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November 6, 2018

No borrowing for record capital works budget

City to spend \$19M, start on greenhouses, city hall

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount intends to spend \$18.7 million in 2019 on major work to renew streets, sewers, the water network, parks, IT, vehicles, buildings and Hydro Westmount, according to a plan last week for the capital works budget to be presented November 5, after press time.

This compares with \$15.8 million for 2018 and is believed to be the highest amount of spending ever in a capital budget without the need to borrow.

More than 70 percent is to be invested in roads, the water and sewer networks

and buildings.

The record amount of work includes three special projects: a start on the rehabilitation of the greenhouses, phase 1 of exterior work on city hall and the restoration of the Public Works incinerator building. The cost for these three (\$3.1 million) is to be financed from appropriated surplus.

The remaining \$15.6 million of work for other infrastructure – in line with 2018 – is to be paid from the city's operating fund through a pay-as-you-go component of \$14.75 million and \$835,000 expected from *continued on p. 6*

Westmount Men's Reading Group turns 30



From left, David Taylor, former member George Bowser, Antoine Maloney, former member Tom Hutchison, Chris West, Bill Smith, John Preston, Don Lewis, founder Richard Manicom, Milo Shemie, Francois Leroux. Absent from photo Clive Brewer and Robbie Bishin. See p. 8 for story.

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The first snow and mixed precipitation of the season October 28 resulted in the removal of at least two trees – or large portions that fell, Public Security officials said.

Just after midnight, a large section of a tree at 630 Clarke came down across the property next door at 632 Clarke, hitting and causing severe damage to the back of a Mini Cooper. While the tree was on private property, a city Public Works crew

began cutting away the fallen portion so salt trucks could get by and it was decided the entire tree should be taken down.

Another car sustained some damage when hit by a large branch at 637 Murray Hill. This was reported to have been described by witnesses as occurring at about 2 am.

City council approved a number of snow removal contracts in September (see story September 18, p. 1).



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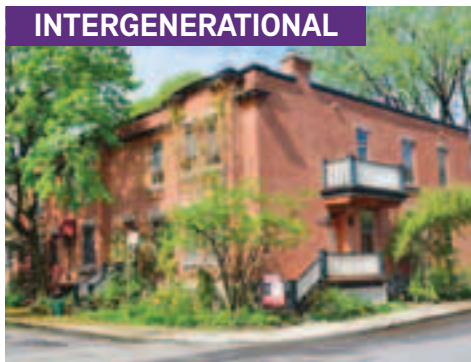
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Arrested in Lorraine Ave. backyard

Lululemon thief 'bolts' as patroller approaches him



Lululemon on November 1.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A shoplifter at the Lululemon store on Sherbrooke at Prince Albert was caught October 25 in a backyard on Lorraine after being pursued and identified by a public safety officer, Public Security officials said.

The incident began around 4:42 pm when the officer was patrolling on Sherbrooke and noticed a suspicious looking man turning up the corner of Prince Albert. As she lowered the window of the patrol vehicle to tell him there was money sticking out of his pocket and engage him in conversation, he suddenly "bolted" west along Sherbrooke.

She immediately went into Lululemon to ask if anything might have been stolen and described the man who had started fleeing. She was told they did not know whether anything was missing but confirmed the man had just been in the store.

The patroller then informed another and headed west in pursuit of the suspect, turning up Claremont where she found a pair of Lululemon tights on the ground.

On spotting the patrol vehicle, a woman living on Lorraine stated a man was hiding in her back yard and had thrown a pair of tights onto the sidewalk.

Public safety officers flagged down nearby police and together they intercepted the man in the yard, according to Public Security director Greg McBain. Once arrested, he was found to be wanted on an arrest warrant related to theft and was subsequently charged with the theft of at least two pairs of tights from Lululemon.

He was described as aged 30 to 35 and having dark hair.

While the value of the theft was not reported, at least two styles of tights were listed online at the store priced at \$128 and \$138.

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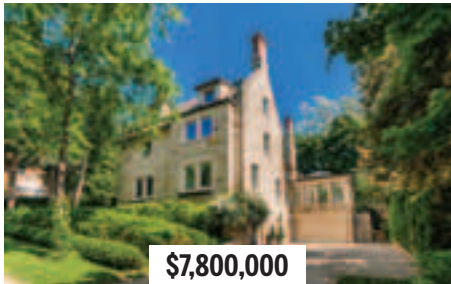
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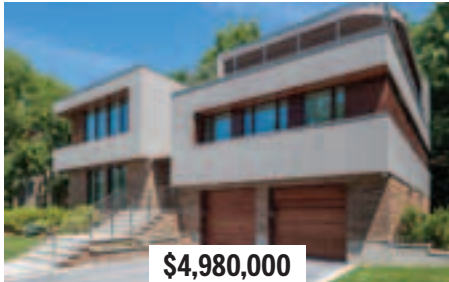
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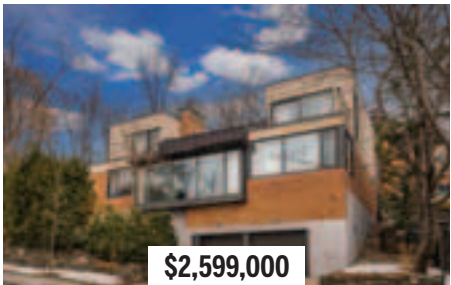
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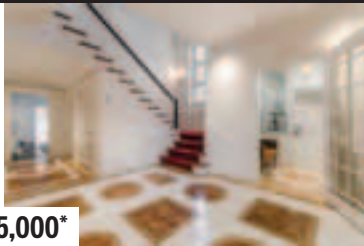
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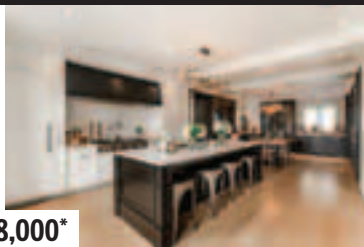


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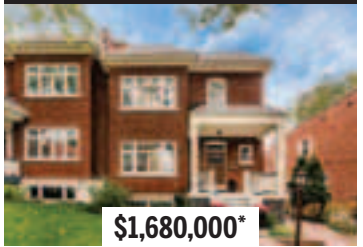
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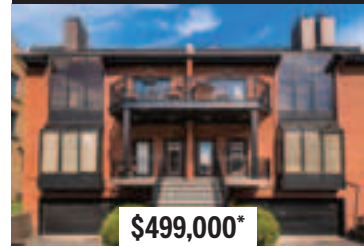
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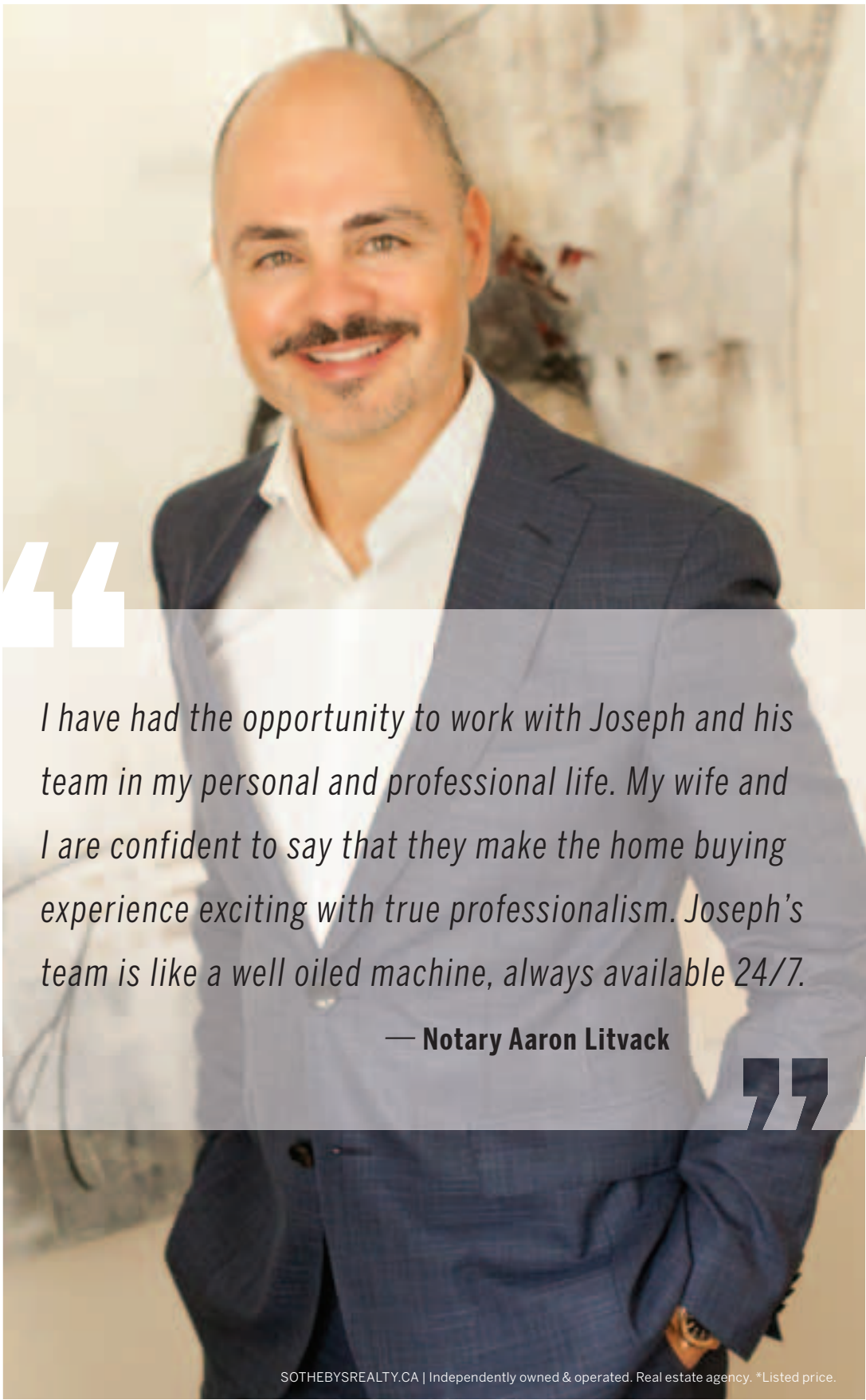
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBRANCE DAY A WEEK EARLY? WHY?

I was (and still am) surprised and disappointed to read that on one of the few times November 11 falls on a Sunday, Westmount's annual Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph will now take place on the previous Sunday, November 4. I fully understand Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment's desire to participate in the "main" Montreal service downtown on November 11, although I would like to think that they consider *ours* to be the main service. That said, would it not be possible to hold our service on Saturday, November 10, thereby at least giving a timely acknowledgement of the following day's importance? I realize of course that Saturday is a busy day for attending to other chores and would likely be inconvenient for many – just as it was for those who gave their lives, which we now commemorate.

If it is to mean anything all, shouldn't we commemorate Remembrance Day on November 11, no matter on which day of the week it falls? The more inconvenient the better.

WILFRID DE FREITAS, KITCHENER AVE.

MUNICIPALITIES CAN'T LEGISLATE IN TELECOM

The difficulty with Mr. Olders' solution to the cell tower problem (October 23, p. 6) is that he appears to have overlooked the fact that a province, let alone a municipality, cannot regulate in an area, such as telecommunications, that is exclusively re-

served to the parliament of Canada under our constitution.

ROBERT COWLING, PARKMAN PLACE

IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO TODAY

"What happened in 1968?" asked a young patron on the recent opening day of Westmount Public Library's literary themed-display "1968."

Oh my, what didn't happen in a year considered *the* game-changer in the second half of the 20th century. Even those of us then too young to drive grasped what was unfolding before our eyes.

So thanks, Westmount Public Library, for "1968," with well-chosen titles cutting a wide swath: Vietnam, rock music, signature personalities of the year's political and cultural tsunamis.

I hope younger generations can learn, even from just one of those books, what made 1968 the decade's standout. For library patrons who can say they were "where it was happening" 50 years ago, may your memories be fond ones. For those of us in between, well, we channel the energy (and lessons) of the era when standing up (sometimes alone) to fight when those in whom we trust are unwilling to do so.

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RICHARD ORLANDO, SHERBROOKE ST.

MEMORIES OF CPL. FISHER, WESTMOUNT PARK SCHOOL BUILDING

One supremely beautiful October day many years ago, I decided to take a stroll through Westmount Park. As I reached the southeast corner, a number of seniors were sitting on a large semi-circular bench girding the patio there, rapt in their mem-

ories of the years gone by. One of them happened to be my aunt, Marion Smith McVey, and when I greeted her, she responded with a smile that rivalled the sunshine in its glow. When I sat down, her gaze returned to the handsome sprawling building on Academy Rd., which she had attended during the years of the First World War. It was Westmount High School then, and some of the many male grads who had joined up returned to give the students "pep talks" for the war effort.

"Lots of memories?" I asked.

"One day," she replied, "a graduate came to our class wearing his uniform and we all said he must be the handsomest soldier who ever lived. I still remember his name, Fred Fisher."

Several months later, Corporal Fisher was killed on the Western Front and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

TIM BURKE, ST .CATHERINE ST.



The city's three-storey incinerator built into the embankment and rising up from Glen Rd. behind Hydro Westmount on June 15. Its restoration is on the city's list of projects for next year.

Budget, cont'd. from p. 1

government grants.

While the special-project work on the three buildings could be considered one of the highlights of the budget, the greatest impact on residents is likely to be the reconstruction of streets and upgrades of sewer and water lines, Mayor Christina Smith noted.

Springfield, Metcalfe, Ingleside to be rebuilt

Included are the reconstruction of Springfield, Metcalfe (St. Catherine to de Maisonneuve) and Ingleside.

The capital works budget was sched-

uled to be presented immediately prior to the November 5 council meeting when council would be adopting the budget. It is established before the operating budget, which depends on the pay-as-you-go amount.

A breakdown of the work by category calls for \$6 million to be spent on roads, \$3 million on sewers and water mains, \$4.6 million on buildings (including the three special projects), \$1.7 million on vehicles, \$0.6 million on parks and \$2 million on Hydro Westmount's distribution. Another \$0.6 million goes to information systems.

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Northbound 15's Sherbrooke exit open



The Sherbrooke St. exit from the 15 northbound was open on November 1 when the *Independent* went by to check, as scheduled. It meets Sherbrooke St. west of Prud'homme, seven streets west of the Westmount border.

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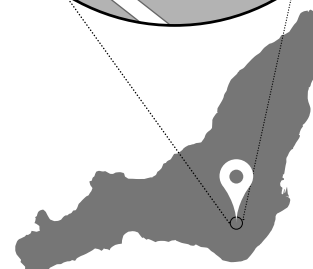
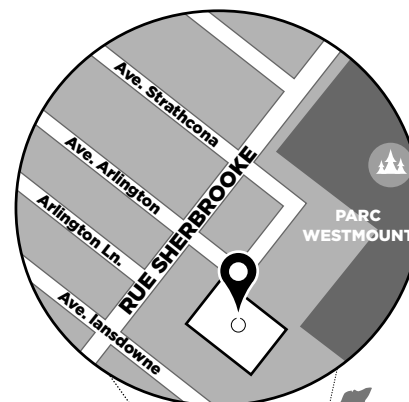
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30 years of reading

Westmount Men’s Reading Group has read 293 books

By Ralph Thompson

The Westmount Men’s Reading Group met October 25 at the de Maisonneuve home of Milo Shemie to celebrate its 30th anniversary. Founding member Richard Manicom (no longer a current member due to a move to Ottawa) explained, “I started the group because my late wife was in two reading groups, all women. She seemed to enjoy it and was always talking about the books they had read.”

Manicom went on to say, “I’m not sure if it was because I felt left out or I had book-club envy, but I went on to see if I could join a men’s book club, but there weren’t any that I knew of,” so Manicom, together with 6 or 7 others, including original and current members Bill Smith and Clive Brewer, started the Westmount Men’s Reading Group on October 26, 1988. Group members have since devoured 293 books. Group membership is by invitation only. A meeting is hosted monthly in each member’s home on rotation. Membership is limited to ten members

due to the practicality of hosting. The evening’s host, who serves dinner after the meeting, selects the book for the month.

Shemie had prepared a beautiful table with china cups and plates, quite fitting for his elegant Victorian home.

See photo on p. 1.

In its estimation, the group’s 30 best books are:

- (1) *Ulysses* by James Joyce
- (2) *Paris 1919* by Margaret McMillan
- (3) *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- (4) *Hamlet* by Shakespeare
- (5) *The Riddle of the Sands* by Erskine Childers
- (6) *Swan’s Way* by Marcel Proust
- (7) *An Odyssey* by Daniel Mendelsohn
- (8) *Boswell’s London Journal* by Boswell
- (9) *Nice Work* by David Lodge
- (10) *The General in his Labyrinth* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez



At the group’s May 2008 meeting, a few months before its 20th anniversary, from left: (front row) Chris West, Don Lewis and Milo Shemie; (middle row) Antoine Maloney, François Leroux, David Taylor, John Preston and Robert Bishin; (back) Bill Smith.

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Bilbo lives! ... at Westmount Public Library

The Westmount Public Library held a Halloween gala attended by 425 people, including children ages 6 to 12, parents and 16 teen-aged helpers. The theme of the October 27 event was *The Hobbit*. There were 162 entries over three categories in its pumpkin contest.

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The winners

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'Long weekend' of Turcot construction coming
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may take longer, but remain open Nov. 9-12

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Despite four days of approaching closings affecting Highway 20 at the Turcot interchange November 9, 10, 11 and 12, there appears to be some good news for drivers using exit and access ramps further west. While maps published by Transport Quebec clearly identify closed routes stemming to and from Highway 15 (Décarie Expressway), those leading to and from the West Island are not shown by numbers or specific locations.

**Coming to Westmount
from the West Island?**

So, among some of the options for eastbound drivers who may not mind traveling a little out of their way to access Westmount is to know that Exit 64 (signed Angrignon) off eastbound highway 20 will not be closed, according to Transport Quebec spokesman Martin Girard. It is useful for linking up with St. Jacques West and Upper Lachine Rd.

**Heading west to
the West Island (or Toronto)?**

Heading west, one optional route is to access the 20 west near Norman (just after 1st Ave. in Lachine) reached via Montreal West and Ville St. Pierre. This is also to remain open.

**Planning a garage sale?
Or just a few items to sell?**

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What will be closed, and when

The northbound 15 at the Turcot interchange will be closed from Friday night (November 9) to Monday morning (November 12). The eastbound 20 at the Turcot will be closed from Friday night (November 9) to Tuesday morning (November 13). The westbound 20 in the same area will be closed Thursday night (November 8) to Tuesday morning (November 13).

*At Turcot's 20/15
intersection:*

**Friday,
November 9**

**Saturday,
November 10**

**Sunday,
November 11**

**Monday,
November 12**

Northbound 15



Eastbound 20



Westbound 20



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**Gutherz uses 'Legends'
to support WE**

Westmount resident Annabel Gutherz recorded a single and music video called "Legends" and released it September 25. According to her publicist, she was "inspired by the proactive students of Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS following last February's mass shooting," and aims "to override the divisiveness in today's world." Via paid views, Gutherz is raising money for students in developing countries through the WE Foundation. "Legends" has garnered a total of approximately 1,500 YouTube, 3,400 Facebook and 7,000 Spotify hits.

**Antoniou off to
Salon du livre**

Westmounter Helen Antoniou will be at Montreal's Salon du livre, to be held at Place Bonaventure downtown, in order to promote her recent book, *Back to Beer... and Hockey: The Story of Eric Molson*.

She is Molson's daughter-in-law.

Antoniou will be appearing at the Salon on Sunday, November 18 at 6 pm. (See June 19, p. 16 for coverage of the book's launch.)

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Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at indie@westmountindependent.com before the 21st of each month. Major changes since the last coverage (September 11, p. 10) in bold.

GREENE AVE. AREA

New

Mini Sou, Japanese-inspired boutique, 1st floor of Alexis Nihon.

Kinton ramen, 4090 St. Catherine St., former site of Metro dry cleaner.

Coming

Coffee shop, 1336 Greene Ave., former site of Second Cup.

Suetables jewellery store, 1314 Greene Ave.

Zar beauty bar is opening in Alexis Nihon Plaza (first floor).

Saint Sushi, 1359 Greene.

Construction under way

1358-60 Greene Ave. Construction of building façade looks complete, but there was no signage on November 1. 206-208 Olivier Ave.

Temporarily closed

Fido store, 2nd floor of Alexis Nihon.

Not in retail use

1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia
1362 Greene Ave., former site of Bistro on the Avenue.

1347 (approx.) Greene Ave.

1308 Greene Ave.

1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller

1212 Greene Ave., former site of Marie Dumas, now open at 1234 Greene

4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater), former site of Tutti Frutti

4026 St. Catherine St., former site of Morning Glory

4026A St. Catherine St., former site of Tia Maria prêt a porter

4028 St. Catherine St.

4146 St. Catherine St.

Unit 300 of Westmount Square retail

concourse, former site of Galerie la Manière Noire
Two first-floor units in Alexis Nihon

VICTORIA VILLAGE

New

Kavos Greek-inspired restaurant, 4922 Sherbrooke St., former site of Parm and Léa

Moving

Artgold's shop at 4937 Sherbrooke St. is for rent. Once it is rented, it plans to move, "probably downtown," said the store on June 27.

Closed temporarily

Envers – Yves Jean Lacasse, 4935 Sherbrooke St., closed pending move, according to a sign on its door see November 1. The new site will be open in February.

Not in retail use

4822 Sherbrooke St., former site of SunSource

4823 Sherbrooke St., former site of Pier 1

4825 Sherbrooke St., former site of Gascogne

4848 Sherbrooke, former site of Laurentian

continued on p. 24

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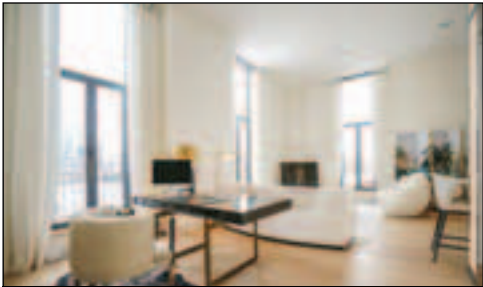
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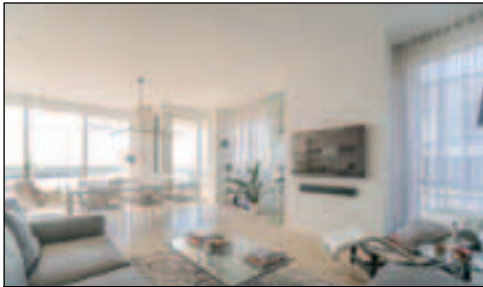
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\$1,995,000



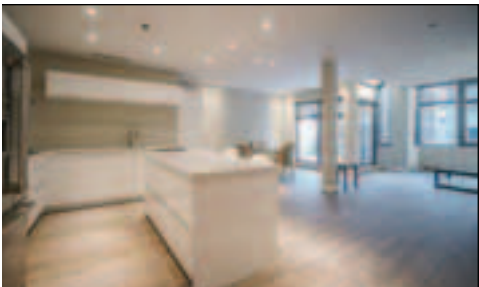
CORNER UNIT | WATER VIEW

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\$1,395,000



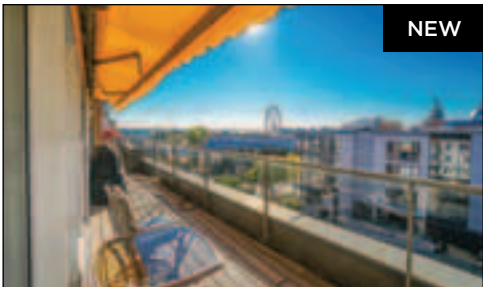
PENTHOUSE | BREATHTAKING VIEW

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PENTHOUSE | TERRACE

“COURS MONT-ROYAL”, DOWNTOWN
\$979,000



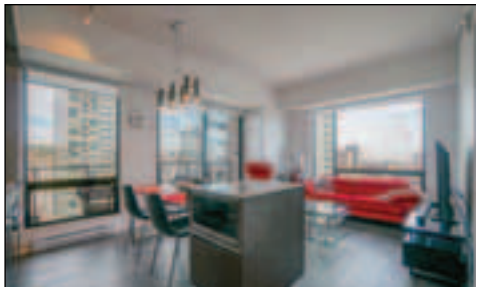
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“FAUBOURG QUÉBEC”, OLD PORT
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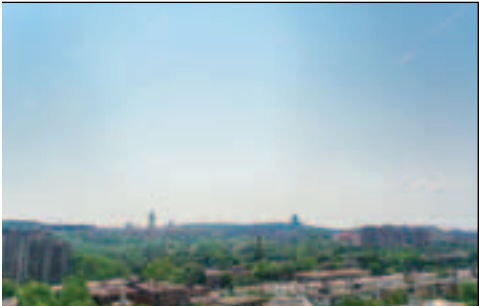
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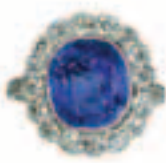


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July transfers: mark-ups strong, volume ties record low



Real Estate

ANDY DODGE,
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Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in July 2018 gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

Volume remained weak but mark-ups were strong among Westmount title deeds signed in July this year. Only 12 single-family homes changed hands in a month that normally averages 20, but of that number, all but two had prices more than 20 percent above their municipal evaluation.

At the lower end of the mark-up scale

were 623 Sydenham Ave., which sold for \$2,700,000, just below its 2017 valuation of \$2,745,500, a year after it had changed hands for \$2,555,000 (June 2017), and 3290 Cedar Ave., corner Clarke Ave., up only 6 percent from its \$1,879,600 valuation, which had been in the same family for decades.

Highest price was \$3,098,000 for 6 Braeside Place and the lowest was \$1,320,000 for 602 Victoria, though we came upon another sale in June that was even lower, 25 Prospect St. at \$977,500, the only single-family sale under \$1 million since April. The average price was \$1,912,750 and the average mark-up over valuation was 25.2 percent. The top mark-up involved 4392 de Maisonneuve Blvd., 48 percent above valuation for a house which sold in June, 2016, for \$1,125,000 and sold this year for \$1,600,000.



6 Braeside on October 26.



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July's volume matches the number of deeds signed in July 2009, but otherwise is the lowest volume for the summer month since 1976, Olympic year. Overall only 72 single-family homes have been sold this year, the lowest year-to-date volume since, again, 1976. A typical July averages 22 closings, second only to June, which averages almost 29.

Condos

July heralded seven condominium sales, all apartments, ranging from \$550,500 for Apt. 106 at 11 Hillside Ave. to \$2,850,000 for Apt. 801 at 1 Wood Ave. The latter is the highest price paid for a condominium *continued on p. 23*



623 Sydenham Ave. on October 26.



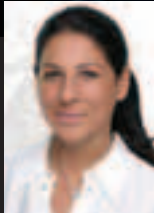
#1 Wood on October 26.

Bought & Sold – real estate transfers in July 2018, and others

ADDRESS	PRICE	2017 VAL	RATIO (%)
6 Braeside	\$3,098,000	\$2,179,700	42.13%
3290 Cedar	\$2,000,000	\$1,879,600	6.41%
534 Côte St. Antoine	\$2,150,000	\$1,726,200	24.55%
4392 de Maisonneuve	\$1,600,000	\$1,081,200	47.98%
456 Elm	\$1,710,000	\$1,323,100	29.24%
305 Grosvenor	\$1,350,000	\$1,017,200	32.72%
5 Grove Park	\$1,655,000	\$1,351,200	22.48%
349 Metcalfe	\$1,475,000	\$1,097,100	34.45%
25 Prospect (June)	\$977,500	\$773,200	26.42%
623 Sydenham	\$2,700,000	\$2,745,500	-1.66%
774 Upper Belmont	\$1,895,000	\$1,403,500	35.02%
723 Upper Roslyn	\$2,000,000	\$1,442,000	38.70%
602 Victoria	\$1,320,000	\$1,086,500	21.49%
CONDOMINIUMS			
11 Hillside #106	\$550,500	\$369,900	48.82%
175 Metcalfe #603	\$1,215,000	\$1,237,000	-1.78%
215 Redfern #213	\$1,660,000	\$1,361,100 ¹	21.96%
4700 St. Catherine #112	\$800,000	\$717,300	11.53%
4700 St. Catherine #306	\$640,000	\$643,600	-0.56%
205 Victoria #402	\$980,000	\$1,075,600 ²	-8.89%
1 Wood # 801	\$2,850,000	\$1,695,200	68.12%
SHARE SALES			
535-37 Prince Albert, 40%	\$645,000	\$365,480 ³	76.48%
4642-46 St. Catherine, 44%	\$580,000	\$487,080 ⁴	19.08%

¹Valuation is a combination of \$1,278,000 for the apartment, \$83,100 for the parking space.
²Valuation is a combination of \$949,300 for the apartment, \$48,800 for each of two parking spaces.
³Valuation is 40% of \$913,700. Occupancy of 535 Prince Albert.
⁴Valuation is 44% of \$1,107,000. Occupancy of 4642 St. Catherine.

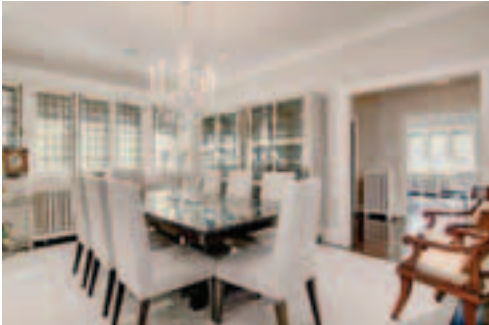
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Jewish food, cookbooks come to Victoria Hall
Canada’s first Jewish cookbook written by Montrealer Batist



Nathalie Cooke welcomes (from left) Julian Armstrong, Susan Schwartz, Daphna Rabinovitch, Lara Rabinovitch and Joan Nathan.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

A very popular Jewish Foodways panel discussion took place at 3 pm October 28 at Victoria Hall. The event was the initiative of Nathalie Cooke, associate dean McGill Library and professor of English, in partnership with Library and Community Events, city of Westmount, and was a celebration of Jewish food and food books.

The appropriately named Cooke, whose own research was in food history, also heads up ROAAr, the McGill Rare & Special Collections Osler, Art and Archives, which is open to everyone. Some examples were presented on a side table. She explained that McGill wanted to promote their collection of heritage cookbooks, menus, notes and archives. “One aspect, an important aspect of our collection of cookery books, is the first Canadian cookbook by a Jewish woman, it was written by a Montrealer ... titled *A Treasure for My Daughter* ... [and has been] an incredibly popular Jewish cookbook” said Cooke. It was written by Bessie Batist and published in 1950. It is in its 14th printing.

Cooke opened the event and welcomed the special guests and panelists; prize-winning *continued on p. 19*

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Jewish cookbook, cont'd. from p. 18

author Joan Nathan, food historian Lara Rabinovitch, author and television personality Daphna Rabinovitch, journalist Susan Schwartz and food writer Julian Armstrong. Joan Nathan, author of 11 cookbooks, explained her interest in Jewish cookbooks, "I grew up very American, I went to Israel when I was 26 and discovered my home ... food from around the world ... but because of the dietary laws, even if you're not Jewish, you know there's this connection to the ark of the covenant ... it's not just the food, its culture, history, music. It's what makes you comfortable."

Lara Rabinovitch (not related to Daphna) is a Los Angeles-based writer and specialist in immigrant food cultures. Daphna Rabinovitch was born in France, grew up in Montreal and studied political science and economics in Toronto but after graduation, combined her passion for food with her business education to operate a catering company. She worked and studied in California and Italy, and returned to Canada to establish her career including writing, authoring cookbooks and teaching, "I love food ... the historical, sociological and cultural aspects."

Seats for the event were free but had to be booked in advance; all the tickets were taken before the weekend. Refreshments were available beforehand and a large array of bagels and cookies was offered at the end of the discussion.

Details of the McGill rare collections can be seen at www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/roaar.

Overheard

de Maisonneuve near Clarke, 1:30 pm, November 1, man to woman: "Some finance person said to do it this way and we'll save \$100,000 a year."

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St. Catherine St. near Alexis Nihon, November 2 at 1 pm, approximately 12-year-old girl to her friends, "Guys, you know we are downtown right now."

Precious, peeking out



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER



She is such a stunning beauty, with a wonderful long-haired grey-and-white coat and huge green eyes. Precious is approximately two years old, a very healthy but shy girlie. She is presently being in a caring and patient foster environment, and life is looking up for her, as she was very frightened when she was found abandoned outdoors.

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Gold's new book introduces 'Madame Audet' to anglos

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Speak up!, the latest book by Westmount author Dr. Muriel Gold, adds to her legacy as a Quebec theatre historian.

In it, she tells readers about Madame Jean-Louis Audet, a woman who raised the linguistic standards of French-speaking Quebecers while training generations of Quebec actors and vocalists to practise better diction.

"This is a continuation of my mission," Dr. Gold, whose eight-year tenure as artistic director at the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts saw Montrealers introduced to cutting-edge Quebec drama, said in an interview with the *Independent*.

Her book's protagonist was a feisty and eccentric woman of Irish and French-Canadian descent who believed that every French-speaking child should know how to speak a perfect French as she believed this would enhance their self-confidence.

Yvonne Duckett, as she was known until marrying, taught through theatre, with the result that her students often became stars on the Québécois stage as well as on the radio and in TV entertainment. Audet also wanted to make her services available to people of modest means. As a result, many of her students were from working-class backgrounds.

Through interviews with some of Audet's former students (including former Westmounters Albert Millaire, who passed away in August, and Geneviève Bujold), Dr. Gold's book cast light into an area of the Quebec theatre and show business world that not many could access before.

While Madame Audet was a household name in French-speaking Montreal, as well as a featured regular on French-language radio and stage beginning in the 1930s, she remained largely unknown to

English-speakers.

And yet, such was her influence that as late as 1969 (a year before her death), when legendary Quebec singer/songwriter Robert Charlebois issued his fifth album *Québec Love*, Charlebois (who was one of Audet's students) referenced her in his song "Miss Pepsi," which alludes to an unnamed female performer "who studied voice, piano, tap dance, ballet at Madame Audet's."

Dr. Gold recalled one of the book's anecdotes about how Geneviève Bujold came to know Madame Audet. (Bujold lived in Westmount during the 1970s with her then-husband, the late filmmaker Paul Almond.) "Geneviève Bujold was going to a convent and it was very repressive and she actually got kicked out," she said.

"She wanted to be able to express herself, which she couldn't do at the convent. So she started studying with Madame Audet. She came from a working-class family. Her father was a bus driver. She went to Paris with Yvette Brind'Amour – Yvette was also a student of Madame Audet – and she caught the attention of the mother of filmmaker Alain Resnais. And that was the beginning of her film career."

Some of Dr. Gold's previous works include *The Dramatic Legacy of Dorothy Davis and Violet Walters: The Montreal Children's Theatre, 1933-2009* (about the Westmount-based children's acting company), as well as a history of the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

She was inspired to write about Madame Audet by the simple fact that "nobody was writing about her," she said. "In the French milieu, they were saying somebody should write a book about her, but none of her students ever wrote a book about her." *Speak Up!* is available through the web site of Bouquinbec.



Dr. Muriel Gold is seen here on Nov. 1 with her new book documenting the life of Madame Jean-Louis Audet.

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TRENDSETTERS

ALLYSON KASSIE

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON

‘Wear it with confidence and a smile’

Having annually attended and covered the dynamic Dancing with the Stars, a fundraiser for the Just for Kids Foundation, I could not help but notice Westmounter Allyson Kassie.

Her studio Juste Danse hosts the event. Kassie came to her passion via a career in fashion, working for Fame Jeans. She then opened Bloom Maternité in Westmount. Invited to perform in Dancing with the Stars, she “fell in love with ballroom dancing.”

In 2014, she opened Juste Danse Studio with her ballroom partner Stanislav Borsh. Fun fact?

Since then, together they have been competing – and winning!

What I love is that their studio also offers contemporary classes for kids: hip hop and other recreational classes.

PS: Her students often win at DWTS.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

I’d describe my personal style as comfortable yet sexy while mixing the classic with edge. I love luxurious fabrics – such as cashmere and silk – clean lines and an overall feminine look: worn with motorcycle boots, of course!

On week-ends what do you like to wear?

On weekends, you’ll find me in perfectly fitting jeans, a slouchy tee and motorcycle boots or sweats. My favourite jeans are still my vintage Levi’s!

What do you like to wear when you dance?

When I’m dancing, I like to focus on my silhouette and not be distracted in the mirror by prints or colours. I only wear plain black leggings and a tank top for dance practice. Of course for dance competitions, my look is the exact opposite. Ballroom costumes are usually quite cheesy – and covered in rhinestones. I work with my dress

designers to make costumes that conform to the industry yet still incorporate a punk feel to them.

Do you ever wear your dance clothes out, day or night?

I definitely never wear my dance clothes on the street. What happens in the ballroom stays in the ballroom!

Do you have a favourite artist?

My new favourite artist is Kevin Best from Australia. I was traveling in upstate New York and discovered his work in a restaurant.

I’ve already bought two pieces – both still lifes.

Do you have art in your home?

I love art on my walls around my home. From creative family photos to an array of different paintings. My favourite is a sculpture of a woman’s bust made of keys.

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

If I could live anywhere? I’d stay right where I am! I love Montreal and my life here.

I would spend a lot more time in Greece though.

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

My dream dinner party guests would be ballroom dancers. I’d ditch dinner and get a dance floor instead. Derick and Juliana Hough, Peta Murgatroyd and Maksim Chmerkovskiy would be my honoured guests.

What do you think of today’s fashion?

I must admit I don’t love today’s trends! I’m too old for crop tops and I’ll never wear loafers, no matter how trendy they are!

Do you have a favourite fashion designer?

I tend to stay away from big name



Allyson Kassie on September 15 at her dance studio, Juste Danse on rue Paré.

designers as I like to be original. I get extreme satisfaction from finding hidden treasures from designers all over the world. Dubai was an extra special treat when I scoured it a few years ago. If I had to pick one fashion designer, I’d

go with Stella McCartney – clean lines, beautiful fabrics and always feminine with a little edge on top!

My favorite fashion tip? whatever you wear, wear it with confidence and a smile.

Thank you, readers

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Thank you to all the letter writers in this batch, and to past and future ones. Trust me: we use them with current and prospective advertisers, who make the paper possible at no charge to any reader (except a few letter-mail subscribers who live outside of Westmount and want the physical paper).

If you were thinking of writing, *we'd still love to have you*. In this case, more is better.

We are especially interested in identified letters from

- “Young” people (Gen X and younger),
- Francophones,
- Everyone else. It all counts!

Thank you again. There are bad days in this business, but they fade when we receive kind letters like these ones.

DAVID PRICE, EDITOR
david.price@westmountindependent.com

24-YEAR-OLD READS *INDEPENDENT*

I am in the midst of reading this week's *Independent* and felt compelled, as a “younger” reader, to write you.

I myself am 24 years old and have just moved into my first apartment here in Westmount. I must say that coming home to a new copy of the *Independent* every week has been something to look forward to. It becomes very easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, which is now so heavily flooded with social media and screen time. I am very appreciative of the simplicity that the *Westmount Independent* has to offer at the end of a busy day. Also, catching up on what is going on in our community is a great way to feel connected to those around.

I will continue to enjoy the copies of the *Independent* that come my way. Keep em' coming!

OLIVIA CHOQUETTE

FRENCH CANADIAN READS *INDEPENDENT* – AND HER 30-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER

In response to your request in the last issue, I am a French Canadian who has been living in Westmount since 1983. I always enjoyed reading about the Westmount news in the local newspapers.

I wish you well. I believe we still need newspapers, especially local ones. They have great value. They play a great role in

keeping the community alive and strong.

I'm in my sixties, however. But I have a daughter in her thirties who enjoys reading the *Independent* as well.

I do have a request. I always wondered why you do not advertise the Dawson College Theatre plays. Although the actors are students, the plays are always interesting, well done and affordable.

Thank you for caring about our opinions.

PIERRETTE BORNAIS

**Editor's reply:* Thanks for the suggestion. Comin' Up is a balance between what we think Westmounters want, what we think is too much free advertising (or too many events from one group) and what we think fits the newspaper. We'll think about it! – DP.

'NEVER LET IT GO'

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to your call for reaction to the *Westmount Independent*.

In addition to the massive international and national news reports we all pick up on a daily basis, the arrival of the *Westmount Independent* midweek is a special moment. Let's say it helps to keep one grounded in what is our local reality, with its professional take on Westmount's hot button – and social – issues.

My husband has lived in Westmount almost all his life. I have lived here for over 40 years. We feel the *Independent* is certainly the best local newspaper this city has ever published, and we eagerly look out for its weekly issue.

As a former journalist of national and international affairs, I am, and always will be, a total news junkie of both print and electronic media. In my opinion, the age of print journalism is not, and hopefully will never be, dead. News on-line is essential, and my daily fix via Newsworld, BBC World and Al Jazeera will not change. But – there is also a certain pleasure in reading in-depth analysis and news via a newspaper in hand. I regularly benefit from this with the *FT*, *Globe and Mail* – and – once a week to find out what is important locally – from the *Westmount Independent*.

Westmounters are very lucky to have such a credible, straight forward and focused window on local news. Once in a while, I have sent an issue to a former Westmounter friend living in Toronto or elsewhere. They are always thrilled to receive this news from “home.”

With a nod to Kazuo Ishiguro, “Never – never let it go!”

BRYAN AND GILLIAN MACCORMACK,
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IN THE KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON

Having read your article “Independence’ doesn’t just happen – please write” – yes, I read your newspaper and feel it's an integral part of our community, which is very special as its own entity surrounded by the larger city of Montreal.

As someone returning to Westmount/Montreal/Quebec after an absence of 34 years (yes, someone coming back to Quebec instead of going the other way!), it has been an excellent way for me to feel in the know about what's going on in my community.

Thank you!

MAUREEN TRACEY, METCALFE AVE.

GREAT PAPER

The *Westmount Independent* is a great paper. I read every issue. I like the columns by Andy Dodge and the Police Report. The Social Notes are fun too. If there is a business out there that wants to attract a Westmount crowd, I have news for them: not everyone is looking at a computer screen. Some of us get our Westmount news from the *Independent* exclusively.

Of special note, on the front cover of the August 14 issue is a picture taken by Ralph Thompson that touched by heart in many ways. I will keep that photo forever.

PETER BERSON, GROVE PARK

YES, YOU MATTER

Most people who live in Westmount, and some other people I know, read your paper. It is how we stay up to date on what is happening in this area of Montreal, when we are here, that often is not covered anywhere else. You succeed at this aspect very well...and most check your advertisers who are geared to needs in this area. For example, why would you have ads for fishing lures? Better we have ads for ice cream! Jewels and real estate! Yes, and see local homes for sale...

Yes, don't even think about it. Thank you. You matter!

SUSAN STROMBERG STEIN

PARENTS OF YOUNGSTERS READ *INDEPENDENT*

Mr. Price, we read with interest your letter in today's *Independent*. We are loyal readers. We are also young parents with two boys, age 3 and 1. We believe the *Independent* is essential and would encourage prospective advertisers to buy ads in the paper. We have actually acted on ads in the paper, including hiring a garden

consultant and a plumber because they advertised in your paper.

ADAM DAIFALLAH & MARIE-EVE PAYEUR

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The city-within-a-city that is Westmount has been my home for over 50 years, during which I have relied on the local newspaper for information of all kinds. Your coverage of politics, real estate, sports and recreation, local events and our citizens' reactions to everything has been consistently excellent – thank you Laureen Sweeney!

Also, I turn to the *Independent's* advertisers for services as needed, appreciating their interest in Westmount clients. Victoria village is my shopping centre!

Thank you, and keep up the good work!

PATRICIA ROMAN, LANSDOWNE AVE.

INDEPENDENT IS INDEPENDENT

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SOMETHING NICE TO SAY

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We live in a great city, and we have a great newspaper – the *Westmount Independent*!

Please keep your charming and informative and excellent paper coming every week. Cheers to the team!

WILLEM WESTENBERG, STAYNER ST.

CONTINUUM OF INFORMATION

The value of a newspaper devoted to a singular community is not evident at first reading. The *Independent* was thus greeted initially as an upstart interloper that was trying to usurp the crown of the incumbent. Now many years and issues later and under the watchful guidance of the same owner, the paper provides a continuum of information that allows our community to oversee the many facets of governance that make up a modern society. With the practical application of good reporting and fair treatment the *Independent* has become the voice of the local populace and represents a valued asset of trusted information.

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MICHAEL ST.B. HARRISON,
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LOVE IT ON TWO FRONTS

I love our local newspaper on two fronts...as a reader, and as an advertiser.

As a reader, I always read the *Westmount Independent* from cover to cover, because I like to be informed of the “goings-on” in our wonderful little city, and there’s no better source of information.

I’ve been advertising private tutoring services in the *Independent* for well over six years, and have been happy with this choice for two reasons:

1) Like myself, most Westmounters look forward to receiving their local paper every week, and read it cover to cover.

2) The *Indie* is distributed door to door, no exceptions, within the city of Westmount. I certainly can’t ask for more thorough exposure than that, and advertising in this paper has been one of my smartest decisions.

With many thanks to sales rep Arleen Candiotti and all those at the *Westmount Independent*, for the wonderful service they provide!

CATHERINE HOWICK, LANSDOWNE AVE.

LONGUE VIE AU WESTMOUNT INDIE!

Bonjour,

My husband and I moved in Westmount in April. Since then, we’ve discovered and enjoyed all the good things that the town provides to its residents: beautiful Westmount Park and numerous trees everywhere in town, the outdoor pool (a blessing this last summer), the library and the truly impressive quality of public services.

As francophones, we subscribe to *Le Devoir*. Occasionnally, we have a look on *La presse* as well as on some papers and

magazines from elsewhere: *The New Yorker*, *Walrus*, *The Globe and Mail*. Of course, none of those tell us anything on the whereabouts and news from Westmount. As we don’t read *The Gazette* (two solitudes, remember? ;-)), we rely on the *Westmount Independent* to know what is happening in town and what is brewing for the coming months. Of course, we could subscribe to various newsletters and log on this and that website from the library, the Visual Arts Centre, the Westmount recreation centre, and so on. As a home-based translator, however, the last thing I wish for at the end of the day is another twenty minutes spent looking at my computer screen or iPad.

All this to say that YES, I read the *Westmount Independent* every week. I always find info I didn’t know or wondered about (like the former Hillside Armoury) and end up saying to my husband: « Ah! Savais-tu que... ».

Local news does matter, and print, in our times of social networks and never-ending streaming, is getting a new edge!

Longue vie aux pages imprimées du Westmount *Indie*!

JOHANNE TREMBLAY, WESTMOUNT

YES, WE’RE OUT THERE

Our seniors’ community centre receives a stack of free *Westmount Independent* copies every week, and we can attest to the fact that they get snapped up like hotcakes. So evidently our 570 members do read and do value this weekly newspaper. It’s a great source of important local news as well as “human-scale” advertising. It feels like sharing information over the backyard fence, and even the commercial announcements have the cachet of being part of a useful and authentic neighbourhood shopping guide.

MARY STARK, CONTACTIVITY CENTRE

INDEPENDENT IS ONLY EASY SOURCE

We read the *Globe & Mail* to get international and business news.

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And we read the *Westmount Independent* to get the local news that affects us personally and view the advertising of the local merchants where we shop. The paper is the only easy source for this information.

But we enjoy your paper most of all because the news is generally not depressing.

Keep up the good work.

STEVE & JAN WEIR, PARKMAN PLACE

LUCKY TO HAVE IT

Although I have recently become “Westmount-adjacent,” I lived in West-

mount for 16 years, and expect to again one day. For all that time, and for the years to come, I have valued and enjoyed the *Indie* for its factual and fair reporting. We are lucky to have it.

BILL FRIEND, VILLE MARIE (DOWNTOWN)

WHERE ELSE WOULD WE GET ELECTION COVERAGE?

Central to a healthy community and the strength of democracy is a free press. In Westmount, we are so fortunate to have the *Westmount Independent*, a paper that delivers the facts while supporting an open exchange of public opinion. As residents we need to be fully informed on the issues to allow us to make the right choices for our quality of life and the future of our community.

This includes voting for our representative on council. Last year, Laureen Sweeney, chief reporter at the *Independent*,

July transfers, cont'd. from p. 17

since a penthouse apartment in the same building sold in March 2017, for just under \$3.5 million. Two apartments, one at 1 Wood and one at 1250 Greene Ave., sold for more than \$4 million each back in 2014.

Of the seven condominiums that sold in July, the average mark-up was 22.5 percent, but in fact the Hillside and Wood Ave. condos sold for mark-ups of 49 and 68 percent, respectively, and the average was brought way down by three sales for less than the municipal valuation.

The two share sales in July involve flats in a duplex and a triplex that sold for an average price of \$612,500.

(For the statistical purists, the sale of 25 Prospect St. should have been included in the June list and would have represented the lowest price for a house in June; 4392

performed a masterful job covering the key election issues and the electoral platforms of the candidates. Where else would we have gotten it? In our busy daily lives the *Independent* excels as a quick go-to source for much of what is important to us.

Thank you *Westmount Independent*. Keep up the great work.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

RELY ON INDEPENDENT’S UP-TO-DATE COVERAGE

I am a 26-year resident of Westmount. I rely on the *Independent* for reliable up-to-date coverage of local news and upcoming events. I also rely on the advertising to allow for local shopping. It is important to support the community we live in.

Keep up the good work.

LYN, LANSDOWNE AVE.



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Left, seen here cutting The Study's 103rd birthday cake is the youngest future alumna in attendance, Chloe Arae (2030), along with the oldest "old girl" in attendance, Westmounter Marigold Savage Hyde (1948). In between them is Vela Iordanova, kindergarten student. Right, Study alumna ('75) Sarah Hampson, feature writer for *The Globe and Mail*, spoke to elementary school students as she read from her children's picture-book debut, *Dr Coo and the Pigeon Protest*. She went on to "captivate senior school students from The Study with an enlightening workshop on journalism," said the school's press release. She shared three noteworthy tips for those wishing to follow the path of a journalist: "stay present and open to opportunity, be curious and fearless, and choose a channel that works well for you, be it audio, video or writing."

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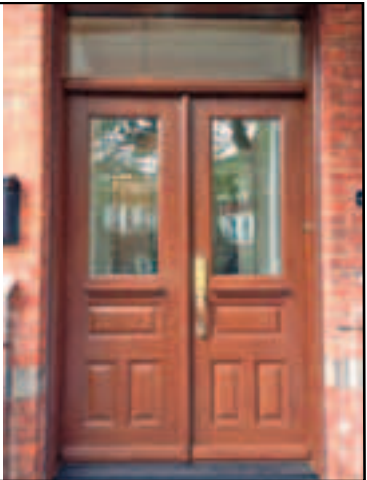
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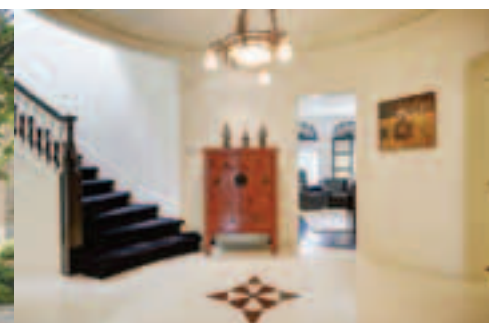
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New construction in empty lot in NDG



Over the last decade, there has been a lot of condo and townhouse construction in Westmount, e.g. 1250 Greene, 11 Hillside, 215 Redfern (change to residential), 175 Metcalfe. Neighbouring NDG is experiencing some of the same trend. This building on the north side of Sherbrooke between Marlowe and Vendôme, and the Next Door Pub and Bureau en gros, is under construction, three streets west of the border with Westmount. It will be residential.

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Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Atwater Library's annual benefit. Guests of honour are Alan Hogg and Grace Hogg of The George Hogg Family Foundation. \$150 online from CanadaHelps and at library. 1200 Atwater Ave. 6 pm.
- CLSC Flu Vaccination Clinic. Victoria Hall. 10 am.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Crafts Sale & Bazaar. Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve. 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Artisans Westmount. \$2 or non-perishable food item. Victoria Hall. 10:30 am to 5 pm. Also on Sunday, November 11. 10:30 am to 5 pm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- Westmount Historical Association pre-

sents "35 Years of Residential Landscape Evolution: From Impatiens to Club Med" by Myke Hodgins, landscape architect. \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Treats & Treasures Craft Fair and Bazaar. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. 10 am to 4 pm.
- Quality Used Book Sale by Friends of the Westmount Public Library. Victoria Hall. 10 am to 5 pm. Also Sunday, November 18, 10 am to 5 pm.

To BE LISTED IN Comin' Up

Please send your Westmount event, to: cu@westmountindependent.com
Be sure to write by Friday at 10 am for inclusion the next week.

Social notes, cont'd. from p. 25

Jean-Guy Desjardins, board chair/CEO Fiera Capital Corporation; Monique F. Leroux, former president Desjardins Group and vice chair Fiera Holdings Inc.; Pierre Rodrigue, vp Quebec Affairs BCE-Bell; Tom Little, president Bell Business Markets; Benoit Lacoste Bienvenue, regional managing partner Quebec KPMG;

Laurent Giguère, Portage governor; Julie Godin, vice chair, executive vp, CGI; and Chantal Ménard.

Entertainers Kim Richardson and Gregory Charles brought resounding applause. The elegant eve raised \$1,250,000 for Portage, which has offered drug addiction rehabilitation programs for over 45 years.

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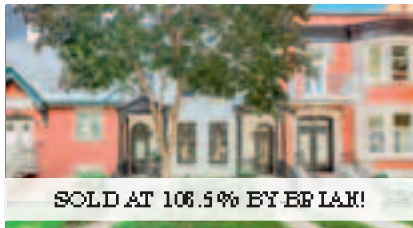
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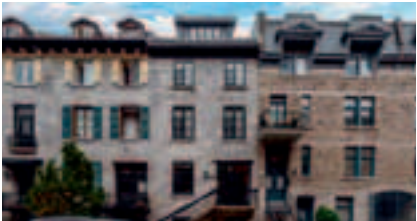
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