

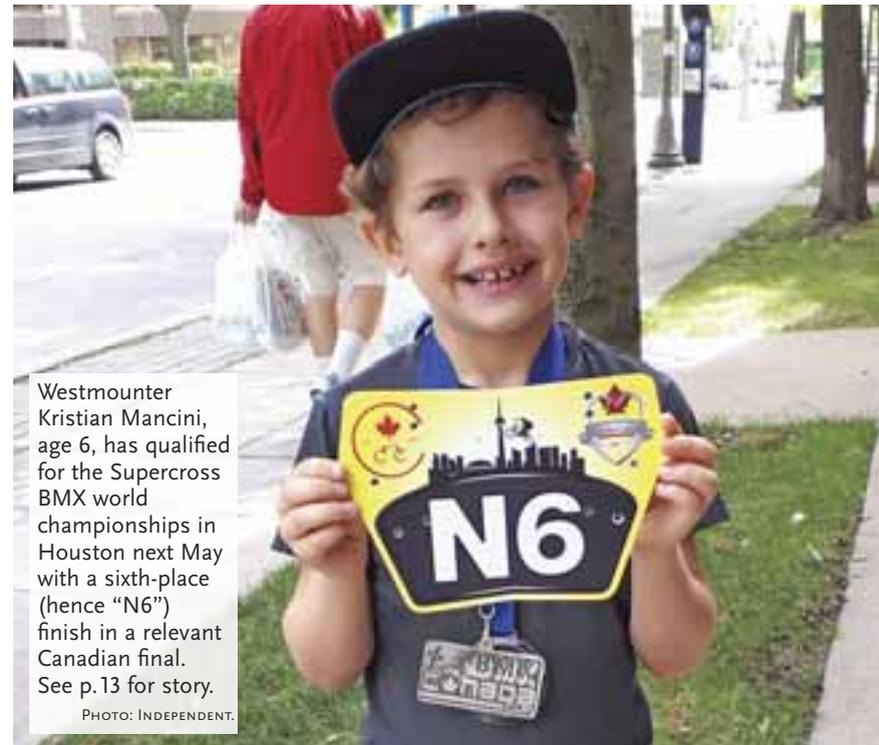
Soccer club launches U8 girls' team



The Westmount Soccer Club's under-eight team at work. Leah Wesetvik (right) on the field with Katie Hilton (centre). See story on p. 5.

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Mancini going to BMX worlds



Westmounter Kristian Mancini, age 6, has qualified for the Supercross BMX world championships in Houston next May with a sixth-place (hence "N6") finish in a relevant Canadian final. See p. 13 for story.

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Westmount Park United sets meeting for Aug. 29 Church considers non-profit managing organization

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A public meeting has been called by Westmount Park Church for this Thursday, August 29 to consider a plan to create a citizen-run non-profit organization to manage the building, maximize its capacity, oversee activities and raise needed funds for survival of the heritage building.

This is the first step in what pastor Rev. Neil Whitehouse calls the church's "transformation into a centre for community, peace and ecology," already a dedicated mission of the church.

Under the plan, the United Church of Canada would still own the building, but the new non-profit organization, or association, *continued on p. 8*

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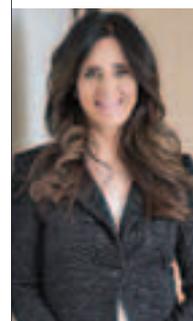
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Westmount ranked third in Quebec for best place to live

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a recent survey of Canadian communities for 2019, Westmount was ranked third best place to live in Quebec behind top-rated Deux Montagnes and Blainville. Those were the only two in Quebec listed among the top 50 in Canada.

Westmount was listed number 51 overall of 415 communities across the country and was described as having the highest community engagement rate.

The rankings, carried out by *Maclean's Magazine*, were based on a methodology of wealth and economy, affordability, population growth, taxes, commute, crime, weather, access to healthcare, amenities and culture.

"If culture and community are important to you, our ranking suggests you can't do better than Westmount," states the report, citing the city's top features as culture and community, commute and access to health care.

The findings were based on data from Statistics Canada, Environics Analytics, Revenue Canada, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Canadian

Institute for Health Information, Environment Canada, and others.

Second wealthiest in Canada

Westmount was ranked second in Canada in the category of wealthiest communities, with a stated average household net worth of \$3.7 million compared to West Vancouver's \$4.5 million and an average housing price of \$2.8 million, "the highest in the country."

Westmount was also number 21 in the country among those listed as best communities for new Canadians.

BC and Ontario led the way in the number of communities in the top 50 across Canada due to strong economics and good weather. Burlington, Ont. was number 1.

Highest level of community engagement in Canada

Noticeable trend

A "noticeable trend," the report stated, was how many of the top spots went to towns with a population under 40,000, all either within driving distance of larger population centres or hubs of local economic activity.

Of the major cities, Toronto (number 19) led the way followed by Calgary (33), Greater Vancouver (112) and Montreal (296).

For raising a family, Blainville was tops in Quebec and fourth in the country.

For retiring, Toronto was among the top 10 spots based on the quality of its hospitals, the highest concentration of family doctors in the country, "limitless recreation" activities and its facility of transportation.

For weather, the best places to live were Summerland and Penticton in BC's Okanagan val- *continued on p. 12*

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Consultants hired for city buildings, urban planning



Victoria Hall, one of the city's most prominent buildings, on August 23.

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BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Two consulting firms were awarded contracts by city council August 5 to help with the engineering assessment of city buildings and for managing the public consultation process for Urban Planning.

Axor Experts-Conseils Inc. was listed as the only bidder for a bank of hours regarding various buildings and outdoor facilities. This was at a minimum of \$143,900 and a maximum \$362,861.

“The bank of hours will be used to inspect several buildings including the municipal garages and for some punctual work on our buildings,” according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. “The strategy of using a bank of hours for professionals will be used more often to increase our efficiency.”

He said it was “a small amount” and in line with the 2019 capital budget and the proposed 2020 one.

The communications firm Transfert Environment and Society (TES) Inc. was the lowest conforming bidder of three for developing and implementing a public par-

ticipation strategy for Urban Planning for two years (2019-2021) in an amount of \$59,843 (for the fiscal year) and a maximum of \$270,766.

The other bidders were National Public Relations and Institut de Nouveau monde.

Differs from posting for new manager

This is different from a new temporary three-year position that has been posted on the city's website for a communications person in Urban Planning, Hurtubise explained.

“This position is to manage the various communication programs and tools associated to all the upcoming changes and proposals that are highlighted in the strategic plan. This candidate will also manage all communications on ongoing items (SCAOPI, demolition, reports, new by-laws, etc.) to allow the management team at Urban Planning to focus on the operations and strategic plan.”

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Westmount Soccer Club squad ties the boys, 1-1

New U8 girls' team reflects growing trend

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A highlight of the Westmount Soccer Club's 2019 season was the launch of a U8 (under 8) development team of girls who trained with the boys in the club's development program, according to president Doug Hamilton. The league officially starts at the U9 level.

"Promoting girls' soccer has been one of our priorities this year, growing to 56 females on three teams from about some 40 last year," he said. "We would like to continue to develop this."

In Soccer Quebec, he adds, 34 percent of players are female so there is definitely an interest in women's soccer.

This season, the club has had more than 250 players on 12 teams ages 6 to 25, almost 80 percent living in Westmount.

"The girls joined our U8 development program for the first time, playing friendly games against other clubs and one tournament, the Tournoi Jean Mantha in TMR," he said.

Playing in the tournament was "a great experience for developing their skills as they met some capable opposition from other clubs."



The U8 girls' team, from left: Violet Iny, Amelie Dancea, Anne Bélanger, Leah Westvik, Isabelle Ince-Cushman, Katie Hilton, Leni Singh and goal keeper Bianca Baccus. Coaches are Steve Hilton and Robert Boulanger.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WESTMOUNT SOCCER CLUB.

The U8 girls played a game against the U8 boys' team and held their own with a 1-1 score.

The club's regular season goes from May 1 through August.

See also photo on p. 1.

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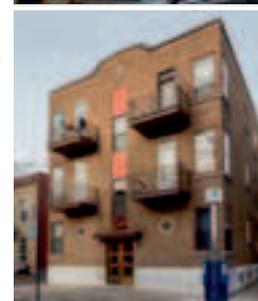
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HONG KONG'S FREEDOMS ALIVE, DIALOGUE PREP HAS STARTED

I write to bring to your attention that the “Stand with Hong Kong until Dawn” advertisement published in your paper on August 20 (p. 7) was misleading.

There is no basis to suggest that the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong people are under threat or have been eroded. The freedom of protest and the freedom of the press are very much alive and well for the whole world to see. For example, since June, the Hong Kong police have issued more than 100 Letters of No Objection in response to 125 applications for rallies or processions. Local and international media have been covering these events in great detail without interference and continue to do so.

Since June, numerous peaceful and orderly rallies, processions and public meetings have been held in Hong Kong. At the same time, there were violent protests orchestrated by a small group of hardcore agitators, severe chaos at the Hong Kong International Airport causing disruption to visitors, vandalism of public property and attacks on police stations. These were not peaceful and rational expression of views, but disrespect for the rights and freedoms of others.

At such a critical juncture in Hong Kong's history, people from all sectors should help restore the peace and calm for which Hong Kong is well known and under which it has thrived.

On this, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government is starting a

platform for dialogue with people from all walks of life to help address the differences in society.

EMILY MO, DIRECTOR – HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE (TORONTO)

SCIENCE SHOWS DANGER OF EMFs

Dr. Margolese's letter saying that EMFs are safe (August 6, p. 6) does not seem to be based on science.

The Lancet's article “Planetary electromagnetic pollution: It is time to assess its impact” states that “man-made EMF exposures have increased by 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 times from naturally low EMF that occurs in nature.” (This is not a typo – there are 18 zeros!)

“Levels will surge considerably again as technologies like the internet of things and 5G add millions more frequency transmitters.

“The fact that non-thermal radiation by wireless devices poses significant health risk is why 244 scientists from 41 countries who have published on the subject in peer-reviewed literature have petitioned the WHO and the UN for immediate measures to reduce public exposure to artificial electromagnetic fields and radiation.” (emfscientist.org).

“Non-thermal exposure has been shown by NIH scientists to alter human brain metabolism, electrical activity and systematic immune responses... Chronic exposure associated with increased oxidative stress, DNA damage and cancer risk... Unprecedented human exposure to EMFs from con-

ception until death has been occurring in the past two decades – showing effects on the CNS, including neuro-development, increase risk of some neurodegenerative diseases.”

“Evidence also exists of the effects of EMFs on flora and fauna.”

It is critical one takes the time to understand how to use technology safely because no amount of specialists, diagnostics or drugs will be of use without knowledge of EMF dangers.

Bleeding noses, inability to feel rested even upon “sleeping,” allergies, depression, tinnitus, heart palpitations, decreased fertility, feeling of being unbalanced, eye problems, chronic diseases, autoimmune conditions, the catastrophic decline of millennials' health – these are not associated with EMF radiation because effects are not immediate and there is no direct perceivable cause and effect. But scientists are already postulating the many different mechanisms that can trigger this degeneration of health.

When one understands that science now shows that genetics may be responsible for only five percent of disease and that EMFs (along with pesticides, heavy metals, poor diet and soil, pollution, lack of forgiveness etc) can play a significant role, one can have more control in one's life.

With regard to EMFs, turning off wifi at night, putting phones on airplane mode when sleeping (alarm still works), not putting phones in bras or pockets, symptoms can disappear. Even cleaning up “dirty” electricity by filters have helped lessen debilitating effects of MS.

For more information, register on greenmedinfo.com for an upcoming free summit.

And one should not live in fear either, but to be aware and grateful, which can not only heal ourselves but our planet.

So on that note, I am grateful for Dr. Margolese's letter for it provoked dialogue and for the *Independent* for living up to its name and potential by publishing polarizing views on a subject, especially in these times where censorship is active on internet and traditional forms of media. As it has been said:

“The greatest tragedy of mankind comes from the inability of people to have thoughtful disagreement to find out what's true.” – Ray Dalio

This letter has been endorsed by Dr. Paul Heroux, professor of toxicology and health effects of electromagnetism at McGill University.

PAT CHANG, DOWNTOWN

LET'S BRAINSTORM ON EMPTY STOREFRONTS

Apparently the city of Montreal is taking the issue of empty storefronts seriously. In a recent article in the *Montreal Gazette* (montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/committee-to-study-empty-storefronts), Mayor Plante is quoted as saying: “this isn't good for anyone and the consequences are major.” Montreal's standing committee on economic and urban development and housing is going to hold public consultations in January and submit recommendations next spring.

We have a similar problem here on Sherbrooke St.

Why can't Westmount take a similar approach and hold public consultations and issue recommendations? I am sure that many good ideas can emerge from this type of collective brainstorming.

DEANA SILVERSTONE, GROSVENOR AVE.

THANK YOU, KIND STRANGERS

Here is my feel-good story about living in Westmount. I met Dan Lambert August 22 for coffee at the Mouton Noir. When leaving, we noticed two police officers rid-



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ing through Westmount Park on horseback. Wanting to get a picture of this, I fumbled about getting my camera out of the bicycle bag in order to grab the moment.

At the end of the day, near suppertime, my wife received a phone call from the local police station.

Apparently, while fumbling for the camera, I had inadvertently dropped my wallet in the park. It was found by some construction workers, who turned it over to the police. The contents were complete, and I wish to thank these honest but anonymous workers.

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Library's art adventures include 'Westmount critters'

BY HEATHER BLACK

Children aged 3-6 joined children's librarian Wendy Wayling for Wednesday's art adventure at Westmount Public Library on August 14. The seventh in a series entitled "The Natural World: Art and Stories," the art project featured Westmount Park's squirrels and ducks. After pasting eyes, paper tails or beaks, and drawing noses or feet, the children were delighted with the end result – a paper squirrel and duck to take home.

"The theme – 'The Natural World' with an emphasis on nature in your backyard or local park – was selected by librarians across Canada for the TD Summer Reading Club," Wayling explained. A librarian at Westmount Public Library since 1992, Wayling has been children's librarian since 1998.

She commented, "Our programs reflect children's literature and are designed to encourage reading during the summer months."

The final art adventure, "Rain and Rainbows," took place in the downstairs Storytime Room on August 21. Stories and



Noel Moe with squirrel and duck.

crafts for children with autism are also included in the library's Sensory Storytime led by Westmounter Isabelle Toussaint. Although the summer session has wound down, children can look forward to a lively fall program which includes a Children's ESL Book Club, LEGO Club, and Gaming at the Library.

Duct tape, Westmount style



There have been many jokes about duct tape and its many, many uses. It is pictured here at the Metro grocery store on Victoria Ave. being used as a fencing substitute on August 23.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED **Monday, September 2nd, 2019**

The City's administrative offices and the Westmount Public Library will be closed Monday, September 2nd for the Labour Day holiday. The regular council meeting will take place Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the usual schedule.

Please note that regular office hours for municipal services – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday – will resume on September 3rd.

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Church, cont'd. from p. 1

would provide staff and volunteers needed to manage the shared spaces of the church used by a host of community groups.

The church is already known for its activities and services to the community. Among them are the Contactivity Seniors Centre, Beavers, Cubs, Westmount Music Therapy, the Montreal Camera Club, Cinema Club of Montreal and others. It also runs the Faith in Nature program dedicated to education and action for the environment.

Even so, "It has much greater potential," he said of the landmark site.

But with only 15 to 20 congregants typically attending services, and Whitehouse and an administrator on part-time basis, he says more staff and volunteers are needed to manage the busy centre and seek new revenue from grants and foundations to keep up the Category I heritage building.

The alternative could be putting the church up for sale, he suggested.

Would change the dynamics

Creation of a non-profit would "attract more people to the board who will determine what goes on in the building without having to belong to the church as worshippers," he explained. "With this model, the place will fly. The dynamics will change."

The meeting August 29 takes place at 7 pm and the church is asking those planning to attend to register in advance at www.westmountparkuc@videotron.ca.

The second step in the church's "transformation" is a "Concert for Peace" September 21 (World Peace Day) in partnership with the Bronfman Peace Foundation and Montreal Music Collective. Tickets are available at the door or through Eventbrite.

Whitehouse said he had discussed the transformation plan with the city's Urban Planning director, Tom Flies, "which was very helpful because in many ways we were already doing what they approve of under the recently adopted zoning by-laws for



Westmount Park United Church on August 22.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

houses of worship."

There are some challenges the church faces from newly allowable occupants such as renters, he said. These include fire prevention measures such as the installation of sprinklers. The church has had some 2,000 square feet of office space on the market for many months since the Montreal Presbytery of the United Church relocated.

Flies told the *Independent* last week he was not prepared to "pronounce" on the church's plan.

He underlined that the city's new zoning By-law 1539 requires houses of worship to be "an establishment operated...as a re-

ligious institution...primarily used for the public practice of worship."

However, two other by-laws (1540 and 1541), he suggested, "would allow for more creative avenues and the city could consider models where the house of worship would only be a minority occupant of the spaces available" (see stories May 14, p. 1 and June 4, p. 1).

Pros and cons

While Whitehouse said he was not aware of any other Westmount churches that had gone the route of creating non-profit organizations, many US websites were found dedicated to this practice.

One legal site operated by Chicago religious liberty attorneys Mauck & Baker deals with the pros and cons.

It lists one benefit as "the ability to attract additional funding, personnel, or volunteers," adding that "incorporating as a separate entity is one way struggling ministries could attract new forms of income." Certain organizations have policies that prevent them from giving grants directly to religious organizations, it states.

On the other hand, it notes, "as separate entities, their ministries may not be considered part of the church for zoning purposes."

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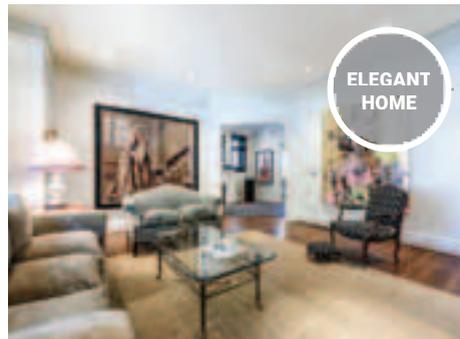
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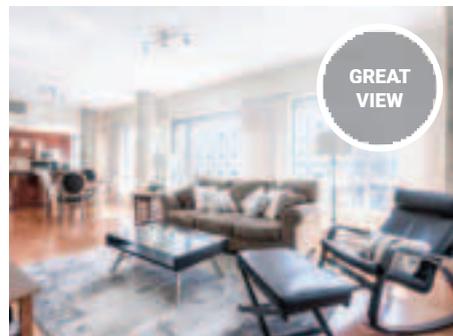
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How to Train Your Dragon 3 was presented on a large outdoor screen from 8 pm until 9:30 to a large, enthusiastic audience. There was no moon and clear skies, ideal conditions for an outdoor movie.



Local Scout leader and volunteer Andrew Macdougall (not pictured) tended the camp fire and prepared hundreds of marshmallows for roasting.

Camping in the park

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Camping under the stars with a crackling log fire took place August 23 and 24 in Westmount Park, which included the airing of an animated movie about dragons; as well as hot dogs, roasted corn, marshmallows, and a breakfast of pancakes, bananas, melon and fresh strawberries with cream.

“We have 40 tents and 130 people here tonight,” said co-organizer Dan Saigh, a Scouter. “The Westmount Scouts are thriving. We are getting a lot of new members. The Scouts are less formal today and kids enjoy it.” There are over 160 members in Westmount.

The camping event was jointly organized by the city of Westmount and the Scouts.

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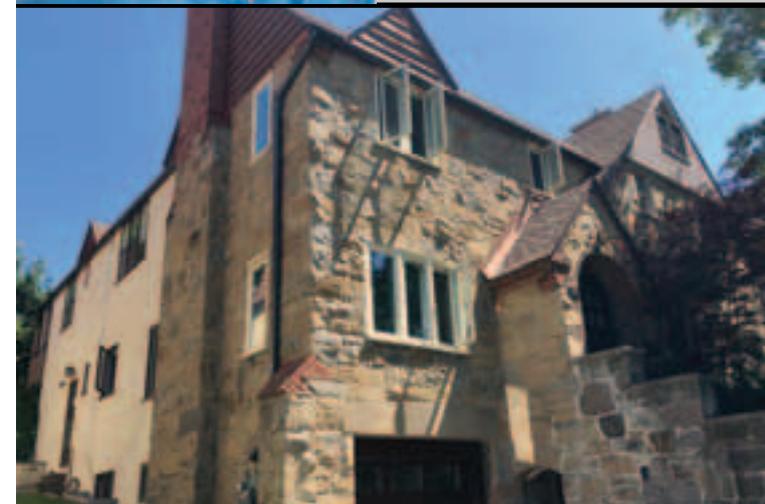
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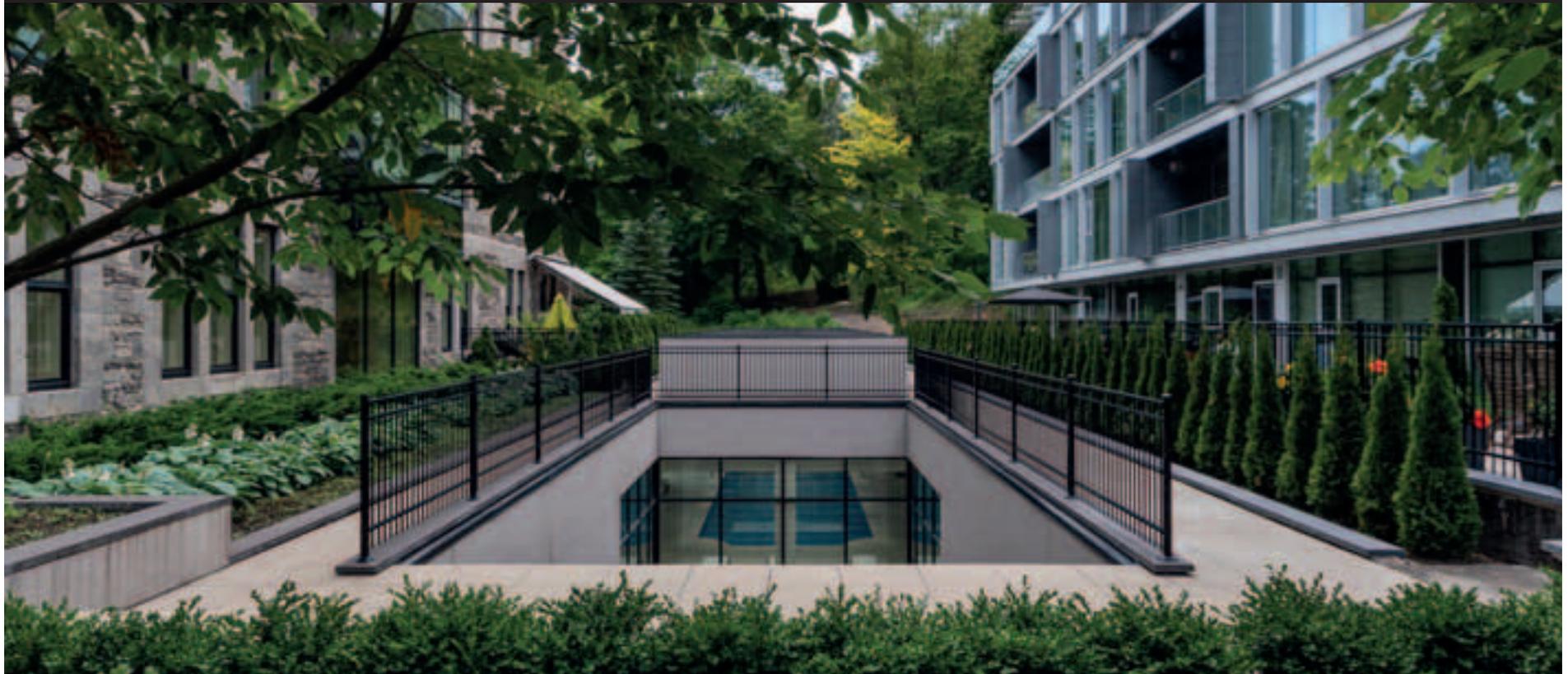
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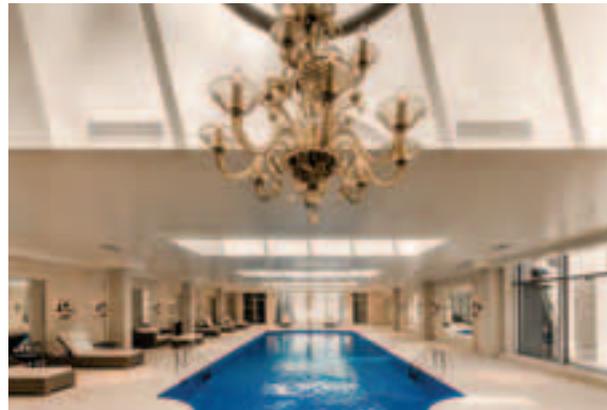
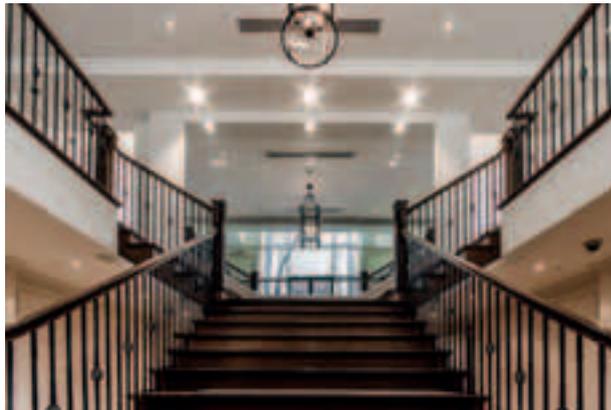
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The team in front of Victoria Hall after its banquet August 18.

Dolphins have best season since 2007

The swim team of the Westmount Dolphins Aquatics Club started with an undefeated season of wins at every Wednesday night swim meet, vanquishing all of its Section A rivals in the Association of Lakeshore Pools.

They went into the Section A finals, held at Valois Pool in Pointe Claire on August 10, “as the team to beat,” according to president Helen Campbell, but their “most challenging rivals,” Valois, managed to take the title “by just half a point!”

On August 17, they went to Baie D'Urfé for the association finals. They won the Montreal West consolation finals trophy

but narrowly missed the John Pratt finals trophy, again to Valois, by just 2 points.

“We are very proud of the swimmers and the team effort they gave to produce the best results since 2007!” summed up Campbell.

Other events

The club sent Diego Garcia Acevedo to the Novice Divers' Meet in late July at the Lakeside pool and he won second place in his age category.

Also in late July, the club's Bantam water polo team made it to semi-finals in its tournament, “our best showing in water

polo so far,” said Campbell.

On the artistic swimming front, they “sent six different routines (one solo, four duets and a full team) to the three competitions in our league that took place earlier this month. They improved in the stand-

ings from past seasons and we expect them to continue to improve.”

This season marked the club's 27th season and its sixth season at the Westmount recreation centre. It had 220 individual youth members.

Ranking, cont'd. from p.3

ley, while – still in BC – the most affordable homes were in Salmon Arm, a town of 18,000 east of Kamloops, in the number 6 spot in the ranking.

In a similar ranking of 415 municipalities in Canada in 2018 by online MoneySense using the same methodology and published format, Westmount placed number 8 as the best place to live and second best in Quebec.

Healthcare access challenged

The healthcare access attributed to Westmount was challenged by Westmount family physician and resident Mark Roper.

While many doctors live in Westmount, that fact does not provide a precise measurement of residents' access.

Data concerning doctors typically come from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he explained. Addresses provided to the college can be based on either home or office, which don't translate into access.

“Good data,” he says, “show that only 62 percent of Westmounters have a family doctor and that we are about 20 percent lower than the Quebec average.” In his case, he said, many of his patients come from outside the health region “so I am refusing patients from Westmount.”



Some of the swimmers with the Montreal West Trophy on August 17. PHOTOS COURTESY OF H. CAMPBELL.



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Barney Kitten

to a forever family. While at the SPCA Montréal, he received all his health care (inoculations, treatments, neutering) and looks forward to growing into a full-fledged family member as he is so easygoing with people and other pets.

If you would like more information on him, please do not hesitate to contact his foster family Jade and Samuel at saja4paws@gmail.com for more adorable photographs and an opportunity to visit. Also, if you would like more information on the SPCA Montréal, please refer to their website at spscamonteregie.com.

New dog adoption column

The *Westmount Independent* has given us the chance to present a new weekly dog adoption column and I would look forward to presenting a logo and column name for this new Westmount dogs initiative. If you would like to suggest a logo and/or a name for this new adoption column, please feel free to email me at lysow@gmail.com. “We are Westmount Dog People,” and we love meeting other Westmounters with our dogs, caring for our pets and keeping informed as to health and welfare.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Mancini off to Houston for world BMX championship



Kristian Mancini on his bike.

PHOTO COURTESY OF M. A. NOVY.

Westmounter Kristian Mancini, age 6, has qualified for the Supercross BMX world championships in Houston next May.

“Kristian has loved riding bikes since he was three years old,” father Philippe told the *Independent*, but only started competing in May of this year. He has competed in 11 races, including one in Etobicoke in July where his sixth-place finish earned him his Houston spot.

The next day, he placed second at the Canada Cup.

The young cyclist was a bit press-shy, answering “I don’t know” to many of the *Independent*’s questions, including why he likes cycling, how he wins, what he eats and what his favourite song is. His mother, Marie Antoinette Novy, finally told the *Independent* that he listens to his favourite song, “Old Town Road” with Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus before each race, as well as “Eye of the Tiger.”

He will be going into grade 2 at St. Léon next month.

See also p. 1 for photo.

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End of 2020 forecasted as completion

Turcot project enters final phase, ramp openings previewed

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Quebec minister for Transport and minister Responsible for the Metropolis and the Montreal Region Chantal Rouleau sent a positive message to Westmounters and Montrealers August 22 during a press briefing at the centre of the Turcot interchange project.

“This site is larger than life,” said Rouleau. “I am impressed by all the work done and the dedication of the teams to complete this huge project. I saw today that the project is progressing well and that every effort is made to deliver it as planned in 2020.

“The opening of this new ramp [linking Highway 15 north to Highway 20 west] on August 26 kicks off a series of openings that will take place this fall. This is good news for road users and, of course, the citizens of the sector.”

She said that the Highway 20 east to Decarie north ramp will be completed next month, and the one from Decarie south to Highway 20 west will be completed and opened this autumn.

Entrances at Fort and Lucien L’Allier are also scheduled for completion in 2019.

Afterwards, the tangle of temporary routes will be demolished. Additional lanes along the Ville Marie west will be opened.



A view of the Turcot that drivers rarely see.

Assistant director of the KPH-Turcot construction consortium Olivier Beaulieu explained that the entrance to Highway 15 south from de la Verendrye will only be started as a new phase next year.

The \$3.67-billion project is scheduled to be completed in 2020.

With around 900 workers on site, 79 percent of the Turcot Project is now complete, 99 percent of the old structures have been dismantled and 93 kilometers of finalized roadway will be opened by the end of 2019.

On completion, thousands of bushes, shrubs and trees will be planted, according to Beaulieu.

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Turocot last week



The route from Highway 15 south to the Ville Marie expressway. The new, white St. Jacques bridge over the Decarie is at top right. It was open to traffic in both directions and pedestrians when the *Independent* went by on August 26.



A large group of media folks tromp past the finished, graffiti-free walls of the Turot interchange. They are coated in a way that will make it easy to remove graffiti with a pressure hose.

Highway 20 west (right) and the ramp to the 15 north (left) will soon be fully opened.



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Quebec Transport minister and minister Responsible for the Metropolis and the Montreal Region Chantal Rouleau (third from the right) arrives to brief the media.



Peter Howlett, Édith Cloutier and Arini of Notre Dame des Neiges School.



Mary Bruns, Carole Labelle, Kathryn Lund, Diana Ferrara Scalia and Judith Kavanagh.



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Chapeau Mont Royal luncheon best ever

over-sized à la Amal Clooney's Venice grandeur, worn by local res **Gael Fraser-Tyler**; snappy British bowlers and one made with masses of monarchs. (Appropriately, the official term for a group of butterflies is "a kaleidoscope" – but I digress.)

The sixth edition of the annual event was chaired by **Édith Cloutier**, president Rogers Quebec, the principal sponsor.

Co-presidents were **Carole Labelle Molson**, **Diana Ferrara Scalia**, **Mary Bruns Creighton** and **Kathryn Lund Drummond**.

Committed committee members were Westmounters **Jane Howlet**, **Gwen Nacos** and **Christina Miller** working with **Caroline Biron**, **Bita Battelan**, **Rucsandra Calin**, **Caroline Codsí**, **Kim Drummond**, **Carolina Gallo LaFlèche**, **Julie Godin**, **Christine Harkness-Lapointe**, **Judith Kavanagh**, **Diane Lanctôt**, **Julie Laurence**, **Françoise Lyon** and **Katrin Nakashima**.

Local res **Peter Howlett**, president Les amis de la montagne, there with his wife Morag and daughter Jane, addressed the

sold-out room of the majestic Mount Royal chalet.

Westmount mayor **Christina Smith** admired Notre Dame des Neiges elementary school's project they carried out on Mount Royal. The school was represented by Arini, from grade 6. Adding a festive note to the event, a jazz band composed of grade 9 students from Collège St. Anne provided live musical entertainment.

The celebration popped with Prosecco bubbles as *continued on p. 18*



Christina Miller (in the middle wearing white) and her guests.

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Social notes, cont'd. from p. 16

guests enjoyed a gourmet luncheon prepared by Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth. The eye-catching event raised \$200,000 for Les amis de la montagne educational programs.

Plante married to Wiener

Further to Social Notes coverage of the gala at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom honouring Rabbi Grushcow and our correction (issues August 13, p. 18 and August 20, p 18), I'd like to add that Sylvi Plante is married to Neil Wiener, president of the Temple.



Gael Fraser-Tytler.



Michelle Mackay, Marie Genest and Julie Enright Kaplin.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Westmount Historical Association presents "Joan Rothman on Supporting Protestant Public Schools." Speaker Claire Holden Rothman will talk about her mother Joan Rothman's life and accomplishments. Joan Rothman pushed for the first French immersion programme in Quebec and went on to serve as a school commissioner for decades in the Protestant school board, as well as sitting as a member of Westmount city council. \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

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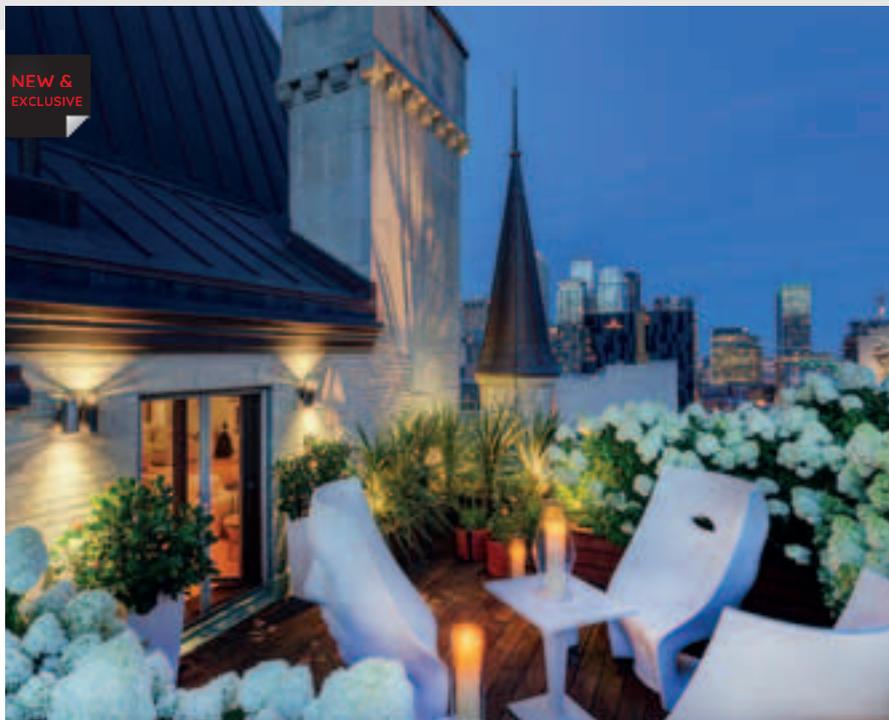
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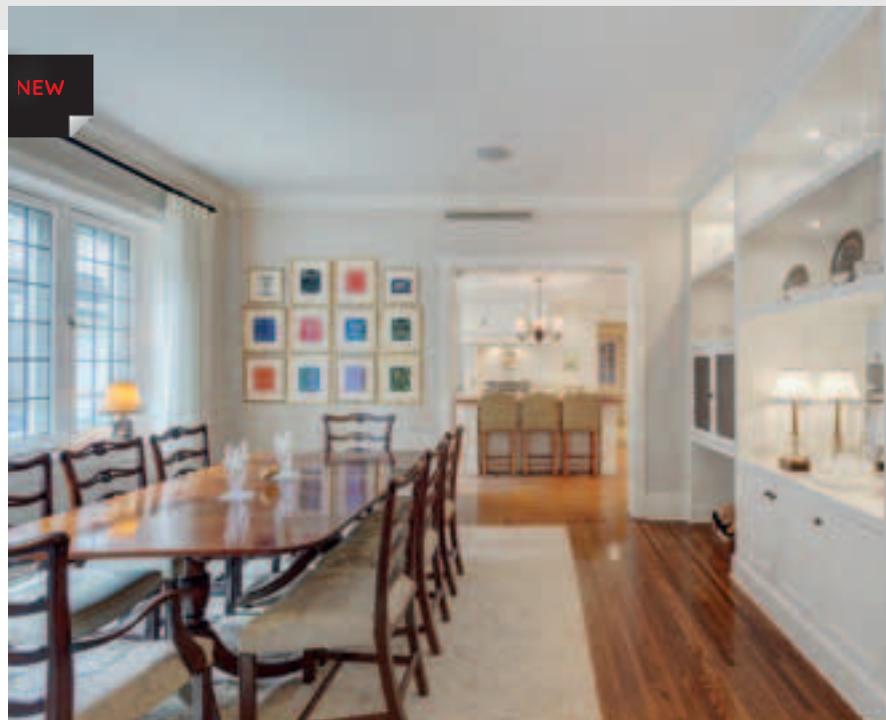
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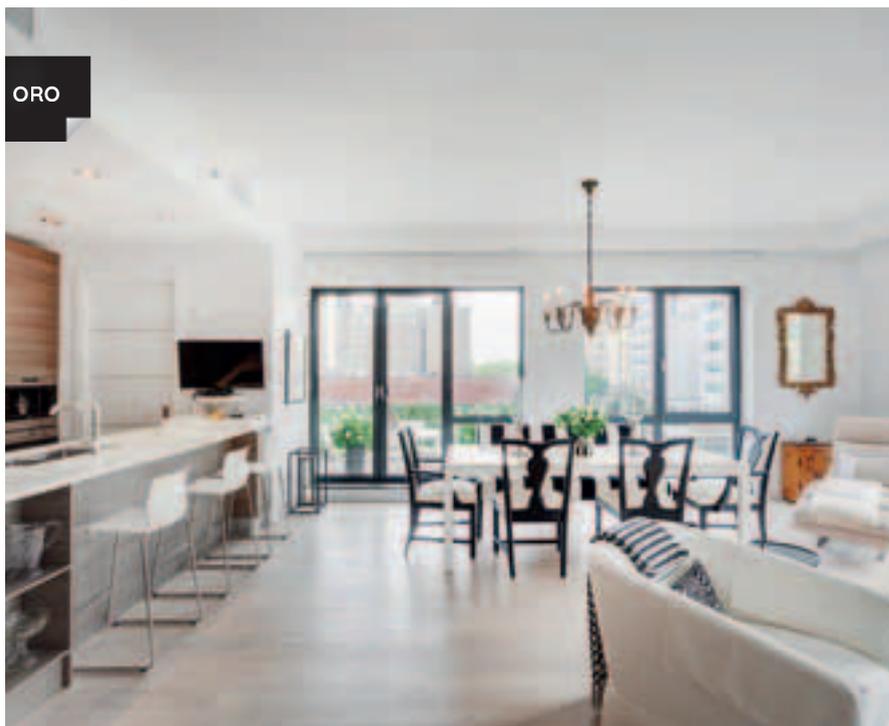
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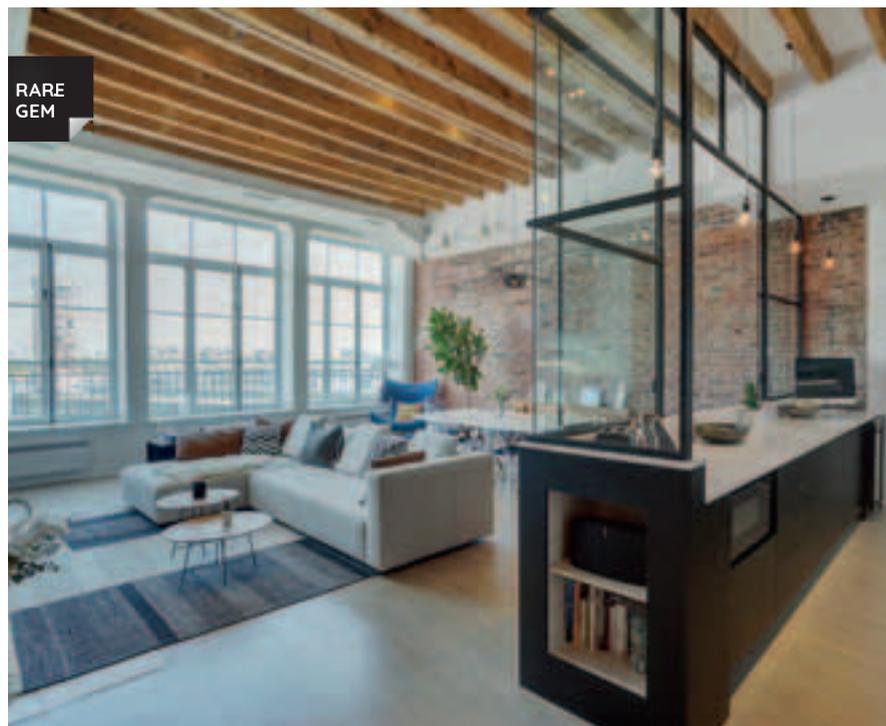
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