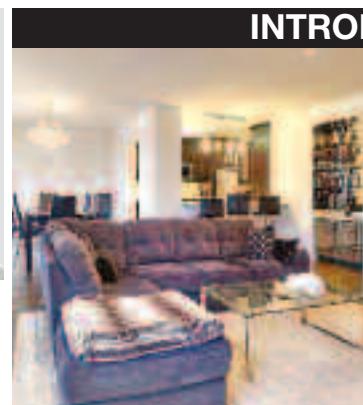
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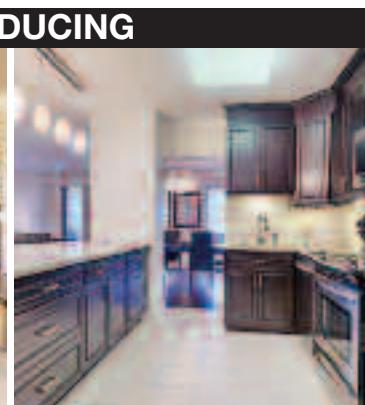
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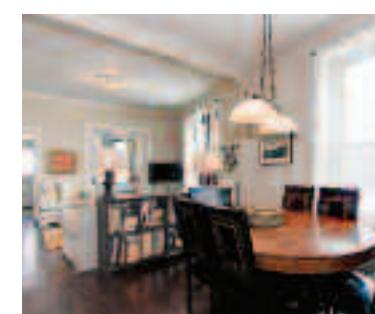
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GOODBYE TO PETIT CLUB

Our community has lost a landmark restaurant after catering to Westmounters for over 30 years!

Le Petit Club, (on Somerville, corner Victoria) was a mom-and-pop operation. Nina hosted, and often served customers, while her husband was chef.

Their food was like home cooking, always using the fresh, quality ingredients. By every criteria, they were first rate. (Did I mention their drinks?)

Over the years, Nina made many friendships among her clientele.

I believe that many would wish to join me in wishing them good health and happiness for a well deserved retirement.

RICHARD ESSBER, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Correction

In the photo caption of “The future is now” (September 27, p. 1) about the St. Leon time capsule, Luiza’s last name should have been spelled Tatar. The name spelling was incorrectly provided to the reporter.

TEEPEES NOT WELCOME IN SUMMIT WOODS

A conglomeration of rustic teepee and longhouse-type structures erupted at the summit [recently]. Previously, there were smaller scale examples of this activity, but nothing like the scope of the present structures made from the illegal cutting of fresh branches and saplings to create what under normal circumstances would be an impressive display of effort and creativity.

There is a solitary teepee on the knoll overlooking the lookout, and 300 feet further west on the Boggy Fern Trail through the middle of the forest, there is a compound of six dwellings in an area 125 by 50 feet. There are no indications of fires having been burned. The largest “longhouse” is approximately 15 by 30 feet.

These constructions lie on the south side of the adjacent hill containing the remnant of the cement platforms of the Marconi tower used for CFCF’s 1922 radio broadcast in Montreal, the first radio transmission in North America.

The ground here is very dry and soil could not be replenished without the decomposed fallen timber used in making

the dwellings. The area looks swept and trampled.

My thoughts? I am disturbed. Regrettably, this is all part and parcel of the environmental deterioration that has been occurring in Summit Woods. Its former name, Summit Park, was deliberately changed in 2010 to reflect its status as a nature reserve with appropriate signage posted at the entrances. The goal was to establish an equitable relationship for the various users and activities, while fostering it as a bird and wild flower sanctuary. Clearly this isn’t happening.

JOHN FRETZ, LANSDOWNE AVE.

Editor’s note: Please see news brief on p. 21. – KM



Photo taken October 5.

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Matossian, Gillett win ribbons at hunter trials



Westmounter and former city councillor Nicolas Matossian, left, sits aboard Cruiser, who is wearing the first-place red ribbon, while Westmounter Peter Gillett, right, on Bravely, earned a second-place blue ribbon in the Master Julien Allard Trophy (senior hunt) at the Lake of Two Mountains Hunter Trials in Ontario September 11. It held its annual equestrian event that includes over 100 competitors in a number of junior and senior classes, flats, over fences, pairs and a number of equestrian hunter achievement awards. The current master of the hunt was Gillett, who was there with former master and Westmounter Eric Lenczner. Competing Westmounters included Suzy Carsley, “who, after a 15-year absence from competition, took second place in the hunters over fences category after a very spirited performance on her horse,” she told the Indie. In the hunters flats category, with over 40 competitors, Matossian was also awarded third place while Gillett placed fourth.

Photo courtesy of S. Carsley

73rd Quarter Century Club banquet

City recognizes 24 for long service milestones

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of 24 employees marking various long-service milestones were thanked by the city October 5 during the annual Quarter Century Club banquet held at Victoria Hall.

The 73rd rendition of the event paid special recognition to those achieving the 25-year-service mark that makes them eligible to join the “club” and be invited back every year to get together with other long-service colleagues, many of whom are already retired. An estimated 120 attended.

The five inducted into the Quarter Century Club this year were Maria Di Scala (Finance), Maxim Sonca (Hydro Westmount), Giuseppe Greco (Urban Planning) and two Montreal firefighters who continue to serve at the Westmount station. They are Christopher Cunningham and James McAllister.

At the end of the evening, Donna Lach, assistant director of Library Services and Community Events, thanked the city council on behalf of the celebrants, who had each been presented with a gift to mark their particular milestone as follows:

40 years

An exceptional milestone of four decades was achieved by Laurie Estevez at Westmount Public Library. “No one knows anyone who did 40 years, especially at the library,” its director, Julie-Anne Cardella, told the *Independent*.

Over the years, she explained, employees at the library likely tended to be older when they joined than in some of the other departments, such as Public Works.

35 years

Giovanni Camia (Purchasing), Ann McWhinnie (HR) and Craig Wright (IT).

30 years

Peter Giambattisto (Public Works).

20 Years

Donna Lach (Library & Community Events), Gregory McBain (Public Security), Richard McCarragher (Hydro Westmount)

and Stephen Collum, Stephen Elder and Antonio Iorio (Public Works).

15 years

Pierre Chartier (Urban Planning), Patrick Reilly (Director General's office), and firefighter Alfredo Tedeschi as well as Carlo Bruni, Martine Émond and Justin Walker (Public Works) and Pierre Chagnon and Julie Poulin (Hydro Westmount).



Two of this year's city employees celebrating 25 years of service at the Quarter Century Club banquet October 6 were Maria Di Scala (Finance) and Maxim Sonca (Hydro Westmount).

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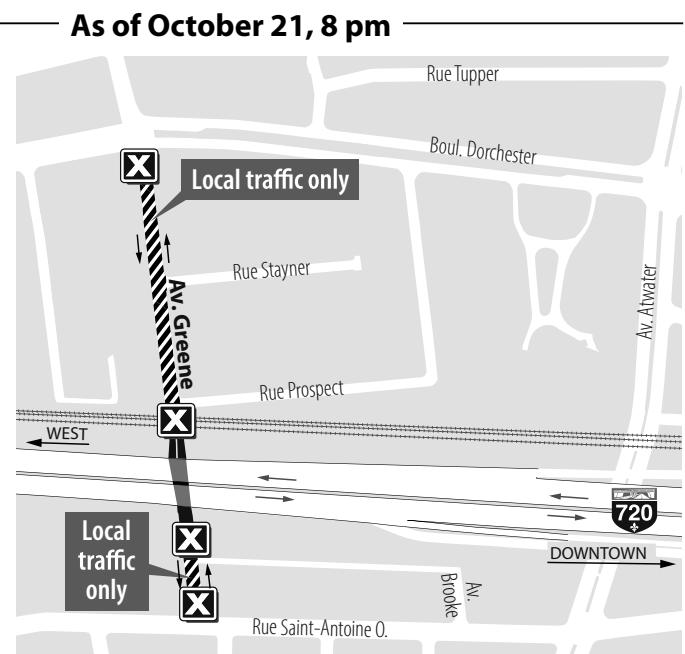
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Class action agreement on MUHC noise emissions seeks judicial okay

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the judge for a hearing to approve a settlement notice," she told the *Independent*.

This would outline details of "an agreement" to be sent to all eligible stakeholders – those living or working in the affected area – to notify them of their right to make representation, she said.

"Once this has been distributed to the residents in a wide geographic area determined as being affected by the emissions, then a further date will be established for the court to ratify a final agreement."

Lawyer declines to comment

Sylvestre, who specializes in class actions with the law firm of Sylvestre Fafard Painchaud, declined further comment on the settlement.

"I prefer to wait for the hearing approving the notice," she said.

The perimeter of the affected area is understood to go from St. Catherine/de Maisonneuve north to Côte St. Antoine

and from at least Prud'homme Ave. in eastern NDG to Park Place in Westmount.

Authorization to launch a class action was filed in Quebec Superior Court May 8, 2015 against the NDG-based hospital and its consortium – as "a last resort," Marc Felgar of York St. said at the time (see story May 19, 2015, p. 1).

'Intolerable' noise

At the time, he described the "intolerable noise 24/7" as depriving his family and others of sleep and the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. Felgar spearheaded the legal action as part of a newly formed Neighbours of the Glen Campus Group.

Residents, initially those on York, began complaining about the high-pitched noise in early 2014 when efforts to find solutions began taking place on several fronts. These included efforts by Westmount officials to persuade CDN/NDG borough mayor Russell Copeman to enforce its noise by-law.

Mayor Peter Trent began discussing the issue with then MUHC executive director Normand Rinfret when the city decided to

choose the "negotiation" route rather than legal intervention.

At a different level, the city had also been hoping to obtain a seat at the negotiating table in talks with the consortium (see story September 22, 2015, p. 1). But this failed to materialize.

"There's always a solution to every problem," district 5 councillor Christina Smith said at the time. "What's frustrating is that there is a fix to this one, but this is obviously only one of many problems the hospital is dealing with (see story September 1, 2015, p. 1)."

Involves additional money

The fix to the emissions issue is believed to involve additional money, an issue over which both the MUHC and the building consortium have been in disagreement on a much broader scale. The consortium launched a \$330-million lawsuit against the MUHC and the Quebec government in April over additional costs it alleges to have spent to complete the project.

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Mood of the Market

September sales: Volume remains strong



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The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in September 2016. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph below offers a picture of these trends over time.

Mark-ups dipped below tax evaluation parity but volume remained strong in September sales, boosting the annual volume to its highest level since 2007. With two sales in the range of \$2.5 million to lead the way, prices ranged down to \$825,000 but the average price closed in on \$1,575,000 in 11 sales posted so far for September.

The total price was just 0.3 percent below the 2014 municipal valuation (which still applies to property for the remainder of this year, though the 2017 valuation roll is now available. (See story September 20, p. 18). One of the main reasons involved a property on Upper Lansdowne Ave., which sold for just over 50 percent of its munici-

pal evaluation; without the extremes, the average mark-up comes to about 10 percent and the adjusted price remains over \$1,600,000 for the third month in a row. In fact, only three of the 11 sales were under their tax value and climbed as high as 48 percent above valuation.

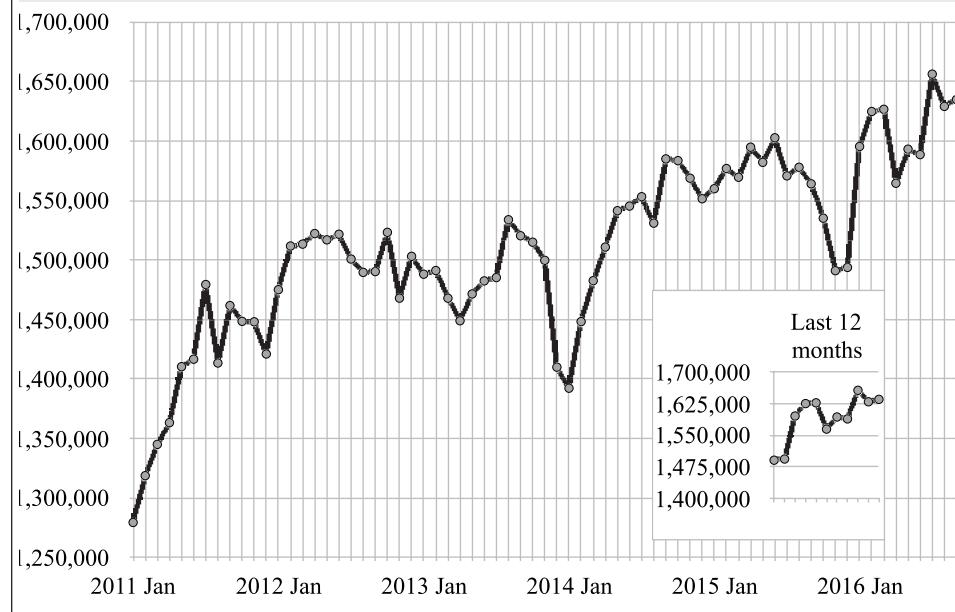
The average days on market fell, too, offering a hope that vendors might be able to move their houses faster than they had in previous months; except for June, the 115-day average is lower than for any month in the past year.

Only one more condominium sale was posted in September, but this brought the total for the third quarter of 2016 to nine sales, exactly the same as for each of the first two quarters. The sale price of \$1,475,000 involved a duplex-type condominium, one of the top prices for these converted duplexes in Westmount's history.

Five new sales were added to the "adjacent-Westmount" list in September, including one house just north of Westmount, one just west and two just east of the city limits, as well as a triplex in the Shaughnessy village area, all of which

brought over \$1 million except for a house on Circle Rd. that settled for \$920,000. The highest price in adjacent-Westmount, in fact, was for a luxury condo in the M Sur la Montagne project, which drew more than \$3.6 million

Average adjusted price for 'typical' Westmount house, by month, Jan. 2011 to Sept. 2016, based on accepted offer dates



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Large wall and garage door tagged

Despite a significant decline in graffiti incidents this year, two significant ones were reported to have occurred over the weekend October 8-9, according to Public Security officials. The first was described as covering the whole side of a large wall of the building at 4050 St. Catherine alongside the parking lot of Bureau en Gros. The second measured 12 feet by 8 feet where a garage door at 415 Mount Pleasant was tagged in blue paint.

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A truck reportedly hit the building on the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria on October 17. When asked about the incident that morning, George Hogg, whose business – Hogg Hardware – is a tenant on the ground floor, said, "Something hit us." He explained that his information was from a business card left by the police, which stated the incident occurred at about 4 am. All evidence that the Independent could find at 9:30 am was some absorbent material on the street, a bent signpost on the sidewalk and some damage to the Victoria Ave. wall of the structure.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Dog 'altercation' leaves one owner 'in shock'

A fight among three dogs on Côte St. Antoine Rd. October 6 was described as a "minor altercation" but left one of the owners "in a state of shock," Public Security officials said. It occurred about 4 pm when a woman living on Grosvenor was walking her two dogs.

Suddenly a dog bolted out from a house they were passing and lunged at the leashed ones.

After speaking to both dog owners, officers said the door had not been closed properly during renovations and concluded it was a "simple accident." The dog living there had a valid licence and no tickets were issued. The dogs were described

as including a Jack Russell and/or mixes of the terrier, golden retriever and Dalmatian.

Light show at 12:08 am

Firefighters and public safety officers responded to a call October 8 around 12:08 am for electrical wires sparking at the rear of 76 Holton, according to Public Security officials. The incident was reported as not requiring immediate attention and was to be followed up later in the day by Hydro Westmount. The sparking had been noticed by a nearby resident of Elm.

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Chabad Westmount mega challah bake draws 300



Seven members the Cohen family from Westmount were among the 300 people, mostly parents and children, who attended a mega challah bread bake event sponsored by Chabad Westmount in the Westmount Square mall on September 22, leading up to the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah. "This one of our biggest ever events," said Rieka Shanowitz, a Chabad Westmount spokesperson. Children were given aprons and chef's hats and a bowl with pre-measured, ready-to-mix ingredients for making challah.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) presents "The Changing Face of Dorchester," with speakers councillor Theodora Samiotis and Caroline Breslaw, WHA president. From 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: info@www.westmounthistorical.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Westmount Park United Church's bulb planting celebration, 12 pm, for its new spring garden on Lansdowne Ave. Mayor Peter Trent, Councillor Cynthia Lulham and director Mike Deegan are expected to attend.

Public Library Week takes place between October 15 and 22. An exhibit that celebrates reading features the artwork of Daniela Zekina. It is on until October 23. A "multitouch table," allowing users access to library archives and special collections was launched this week. It is now on permanent display.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

The children's library offers the activity

"Spooky Craft" for children aged four and up, 4 to 5 pm in the Storytime Room. Children are encouraged to wear a Hallowe'en costume. Register: 514.989.5229.

WEDNSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Author Howard Richler presents "Wordplay: Arranged and Deranged Wit," as part of the Westmount Public Library's 2 O'Clock Series, an afternoon lecture series from 2 to 4 pm in the Westmount Room. Tickets: 514.989.5299.

For the Atwater Library financial literacy program, representatives of Service Canada give a presentation on Old Age Security and other federal government benefits, 1 to 3 pm at the Atwater Library. Register: victoria@atwaterlibrary.ca or 514.935.7344, ext. 206.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Children's library annual Hallowe'en party, 7 pm to 9 pm. For ages six and up. Free tickets are given to those who bring in an already decorated pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest. The library asks participants to wear a costume.



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Wildlife photographer Morisset

leads group through Summit Woods



Wildlife photographer Jean-Guy Morisset leads the group of photo enthusiasts through Summit Woods October 1. Inset: A sprightly female black-throated blue warbler was identified by the white check mark on its wing. The name comes from the male that is mainly blue with a black throat.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Les Amis de la Montagne organized a “photowalk” through Summit Woods to observe the fauna and flowers October 1, starting at 8 am.

The trek was led by professional wildlife photographer Jean-Guy Morisset, who has published several books of his work.

The conditions were ideal for nature photography. It was cool and with a light overcast sky, which avoided harsh shadows. Six nature photo enthusiasts accompanied by organizer Catherine Melançon tramped through the woods for three hours and were rewarded with several interesting sightings. Dozens of juncoes were spotted around the lookout, as well as several yellow-bellied sapsuckers, many

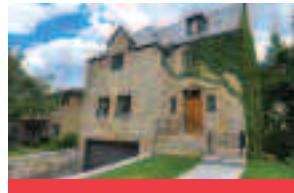
white-throated sparrows on their migration journey south, a pair of Cooper’s hawks and, most interesting, a female black-throated blue warbler, quite a rare sighting at this time of the year.

Morisset provided advice on camera settings and helped identify the birds and flowers.

Several dogs were seen running off leash. Morisset explained that some owners don’t realize that a lot of the birds forage on the ground, and dogs running off-trail can scare them away. The current on-leash rules applies from 9 am to 6 pm. (See story October 4, p. 1 on new rules.)

Les amis de la montagne is organizing other “discovery walking tours.” Information can be found at www.lemont-royal.qc.ca.

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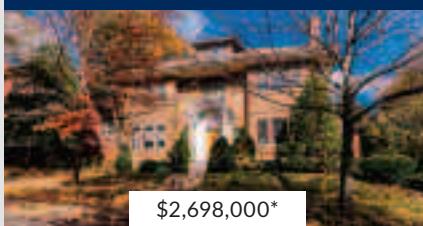
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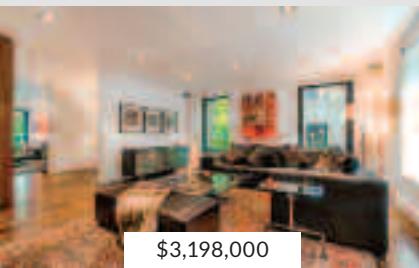
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Beth Symansky, right, executive director of Centre Greene, and the community centre's recently promoted assistant director, Sophie Cram. They are holding a cheque for \$1,000 from the RBC Foundation "in support of Centre Greene's valuable community and social work for kids, parents, sporty people and the elderly through its many programs and facilities," according to a Royal Bank representative.

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Peewee C Wings off to a good start



The second game of the season to be played in the Westmount recreation centre was the first for the Peewee C division. The Westmount Wings and the Lasalle Lynx went head to head October 15 at 4 pm. Wings #46 Lucas Richards wasted no time slipping the puck past the Lasalle goalie in the second minute of the first period. Mohammed Shaer scored three goals, Roman Hart scored two, and Yin Fan Mi one, making it a win of 7-3 for the Wings.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Jumping the gun on garbage pick-up

A ticket for \$271 was issued to a garbage contractor for collecting too early at the rear of 1 Westmount Square October 3, Public Security officials said. The contractor had been warned previously and was reportedly aware that collection must not

start before 7 am. The latest of several complaints came at 6:20 am from a resident of the highrise condo building at 4175 St. Catherine at Greene, which overlooks the loading dock at Westmount Square.

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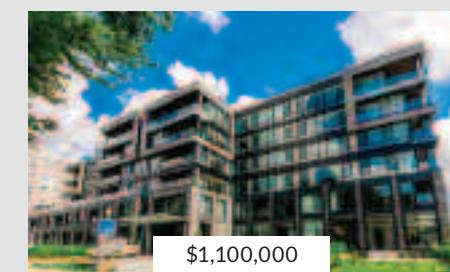
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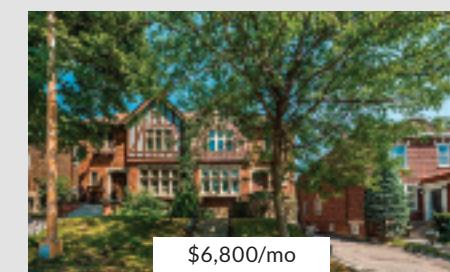
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Novel sign warns against violence towards Turcot workers



Seen on September 15, this sign was set up by KPH Turcot to warn passersby that "violence" of any kind directed at the company's traffic controllers won't be tolerated, an MTQ spokesperson says.

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A mystery surrounding the meaning and purpose of a traffic sign that went up over the summer on Glen Rd. near ongo-

ing work to demolish the Ville Marie Expressway and Turcot interchange has been resolved.

The orange sign, located next to the sidewalk on southbound Glen Rd. warns passersby in French that the area is under video surveillance for their benefit and that of the Turcot project's flag people. The sign says, translated from French, there is "zero tolerance for any act of violence."

According to Quebec ministry of Transport spokesperson Sarah Bensadoun, the sign was erected in July by KPH Turcot, the consortium carrying out the work, after workers who were directing trucks on and off the site were subjected to verbal abuse by motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists impatient with the slowness of traffic.

"It was put up to tell them to respect the work of the signalers," she said, noting that controlling traffic in the area can be es-

pecially chaotic since the signalers often have to deal simultaneously with traffic on the sidewalk, bike path and roadway.

"The presence of the signalers is necessary to secure the area when trucks enter and exit the worksite," she said. "And when they enter or exit, the signaler has to call for the complete stop of traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists to ensure their security."

Bensadoun said there have been more than a dozen incidents since July in which passersby made threats to the traffic controllers. What's more, she said, the incidents are still taking place. "There are al-

terations every day," she said. "This is happening even since we installed the sign."

"There is definitely a lack of civility and respect for the safety instructions being given by the signalmen," Bensadoun added, while noting that a video surveillance camera is sometimes also being used in the area as an added measure.

"At the present time, we are analyzing the situation to see if there are other measures that might be taken because, from what we've seen, there's been no change in behaviour," she said.

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the upper floors demolished as a safety precaution. But the city's attempts to have the foundation removed ran into ongoing complications despite a court order allowing it to undertake the work if the owner failed to do so (see story September 15, 2015, p. 9). He is reported to live in New York.

Meanwhile, the protruding remains have attracted wildlife, vermin and graffiti.

"Not in Westmount, thank you very much," Samiotis declared in moving the resolution. "This has been a public health concern."

The demolition contract was awarded to Excavation René St-Pierre for a total amount of \$50,664, applicable taxes included. The work is expected to take place "before the winter," said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.



The remains of the building on October 16.

Photo: Westmount Independent



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Le mardi 1^{er} novembre, 18 h, Centre des loisirs de Westmount. La Ville de Westmount vous invite à assister à une séance publique au sujet des résultats de la période d'essai des pistes cyclables de l'av. Westmount et du ch. de la Côte-Saint-Antoine. Si vous êtes dans l'impossibilité d'assister à la séance, vous pouvez soumettre vos commentaires par courriel à l'adresse traffic@westmount.org au plus tard le 8 novembre.

Cérémonie du Jour du souvenir

Le dimanche 6 novembre, 14 h, cénotaphe.

Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux devant le cénotaphe de Westmount pour commémorer les Westmountais décédés sur les champs de bataille.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 19 octobre, 10 h 15

Bibliothèque. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5299.

Cercle de lecture *Finnegans Wake* de Joyce : *The Boaters and Sifters of ALP*

Le mercredi 19 octobre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Joignez-vous au groupe de lecture et plongez tête première dans une discussion passionnée sur l'œuvre magistrale de James Joyce, *Finnegans Wake*. Apportez votre exemplaire du livre. Info : 514 989-5299.

Rencontres d'auteurs : Alexandre Trudeau

Le mercredi 19 octobre, 19 h

Victoria Hall. Rencontrez Alexandre Trudeau, auteur de *Barbarian Lost: Travels in the New China*. En collaboration avec la Librairie Drawn & Quarterly. Adultes 5 \$, ainés 3 \$. Info : 514 989-5299.

Série Récits de voyages : Espagne et Angleterre

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Bibliothèque. Une activité hebdomadaire pour les individus atteints de la maladie d'Alzheimer ou d'une autre forme de démence qui simule le fait de voyager dans un pays étranger. L'inscription est requise. Info : dmiguez@westmount.org ou 514 989-5409.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 7 novembre

Ciné-club

Le vendredi 21 octobre, 14 h, Bibliothèque. *The Innocents*. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en français

Le lundi 24 octobre, 13 h, Bibliothèque. Lectures coups de cœur. Animé par Gisèle Magny. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 25 octobre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *The Green Road* de l'auteure Anne Enright. Animé par Carly Vandergrindt. Info : 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 h : Howard Richler

Le mercredi 26 octobre, 14 h, Bibliothèque. *Wordplay: Arranged and Deranged Wit*. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

Du 14 octobre au 5 novembre. La Galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Bonnie Shemie. Venez rencontrer l'artiste et la conservatrice Victoria LeBlanc le mardi 25 octobre à 19 h. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche 10 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

Voyage Tango

Le samedi 22 octobre, 20 h, Victoria Hall. Voyagez à travers l'histoire du tango avec ce spectacle en musique et en danse. 25 \$ à la porte, 20 \$ en avance. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall, à la Bibliothèque et à eventbrite.com. Info : 514 989-5226.

Série ville en santé : écologie de la lumière

Le jeudi 27 octobre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Robert Dick, ingénieur et PDG du *Canadian Scotobiology Group*, discutera des impacts de l'éclairage artificiel sur la santé humaine et sur la faune. Tout comme l'éclairage nous est nécessaire, la noirceur est également un incontournable. Trouver un équilibre entre les deux est essentiel pour les individus et pour les collectivités. Gratuit. Info : 514 989-5284.

Maison hantée de l'Halloween : OZ!

Le lundi 31 octobre, 17 h à 20 h, pavillon du Club de boulingrin, à côté de l'Hôtel de Ville. Le magicien d'Oz, Dorothy et ses amis vous attendent le 31 octobre. Une soirée géniale et terrifiante pour les jeunes de tous âges, présentée par l'équipe de la Sécurité publique. Info : 989-5468.

Vaccin contre l'influenza : clinique CLSC

Le mercredi 9 novembre, 9 h 30 à 19 h, Victoria Hall. Réservez la date. Info : 514 731-8531.

CITY HALL

Public Meeting: Westmount Ave. and Côte-St-Antoine Rd. bicycle routes

Tuesday, November 1st, 6 p.m., Westmount Recreation Centre. The City of Westmount invites you to attend a public meeting concerning the results of the trial bicycle routes on Westmount Avenue and Côte-St-Antoine Road. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may submit comments by email to traffic@westmount.org by November 8th.

Remembrance Day ceremony

Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., Cenotaph. Join Council members at the Westmount Cenotaph to commemorate Westmounters who fell in battle.

PUBLIC WORKS

Incredible Edibles harvest time!

During October, you're invited to sample the vegetables planted in the City's flower beds and street planters. Consult the IE page at westmount.org.

Autumn leaf collection

Throughout October and November. Place your bagged leaves and garden waste behind the sidewalk by 7 a.m. on weekdays for collection. Only PAPER BAGS are accepted. Info: 514 989-5390.

LIBRARY

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, October 19, 10:15 a.m., Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together, working with themes proposed by members. Welcome to all. Info: 514 989-5299.

Reading group for Joyce's *Finnegans Wake: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP*

Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., Library. Join the circle skimming the surface or sifting through the layers of Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. Bring an open mind and a copy of the book. Info: 514 989-5299.

Author Lecture Series: Alexandre Trudeau

Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Meet Alexandre Trudeau, author of *Barbarian Lost: Travels in the New China*. In collaboration with Librairie Drawn & Quarterly. Adults \$5, seniors \$3. Info: 514 989-5299.

Tales and Travels Series: Spain and England

Thursdays, October 20 and 27, 10:30 a.m., Library. A weekly activity for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia that simulates the act of travelling to a foreign country. Registration required. Info: dmiguez@westmount.org or 514 989-5409.

Film Club

Friday, October 21, 2 p.m., Library. *The Innocents*. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

French Book Club

Monday, October 24, 1 p.m., Library. *Lectures coups de cœur*. Led by Gisèle Magny. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting Monday, November 7th

English Book Club

Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., Library. Anne Enright's *The Green Road*. Led by Carly Vandergrindt. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Conferences Series:

Howard Richler

Wednesday, October 26, 2 p.m., Library. *Wordplay: Arranged and Deranged Wit*. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery at Victoria Hall: exhibition

October 14 to November 5. The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Bonnie Shemie. Come meet the artist and Gallery Curator Victoria LeBlanc on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 514 989-5521.

Voyage Tango

Saturday, October 22, 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. A trip through tango's history with this performance of live music and dance. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Tickets available at the Library, Victoria Hall and eventbrite.com. Info: 989-5226.

Healthy City Series: Ecology of Light

Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., Library. Robert Dick, P.Eng., CEO of the Canadian Scotobiology Group, will talk about the impact of artificial light at night on wildlife and human health. We have a need for light and a need for night. And we need to learn how to balance these for the betterment of our neighbourhood and our society. Info: 989-5284.

Halloween Haunted House: OZ!

Monday, October 31, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, next to City Hall. The Wizard, Dorothy and the gang will be expecting you on October 31st. A bone-chilling evening for kids of all ages, organized by Westmount's Public Safety team. Info: 989-5468.

CLSC Influenza vaccination clinic

Wednesday, November 9, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Save the date. Info: 514 731-8531.



Lotey takes audience on ‘journey’ discovering her father’s past

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) and the Portuguese Association of Canada (PAC) presented an evening of speakers and film on September 13 at Victoria Hall. Recently going through old papers, Westmounter Andrée Lotey discovered that her father had escaped the Nazis with the help of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who was Portuguese consul general in Bordeaux in 1940.

Against the orders of his government, de Sousa Mendes is reported to have saved the lives of 30,000 people – many of them Jews – by giving them visas, which allowed them to leave France and enter Portugal during the Holocaust.

Attending with her husband Michael

Several Westmounters were noted, including Theodora Brinkman and Shelley Stein-Sacks, Marvin and Anette Epstein, Alice Goldbloom, Brigitte and Paul Keefe, Carol Gendron, Jeanne-Marie Lynn, Karen Pancer, Barbara Maldoff, Judy Gardos Bergman, Bob Abrams, Wendy and Mark Spatzner, Nathalie Cooke and Sam Altman, Natalie Michaud and Joseph Riboff, Myra Mazur and Bernie Stern.

Applauding after the fascinating story was told were JNF president Michael Goodman (not Lotey’s husband) and Judi Fish, chair of the speakers’ bureau.

Among the many attendees from the Portuguese community were Joe Puga (director, Montreal Portuguese Festival), Connie Rosario, president PAC, and Elizabeth Pereira, who helped organize the event.



Photographed at Victoria Hall on September 13 were, from left: Elizabeth Periera, Judi Fish, Louis-Philippe Mendes, Andrée Lotey, Michael Goodman (JNF president) and Diane Vachon.

Photo: courtesy of Jewish National Fund

Goodman, Lotey spoke about her journey going through her father’s archives and showed the documentary *La Valise Verte*.

Another film, the crowd-funded *I am Alive Because of Aristides de Sousa Mendes*, was presented by Louis-Philippe de Sousa Mendes, one of Aristides’ grandsons. The film featured some of the people who had escaped.

The JNF was represented by executive director Galith Levy. VIP guests were the Portuguese consul general José Guedes de Sousa and Westmounter Diane Vachon, honorary consul general for Monaco.

Soft drinks, coffee and cookies were served to the standing-room-only crowd.

Fletcher cont’d. from p. 3

rarely two days in a row. Certainly not Saturday, the busiest of the week in winter, or Monday, the busiest in summer.

As a franchisee, he says, “I have to buy only from Metro, hire only Metro employees and operate the store *pro forma*. You have to follow the recipe.”

While he describes his customer base as “demanding,” he says most people “are oblivious to the problems of running a grocery store.”

Stocking and staffing

Keeping the shelves stocked, and attracting staff to the Westmount store and retaining them, are his two main challenges, Fletcher said.

Stock has to be brought up from the basement to continually replenish the shelves – especially in the milk and fruit sections. Between 140 and 150 workers are required. Turnover is high and the busy fruit section is currently without a manager.

The store’s location is good for sales, but not so when it comes to staffing. “Once you get to be a manager, you want to buy a house,” he explained. “But no one in the grocery industry can afford one in Westmount, NDG or now in the West Island. And no one wants to drive in from Laval or the South Shore.”

While he tries as much as possible to be on the floor himself, “there’s more and more paperwork to do.” And he has a family, too. The Fletchers have four “kids” and seven grandchildren. One son and grandson also live nearby in Ingleside.

Started as wrapper

Fletcher was born in Dundee, Scotland and came to Canada at age 7.

He got his start as “a kid in school, when my father came home one day and told me I was starting work at the Steinberg store in Pincourt.” That was as a wrapper.

He began working his way up in part-time and full-time positions over the next



October 14: Graham Fletcher sports a tartan tie underlining his Scottish heritage.

25 years in Steinberg stores, including Pointe Claire, Côte Vertu, Baie d’Urfé, Fairview, NDG, Côte des Neiges and the 5 Saisons in Outremont.

In 1980, he took on management of the Steinberg store on Greene Ave. but was told to close it in seven months. He said the store was too small. It lay vacant for a few years while Fletcher moved around to other venues.

But in 1986, he returned to Westmount as manager of the Victoria store and then as holder of its franchise in 1990, when franchising was introduced. He retained the franchise when the store became the first in the Steinberg banner to be purchased by Metro in 1992.

And for now, Fletcher is focusing on handing back the keys so the new franchisee, Fiorello Vellucci, can take over. Vellucci comes from an East End store at 6550 Sherbrooke in Longue Pointe.

So while this happens officially October 22, Fletcher plans to stay on for a couple of days for a final inventory and quite likely, more bittersweet goodbyes at “Supermarché Fletcher.”

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This tree on Grosvenor between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard, as seen on September 9, is dead. See other photos September 6, p. 24 and September 13, p. 10. Photos: Westmount Independent



At Lexington and Sunnyside on September 9, the tree at left was dead, and the one at right was well on its way there.

Part 3 in Indie's tree

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Perhaps one of Westmount's most historic trees died this year in King George (Murray) Park. The large maple probably lined the entrance to the Murray estate over a 100 years ago, while horse drawn carriages trotted to and from the William Murray house. The tree, now dead, was photographed the afternoon of September 19 before the leaves on surrounding maples had turned.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



This tree, visible from the eastern end zone of the football field in King George (Murray) Park, is in a Westmount Ave. house's backyard.

Photo: Westmount Independent



Inset photo: This tree on St. Catherine St. just west of Lansdowne, originally photographed September 2 has been cut down. This photo, with a business card added for perspective, was taken on October 14.

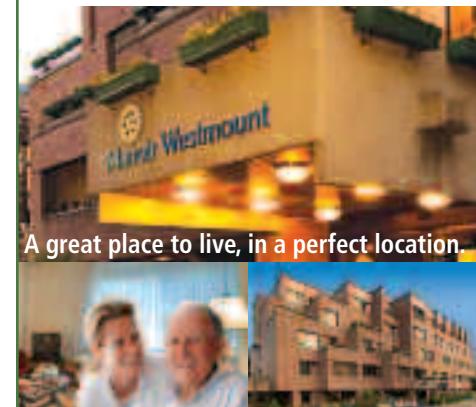
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6 'teepees' removed from Summit Woods

Six small teepee-like structures were spotted by a patroller in Summit Woods October 6 at 2:54 pm, Public Security officials said. They had been built using dead branches. Public Works crews were informed to remove them and patrollers were reported to be keeping an eye out for more. They were described as a potential fire hazard. See Letters, p. 6, for one Westmounter's view on the occurrence, plus a photo.

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October**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Montreal Chamber Music Festival presents Masterpieces of the Repertoire. Cocktail dînatoire and concert in the home of Phyllis Lambert. Featuring Denis Brott, director and cellist, and world renowned Israeli clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein. 5:45 pm. Tickets \$300. 514.489.7444.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital presents A Brilliant Night supporting GBM (glioblastoma) brain tumor research. Event co-founded by local res Suzanne Wexler in memory of her mother Sharon Wexler, and Heidi Small of her father Allan Small. Techno entertainment. Cocktail dînatoire by supporting restaurants Arthurs, Beatrice, Burgundy Lion, Cho, Mikado, Moishes, Notkins, Le Richmond, Tuck Shop and others. Notables include honorary chair Madeleine Paquin, CEO of LogiSaintec Corporation, and Dr. Kevin Petrecca, Neurosurgery chief at MUHC and associate professor at McGill. 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1160 des Canadiens Ave. Tickets \$200. 514.398.1851 or abrilliantnight.ca.

Youth Employment Service (YES) 10th anniversary Tune Into Yes Bash. The benefit helps Quebec entrepreneurs, artists and unemployed succeed. Chairs Tanya Gehring and Cherine Zananiri. Open bar, food, silent auction. 5:30 to 10 pm. Tickets \$125. 514.878.9788, local 307. fa@yesmontreal.ca. Tuneintoyes.com.

Fondation Les Petits Rois benefit. Cocktails, auction and show. 7 pm. Ogilvy's Tudor Hall, 5th floor, 1307 St. Catherine St. Tickets \$200. Marie-Lise Lacroix 514.771.2130.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

AMI-Quebec presents Family Matters with Howie Mandel and his son Alex Mandel. Moderator CJAD's Aaron Rand. Special appearance by YouTube blogger Matthew Santoro. 6 pm. Patrons' cocktail. 7:30 pm show. Centre Mont-Royal, 2200 Mansfield St. Tickets \$100. (Patrons \$300, includes cocktail). Youth (18-25) \$25. amiquebec.org/familymatters or 514.486.1448.

Camp Amy Molson (CAM) Wine & Cheese Fundraiser, benefiting CAM, a camp for underprivileged children. 6 to 9 pm. Mount Royal Tennis Club, 2106 Grey Ave. Tickets \$80. 514.484.9919.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Annual Trafalgar Ross Lecture, supporting the Trafalgar Ross Foundation and student bursaries. During Trafalgar Homecoming Reunion Weekend. 10 am. Information: Sharon Cozens 514.935.2644, local 237. Cozens@trafalgar.qc.ca

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Trafalgar School for Girls Homecoming Reunion weekend. Alumnae reception 1 to 3 pm. Cocktail/dinner 6 pm. St. James Club, 1145 Union St. Events benefit the Trafalgar Ross Foundation and bursaries. Information Sharon Cozens 514.935.2644. Local 237. cozens@trafalgar.qc.ca.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Un Ballo in Maschera. **McGill Chamber Orchestra**, conducted by Boris Brott. Gourmet dinner, concert and masked ball. Guest of honour, André Azzi, MSA Financial, presenting sponsor. 6 pm. Sofitel Hotel, 1155 Sherbrooke St. W. Tickets \$275. 514.487.5190. info@ocm-mco.org.

Opening night of the fourth annual **Au Contraire: Film Festival on Mental Health** (October 25-28). To benefit Donald Berman UP House. Featuring comedian Christophe Davidson. 7 pm. Maxwell Cummings Auditorium, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379A Sherbrooke St. W. Tickets \$100. www.acff.ca. 514.787.1475. uphouse.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Château Ramezay Museum Gala. Official launch of the Heritage 375 fundraising campaign. In the presence of Éric Lachaine, senior VP Caisse Network, Desjardins Group, and Jean Brunelle, board chair Château Ramezay. Cocktail reception 6:30 pm. Dinner 7:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$200. 514.861.3708. Local 241. reservation@chateauramezay.qc.ca.

Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation's fundraising gala Rose Le Soir with New Orleans theme. Co-chairs Pierre Dufour (Banque Nationale), Isabelle Jean (Loto-Québec) and Jean Roy (Kruger Energy). 6 pm. Arsenal, 2020 Notre Dame St. W. Tickets \$100 to \$1,000. Lorris Houvengal 514.871.1717. Local 239.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

World premiere of Krisha, the SXSW Grand Jury (2015) award-winning film by director Trey Edward Shults, starring Krisha Fairchild, aunt of the director. Fairchild will be in attendance. The bene-

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Share the Warmth annual fundraiser. Share the Spirit Cocktail reception and Silent Auction. 6 pm. 625 Fortune St. (entrance on Wellington St.) Tickets \$100. Katina Vanasse 514.933.5599. Local 222. Katina@partageonslespoir.ca

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Annual St. Mary's Ball. **La Scala Opera House in Milan**, by Bridget Fetterly. Co-presidents Elaine and Calin Rovinescu, CEO, Air Canada. Music by Paul Chacra and 1945, catering by Ristorante Beatrice. Black tie. 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1100 des Canadiens Ave. Tickets Cynda Heward 514.345.3511. cynda.heward@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Annual Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Museum Ball. Give Peace a Dance. Co-presidents Michael Penner, board chair Hydro-Québec; Brian Porter, president/CEO Scotiabank; and Marie-Hélène Sicard, executive vp, Sodexo North America. Steering committee co-presidents Johanne Champoux and Claire Webster. Black tie/evening gown. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 8 pm. Tickets \$1,000. 514.842.7436. baldumusee@mbamtl.org.

A Night to Remember for the Alzheimer Society of Montreal. 7 pm to 2 am. WAVE Event Centre, 5524, St. Patrick St., Suite 110. Tickets \$125. Mark Broady 514.991.3937. mbroady@royallepage.ca. nighttoremember.ca.

Syrian refugees fundraising luncheon. Sponsored by the Emmaus Anglican Church Refugee Support Committee. 12-2 pm. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Tickets \$50. Jane Allan 514.484.3960, jkallan@sympatico.ca.

St. George's School's Inaugural Tribute Dinner. Honouring school community members, who are role models of service to others. 6 pm. Info: Donna.Boyd@stgeorges.qc.ca. stgeorges.qc.ca.

Budapest Montreal Gala. Finale of the Budapest Montreal Hungarian Cultural Week. Elegant dinner dance with tastes, sounds and culture of Hungary. 7 pm. Omni Mont-Royal Hotel, 1050 Sherbrooke St. Information Karen 514.481.8949. zimanyi@sympatico.ca

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

JGH gala in honour of the 10th anniversary of the Segal Cancer Centre. Honorary patrons Emmelle and Alvin Segal. Chairs Charles Sirois and Jonathan Wener. Information Annette Goldman 514.340.8222. Local 4602. agoldman@jgh.mcgill.ca

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Cedars' 50th anniversary ball. Black tie/long gown. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 7:30 pm. Arsenal, 2020 William St. Valet parking. Tickets \$1,000. Anna.burgos@muhc.mcgill.ca. 514.656.6662. Local 222. cedars.ca.

Beasts of Fashion. SPCA's L'Amour sur les Étoiles. 6 pm. Paradox Theatre, 5959 Monk Blvd. Tickets \$125. Odette Lours 514. 735.2711. Local 2264. olours@sPCA.com.

Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada presents Flavours of the Mediterranean. Cocktail dînatoire. Silent auction. Special guest Shawn Karls, of Masterchef Canada Top 6. Montreal's top chefs and restaurants will present Mediterranean menus. Honoring Dr. Richard Bélineau, best-selling author of Foods that Fight Cancer. 6:30 pm. Salon 1861, 550 Richmond St. Valet parking. Tickets \$375. Cathie Jackson. Cathie@colorectal-cancer.ca. 514.875.7745. Local 224.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Kidney Foundation of Canada (Quebec Branch) Benefit Concert. Orchestre Métropolitain directed by Dina Gilbert. Featuring soprano Marie-Josée Lord. Maison Symphonique, 1600 St. Urbain St. Tickets Patrick Marais 514.938.4515. Local 2333. Patrick.marais@rein.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Viennese Ball of the Austrian Society of Montreal under the distinguished patronage of Austrian Ambassador to Canada Arno Riedel. Ball president Astri Prugger. Celebrating 250 years of the Viennese Prater. Debutante presentation. To benefit SOS Children's Villages, McGill's Schulich School of Music, L.O.V.E. (Leave Out Violence), Alexander von Humboldt International School, DSQ German language schools, and other youth initiatives. 7 pm. Marriott Château Champlain, 1 Place du Canada. Tickets \$250 (\$150 for 30 years and under). 514.369.2339. ahold@tonalco.ca. vienneseball-montreal@gmail.com. Balviennoisdemontreal.org.

Share The Warmth/Partageons La Puck. Adult hockey games with coaches Marc

Bergevin and Guy Lafleur. 12-12:30 pm. St. Charles arena, 1055 Hibernia St. \$500 to play. Katina Vanasse 514.933.5599. Local 222. Katina@partageonslespoir.ca

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Ogilvy En Fête. Festive shopping night featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and fun entertainment. Evening benefits the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. Participating boutiques offer 15 percent discounts. 7 to 10 pm. Ogilvy, 1307 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$125. 514.282.1552. 514.282.0747.

Gala des Grands Chefs gourmet eve. Organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. Top chefs and special wines. Featuring 7 gastronomic courses. Honorary presidents Benoît Durand, chief information officer, CAE and Anne Marchiori, Telus sales director. Tickets \$490. Tables \$4,400. Catherine Opdebeeck catherineopdebeeck@quebec.cancer.ca. 514.255.5151. Local 22611.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

McGill IBD Research Group's Laugh Your Butt Off. Fundraiser features comedian Elon Gold. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Show 8:30 pm. At Locale 514, 5765 Paré St. Tickets mcgillibd.ca, or Facebook: McGill IBD Research Group.

Oliver Jones in Concert. Benefit for the Lachine Hospital Foundation. 8 pm. L'Entrepôt, 2901 St. Joseph Blvd. Tickets \$95. 514.934.1934. Local 77333.

DIA-BEAT-IT Gala. Honorary president Martin Thibodeau, president RBC Quebec. Cocktail attire. 6 pm. St. James Theatre, 265 St. Jacques St. W. Tickets Lyne Charbonneau 514.744.5537. Local 240. lcharbonneau@jdrf.ca. diabeatit.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

35th Ribera Association of Montreal Annual gala. To benefit Colon Cancer Research at the JGH and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada. Organized by Failla Family and Friends. 6 pm. Renaissance Centre de congrès et de réceptions, 7550 Henri-Bourassa Blvd. E. Tickets Mary Etzitian 514.340.8222 Local 3986. metzitian@jgh.mcgill.ca.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ICRF Women of Action Luncheon Honouring Mothers and Daughters: Jacynthe Côté and Laurie Dion, Jodi Taiger Lazarus and Lindsay Robins Dubrovsky and Annie Young and Sharleen Young. Chairs Kathy Lempert and Elyse Rosen. 11:30 am. Shaar Hasomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Tickets 514.481.2723. icrfmontreal.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Annual ORT Gala. Chairs Barry Pascal and Francine Wiseman. Honorees Marnie and Richard Stern. Featuring mentalist Oz Pearlman. 8 pm. Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts, 165 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets Emmanuel Kalles 514.481.2787. emmanuelk@ortmontreal.org. ortmontreal.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Montreal General Hospital Card Party Luncheon fundraiser. 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. Livingston Hall, 1650 Cedar Ave., 6th floor. Tickets (\$55) and table reservations 514.934.1934. Local 43009. Mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca.

December

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Memri-Canada honors Ariela Cotler, featuring addresses by McGill professor Gil Troy and Alberto Fernandez, vp of the Middle East Research Institute (Memri). 7 pm. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Kensington Ave. Tickets 613.800.0932.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Montreal Bach Festival 10th anniversary benefit gala concert with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Honoree Julie Payette. Cocktail reception 5:30 pm. Concert 7:30 pm. Foyer Allegro, Maison symphonique de Montréal, 1600 Saint-Urbain St. Tickets \$300. Groups (10) \$2,500. Emilie Costenoble 514.843.3414. Festivalbachmontreal.com. Emilie.costenoble@festivalbachmontreal.com.

St. Andrew's Ball. Evening supports the endowment of a chair for Canadian studies, McGill University. Chair Jason MacCallum, president Brian Mackenzie. Dress: formal or highland. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 8 pm. Marriott Château Champlain, 1050 de la Gauchetière St. W. Tickets \$230. 514.842.2030.

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Burns Supper. Celebrating Robert Burns. Dinner and Highland pageantry. 6 pm. University Club, 2047 Mansfield St. Information Margo 514.842.2030. standrews@qc.ca

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Cedars Raffle and Abracadabra Auction. To support the purchase of a PET-CT scanner for the MUHC Glen site. Fun night with prizes. 8:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$150. 514.656.6662. Local 221. Estelle.dussault@cedars.ca.

Workers search for missing girl

Public safety officers, firefighters and police searched the area of Greene, St. Catherine and Stayner October 9 for a missing 10-year-old girl, Public Security officials said. This included laneways, parks and coffee shops. She was thought to be accompanied by a friend when her father reported her missing at 8:28 pm. She was still being sought when she showed up on her own at 9:02 pm.

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Held on June 8, at Place des Arts, the Ometz annual fundraising gala "A Chance to Shine," in support of youth struggling with poverty, abuse and mental illness, was once again supported for the fifth consecutive year by event patrons, Westmounters Véronique and Herbert Black, whose niece **Randy Brandman Farber** was chair of the eve. She introduced Montrealer **Aaron Simon**, a young man originally from Victoria, BC. In a moving presentation, he revealed his years' long challenge with addiction and how Ometz – in particular **Amanda Keller** and **Laurie Baum** – provided him with the support

and services to build a path towards a new life.

Noted in Place des Arts' packed foyer during the VIP cocktail were Ometz CEO **Gail Small**; chief officers **Dominique McCaughey** (strategy and development), **Susan Karpman** (programming), and **Barbara Victor** (clinical); and **Mahalia Verna** (manager marketing and communications); as well as Westmounters **Elizabeth Gomery**, (there with hubby **Stefan Fews** and daughters **Lili and Sophie**), **Susan Schwartz** and **Markus Martin**, **Susan and Dan Lavy**, **Lloyd Sheiner** and wife **Janice Heft** (with sons **Mickey and Sam**), **Patrick Benaroché** and his wife **Susan Kling** (with daughter **Natalie**), and **Etty and Ralph Binenstock**.

Also noted amidst the 1,150 guests were **Brenda and Sam Gewurz**, **Sandy and David Martz**, **Lindsay Hollinger-Retter**, with her husband **Jason Retter** and **Charlie Flicker**.

Performances were by **Juste Danse** (trained by **Allyson Kassie Goldberg**) and **Tyler Anne** (by **Tyler Anne Wajcman**), as well as a special presentation of "Traces" by **Les 7 Doigts de la Main**, the internationally acclaimed Montreal-based contemporary circus company.

However, the kids' first two performances stole the show. Their rock video-style choreography (move over Mick Jagger) wowed the house, particularly one *petit* person who had the moves (and energy!) of **Rihanna**. Bravo!

Guests were a mixture of families and couples. All enjoyed sushi and smoked meat, not to mention the after-performance dessert reception, decadently rich brownies and juicy strawberries (by **La**

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From left: Susan Karpman, Dominique McCaughey, Mahalia Verna and Liz Gomery.



Ronny and Sheryl Black flank Brandman Farber.



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JULIE KEITH

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

At this time of year, I still see many Westmounters getting into their cars in tennis clothes, albeit now with long pants and jackets. I have noted Julie Keith in classic Wimbledon white during the day and then elegant in the evening. I thought Indie readers might like to meet this accomplished author. She is currently working on a novel set between the 40s and 60s in Boston, Greece and Montreal.



Julie Keith is photographed at her home on Arlington the afternoon of October 1.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Above all, I like to be comfortable. When I am travelling, for example, I often wear something stretchy so it's easy to relax and still arrive not too, too crumpled.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Pants and t-shirts or sweaters, depending on the season, and always big gold earrings. I have always loved hoops. On Hallowe'en, as a child, I always went out trick-or-treating dressed up as a gypsy so I could wear big shiny hoop earrings from the dime store.

Do you have favourite art and artists?

Oh, yes. The world over. Praxiteles' Hermes with the baby Dionysus. The beautiful head of Nefertiti that I once saw in Berlin. The Lascaux cave paintings. Giotto's eyes! Anything by Lawren Harris and for sure his painting of Maligne Lake. At home we have three paintings of an owl by a painter who signs his work Basque (I think his real name was Léonard Parent) that I love. I also love a work by Plaskett of a mantelpiece with a mirror behind it – all the objects on the mantel appear twice. In the event of fire I would save those first. And then there's architecture...

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live, money being no object?

Okay...money no object. I guess I'd like a pied-à-terre on the Left Bank and a roomy, casual house somewhere warm near the sea. But my No. 1 choice would be a good size private plane with a couple of worthy pilots...better than all the mansions in the world.

You were just at the Olympic Games in Rio. How did you pack for such a long trip and what did you wear once there?

Basically the usual pants and t-shirts plus one "polite" pair of pants and a couple of polite tops. Travelling, I tend to go for black clothes and watching great sports is

not a dress-up occasion. One is sitting down a lot of the time – or else leaping up and down to cheer or climbing in and out of busses and cars.

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home? Do you like to garden?

Pink and red and purple ones that smell divine. Unlike many of my friends, I'm not a gardener. I suspect that sort of creative impulse goes into my writing instead.

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

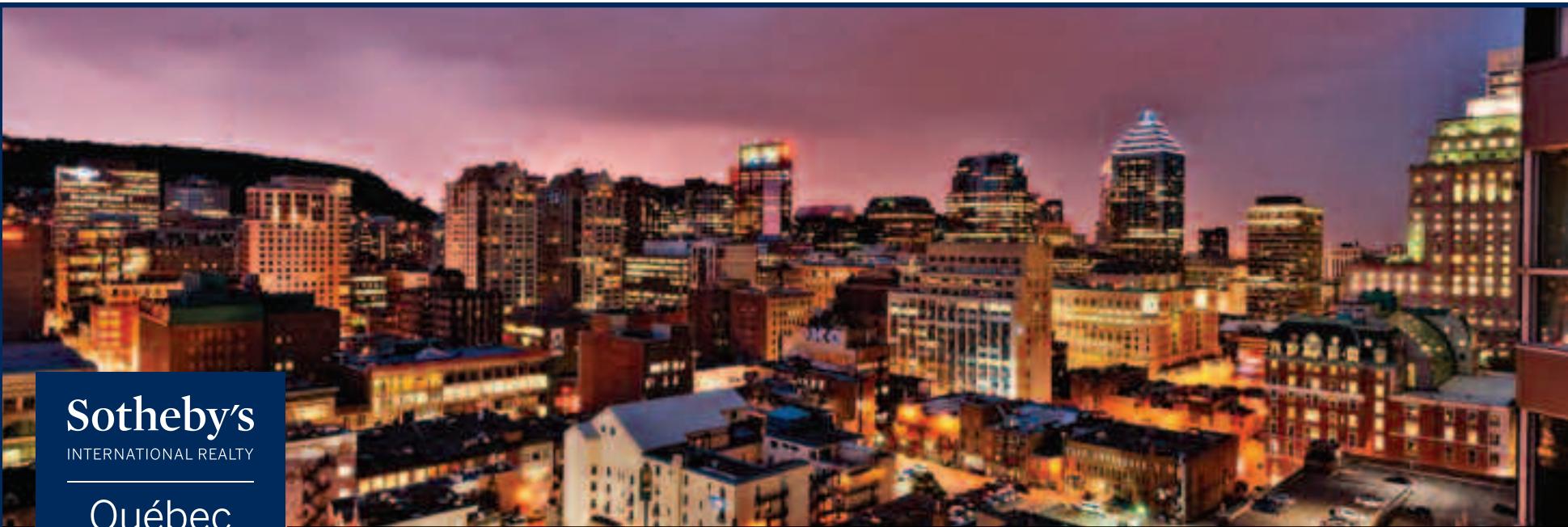
Do I have to cook? And may I assume that we have some kind of language app so that we all understand each other's conversation? If the answer to the latter is yes and to the former is no, here's my guest list: Plato, Abigail Adams, Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson, Muriel Spark (before she got to writing sci-fi), Epicurus, Simon Peter, Akenaten and Nefertiti.

What do you think of today's fashions?

Fashions are less dictatorial, in fact pleasantly flexible, it seems to me, and often quite comfy to wear. I'm happy in soft, stretchy fabrics, and I appreciate that clothing today is a lot easier to care for, especially when I'm travelling.

Which writers do you love?

The Elizabeths – Bowen, Spencer, Taylor and Bishop; V.S.Naipaul's non-fiction; Peter Taylor; William Trevor; our own Alice and Mavis.... In more recent times, I find I don't quite love writers the way I used to – maybe it's an effect of being a grown-up for so many decades. Lately I've found very interesting novels such as *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga, *The Famished Road* by Ben Okri, *In the Country of Men* by Hisham Matar, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. I don't often read poetry but loved *Circus* by Westmount's own Michael Harris, *Facts* by Bruce Taylor. Right now I'm reading a book my son lent me about wave and particle physics and Einstein's theory of relativity, *The Perfect Theory* by Pedro Ferreira; a lot of it is probably fiction too.



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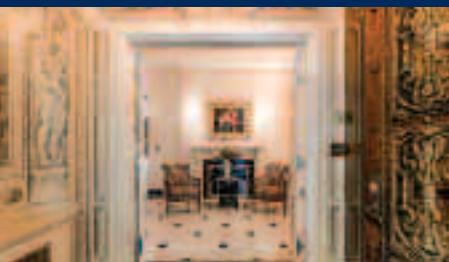
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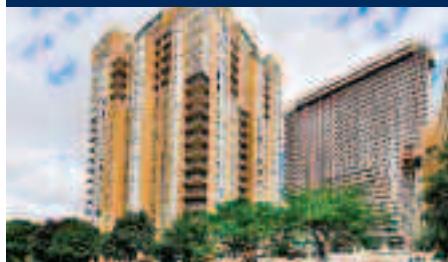


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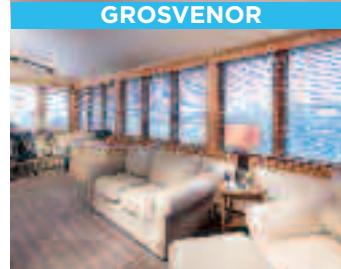
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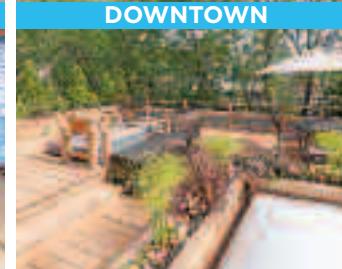
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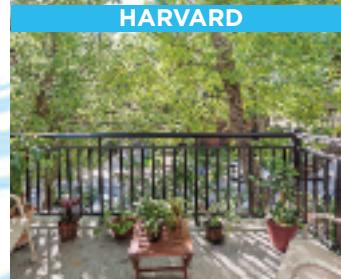
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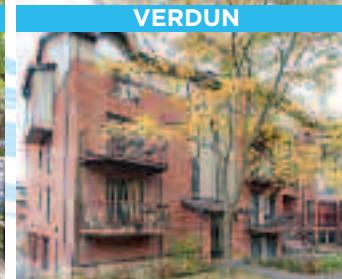
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