

WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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Seniors lawn bowl, play croquet under outreach program

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Wednesday mornings this summer have become a special time for close to 50 seniors with limited mobility who have taken up lawn bowling and croquet on the high profile greens of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club beside

Don't Miss It
Terry Fox Run. Sunday, September 15 in Westmount Park near the library.
Registration: 12:45 pm; run/walk/wheelchair: 1:30 pm. 1.25-km laps.
Special guest: Darrell Fox, brother of Terry.

city hall.
The club's new outreach program was launched this season after it received a \$25,000 federal grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program, club president Bruce St. Louis said last week.
The grant enabled the club to invest in specialized capital equipment to facilitate easier play. This includes a lawn mower that cuts the lawns even closer than before "and makes it easier to roll the ball," he said.
"The club contacted 23 local organizations in Westmount and immediately adjacent that specialize in providing various services continued on p. 12

Person encamps at St. Stephen's



A homeless person's camp, seen here on September 5 looking northeast at the corner of Atwater and Dorchester, has been set up on the grounds outside the now vacant St. Stephen's Anglican Church. See p. 28 for story.
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HONESTY INTEGRITY RESULTS

To be largest in Westmount \$50k voted to install new Melville Bixi station for 23 bikes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More choices are coming to riders of Bixis in Westmount, where the stations are among the most used in the entire network.
City council September 3 voted to pay Bixi Montreal up to \$50,777 to install a new docking station near the bike path and the

water fountain on de Maisonneuve at Melville. Holding 23 bikes, it will become the largest in Westmount.
There are currently 75 Bixi slots at five docking stations.
Last year, Bixi had proposed expanding the Westmount network by three new stations at a one-time operating cost to the city of continued on p. 32

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Arlington Gardens turns 10



From left, Arlington Gardens member Michael Morein and owner Nasser Boumenna. "What are these?" Morein had asked two minutes before. They are baby watermelons.

Arlington Gardens, a community-supported agriculture (CSA) business, turned 10 this year. Former Westmounter Nasser Boumenna named the business after his former street, Arlington Ave., in sight of where he now distributes fruit and vegetable baskets to members in Westmount Park just east of the Westmount Public

Library.

"We have been going strong ever since we started," he said.

Members sign up for the plastic bins of fruit and vegetables, one each week for about 21 weeks from June to November. Members, many on bikes, transfer the food into their own bags. He does not sell individual items in Westmount and the *Independent* saw him turn away an inquiring would-be shopper when it went by September 5.

He does operate traditional produce stands at Atwater and Jean Talon markets.

What's his most distinctive offering? Kohlrabi, which Wikipedia describes as "a biennial vegetable, a low, stout cultivar of wild cabbage. It is the same species as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, collard greens, Savoy cabbage, and *gai lan*." It is also known as German turnip.

Boumenna's farm is in Stanbridge East.

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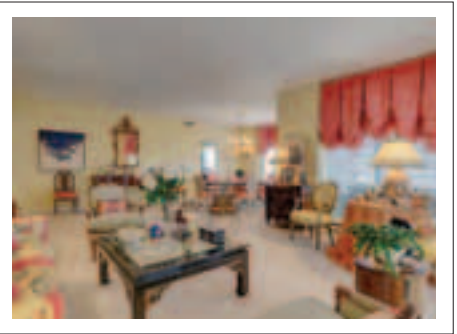
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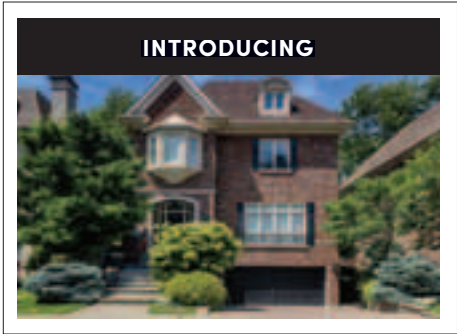
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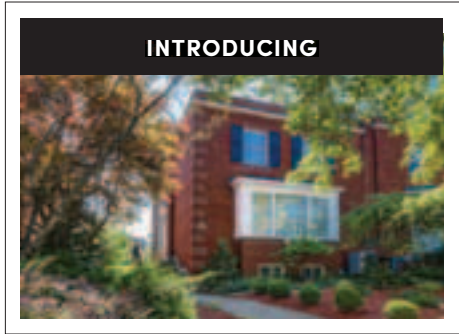
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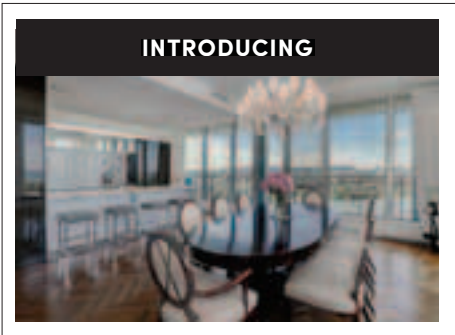
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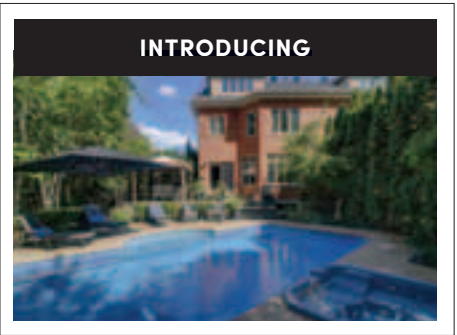
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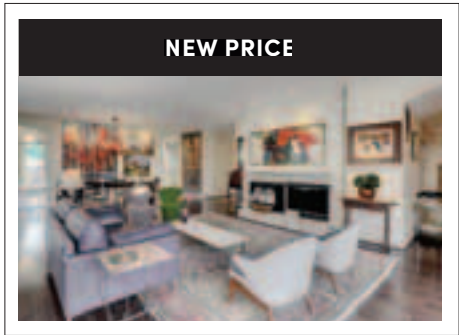
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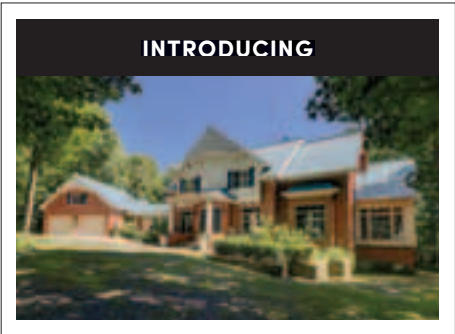
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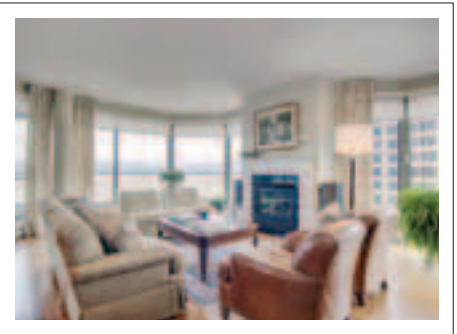
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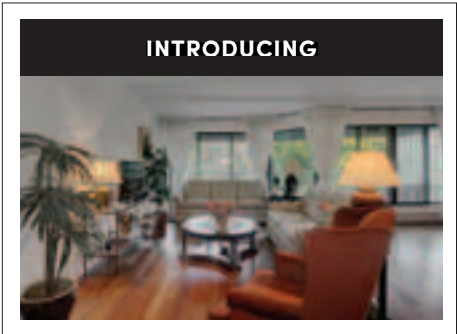
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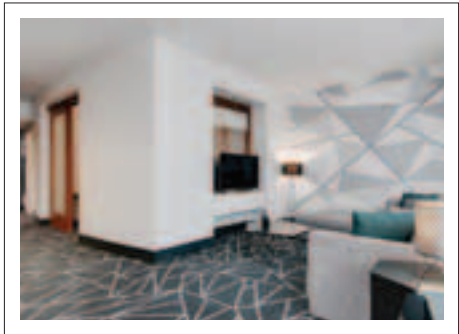
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Westmount Square food court re-opens



From left, Alessandra Crecco and her sister Rica Crecco, vice-president of Creccal Investments, which owns Westmount Square, are seen here with a specially sculpted urn of flowers.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

There was reason to celebrate at Westmount Square last week.

Staff and administrators from the company that owns the landmark office and residential complex joined customers September 5 to celebrate the official re-opening of the food court following a recent makeover. Gourmet Square, as the food court will henceforth be known, is now much brighter thanks to a new décor.

However, for those who have been regulars at the food court for years, all the old favourite restaurants are still there, al-

though renewed.

The food court last underwent renovations 15 years ago, according to Rica Crecco, vice-president of Creccal Investments, which owns Westmount Square.

“I think we just wanted to change the atmosphere in here and bring in some brightness, just bring it up a notch for people to enjoy,” she said in an interview with the *Independent*.

“I think we’ve succeeded,” she added. “We’ve brought in a lot more lighting. We’ve modernized the food court. We’ve made it classier. And that’s what Westmount Square deserves.”



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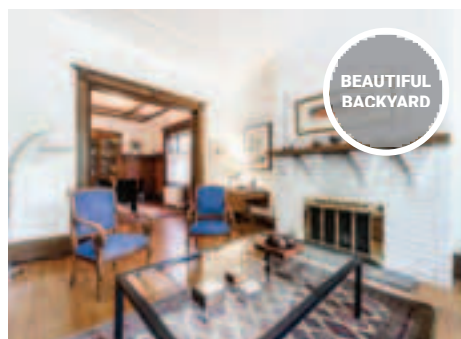
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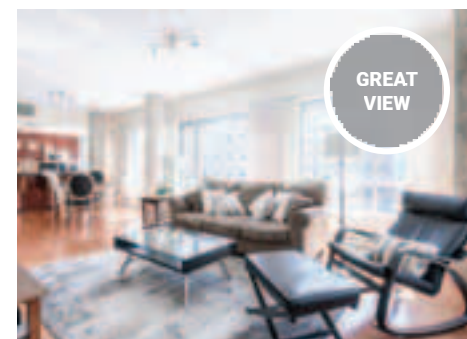
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Atwater Metro station roof ‘a little behind’



The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) continues to work on the roof of the Atwater Metro station, which is located beneath de Maisonneuve Blvd. between Atwater Ave. and Wood. The street is closed to motorized through-traffic, but open to pedestrians and cyclists, as well as drivers using the Alexis Nihon parking lot, as seen here on September 4. Spokesperson Amélie Régis told the Independent in French the next day that the project is “a little behind” but that they “hope to catch up.” The street will re-open at an as-yet unknown date so as to be open this winter and will be closed again next year. The project is expected to be completely finished by December 2020.

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Request comes from Montreal

\$16,000 granted to mediation service for Cabot Square

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City councillor Kathleen Kez, finance commissioner, moved a resolution September 3 to contribute \$16,000 to the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal for its community mediation service to help the homeless at Cabot Square.

The resolution explained that The Open Door, “a critical organization serving homeless people in Cabot Square, has been constrained to leave the area and leave a large homeless population without basic living services.”

The aim of the mediation service is described as “to improve the sense of security, well-being and cohabitation in Cabot Square and its surroundings through a team of community workers using various tools to support the vulnerable population and residents.”

The city's contribution “is a request from (Montreal executive committee chair) Benoit Dorais” that the Sud-Ouest and Verdun boroughs as well as Westmount contribute to this fund, Mayor Christina Smith explained.



Councillor Kathleen Kez reads the resolution September 3.

The city had planned to meet with a number of other stakeholders over Cabot Square issues last week (see story September 3, p. 1).

Operation of e-scooters questioned

Council hears calls for enforcing helmets, age, speed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Some may love to ride the new Lime e-scooters, but calls were raised at the council meeting September 3 for better enforcement of regulations and obligations governing them as the city prepared to meet with Lime company officials this week.

“In the spirit of reducing carbon emissions, these are wonderful,” Councillor Jeff Shamie said in opening comments at the start of the meeting. However, he added, he had received calls and emails from parents concerned about how these scooters are being used.

“I wanted to do a shout-out” about the need to educate young people that the scooters must only be used on bike lanes and streets (with speed restrictions), by those aged 18 or more and that they must wear a helmet.

Mayor Christina Smith echoed his feelings, adding that the scooters are a pilot project and “we are meeting with Lime next week to see how we can better manage them.”

Zeela Kaufman of de Maisonneuve con-

tinued Shamie's concerns during the question period when she delivered an impassioned statement on the unlawful use of e-scooters.

“Many 14-year olds are operating them,” she said. In addition, these children are using them in Westmount Park and on the sidewalk.

“As a pedestrian I am perturbed.” Since the arrival of these vehicles, she felt her safety was challenged.

She called for an intensive education campaign and that rules be placed prominently on city bulletin boards, the city's website and elsewhere. She noted that to save lives, drivers and passengers in cars must wear seatbelts, so why were those on e-scooters not being restrained? “Please publish these rules.”

“Thank you for your feedback,” Mayor Smith said, reiterating the scooters were a pilot project but that she would share these points with Lime.

After the meeting some of those who attended commended Kaufman for her statement.

See Kaufman's letter on p. 11.

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

Council approves 16 building permits Sept. 3 including ex-nurses' residence

The following 16 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration or renovation were approved at the September 3 meeting of the city council on the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). There were no refusals.

Approved

2307 Dorchester: at the former nurses' residence of the Montreal Children's Hospital site, a Category I building, to restore the doors and windows, masonry, oriel, cornice, and the portico according to the preservation strategy revised July 11, and to construct an addition to a portion of the roof situated in Montreal.

The Planning Advisory Committee recommended at its meeting August 20 that council approve the request with several conditions regarding windows and other features;

71 Belmont Cresc.: to remove green spaces in the driveway and to make a heated driveway provided the green space starting from the building wall has a 10-foot length and the green space starting at the sidewalk has a 7-foot length;

51 Delavine: to install a pool and do landscaping in the rear yard provided the passage joining the pool and rear garden has a minimum width of 2-feet, 6 inches;

368 Redfern: to renovate the existing home, add a mudroom addition, add an extension on the second floor, modify windows and doors, and build a new deck at the rear provided the two ground floor windows around the gas fireplace are double-hung as per the other new windows and the wood posts of the balcony above the mudroom are revised to either introduce a half-pilaster or are doubled-up;

218 Metcalfe: at a Category I house, to replace the marquee over the back door;

45 Roxborough: to add a second storey and to modify the existing building as approved by the Demolition Committee with stipulated conditions for the replacement program (see story June 25, p. 5);

3617 The Boulevard: at a Category I house, to add a fence on the property provided it be painted black as per the original;

72 Somerville: to replace windows and a patio door provided it has a wider frame

(both vertical and horizontal), as per the previous comments of the PAC in order to give it a more residential and less commercial look;

309 Melville: to replace the marquee and build a new terrace on the roof;

656 Murray Hill: to do landscaping, install a back fence, a retaining wall and replace asphalt with paving stones;

30 Thornhill: to repair the staircase and replace the railing;

105 Sunnyside: to replace the garage door provided it is made of wood (interior and exterior) without any cladding;

364 Kitchener: to replace windows and a canopy over the front door provided the roof material of the new canopy is either copper or zinc;

3001 St. Antoine: to replace windows;

634 Sydenham: landscaping in the back yard;

4846 Sherbrooke: to add a door.

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I have just read your editorial piece titled “Hong Kong: you have friends” (August 20, p. 6).

Some Hong Kong fellows have uploaded it to Facebook and it is circulating well among us. It is very heartwarming to see support from a stranger from a city far away. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you for the work you’ve done and the support of democracy. Living in a free city (it used to be, at least :D) on the edge of China, I understand it is of paramount importance to let people of the same cause see each other, so that people will know that common values are truly common and they are not the odd ones out. Otherwise, the loneliness would make us doubt what we believe and corrupt our souls. That is the reason for dictators’ fondness of censorship, not to make people stupid, but to disconnect them from each other. For that, I would like to pay my utmost respect to you, your colleagues and the members of press around the globe for defending the freedom to see each other. It reinforces our beliefs, and gives us the courage that we need to carry on and face this extremely wicked, shockingly evil and vile dictatorship.

The suffering of Hong Kong may continue for a while, but as we know we are not alone, I believe that justice and freedom will prevail. So, no need to worry about us. We are well trained for this by having a long history of being colonized (ha ha! And God save the queen!). Hong

Kong people are resourceful and strong. And with your love, we will keep calm and carry on.

Sir, I wish you good health and all the best in continuing to publish for the people of Westmount. I forget where I read it, but I vaguely recall there was a line from a movie that goes “the only way to protect freedom of the press is to press.” It does not matter for how long, but as long as you do, you are already protecting the free world. Give yourself some credit. :D.

My warmest regards to the team of the *Westmount Independent*.

JOSEPH, A STRANGER & FRIEND
FROM HONG KONG

Editor’s note: I am straining my eyes a bit as I peer west across North America, through the Rockies and then over the Pacific. But I see you, Joseph. Your friend, David

HONG KONG UNDER SIEGE

I deeply appreciated your editorial entitled, “Hong Kong: you have friends” (August 20, p. 6), which was carefully worded with equal parts of humour and sympathy. I immediately shared it on Facebook, with a warning that one would find a Kleenex tissue handy. As expected, together with some thumbs-up reactions, several crying-face emojis appeared on my post.

Unfortunately, I am sorry to provide a sad update on the status of Hong Kong. Since the publication of the editorial, the situation has taken a very bad turn. The city has practically deteriorated into a police state, with the cops doing the bidding of the Hong Kong government (and by ex-

tension, Beijing) for political purposes. On the night of August 31, as another massive demonstration was winding down, the police rushed into a train (which is a part of the mass transit system) to indiscriminately beat the passengers, believing that demonstrators were among them. Pepper spray was released into the train, which had minimum ventilation. The station was locked down so that nobody could escape. Likewise, first-aid personnel and reporters could not enter. Numerous ordinary citizens were injured in this state-sponsored attack, and many were arrested. All of this was driven by the desire of the government to silence any opposition.

This was unprecedented. It was a first in Hong Kong, which prided itself on low crime rates and a superb police force – until recently. In this reign of terror, residents are stripped of basic human rights, facing the possibility of being arrested and tortured at any hour. The government pressures employers to encourage employees to tell on each other with regard to their political activism or viewpoint. In short, this leading international financial centre has descended into a city under siege.

While you are not encouraging Hong Kong people to do this or that; you are *being encouraging*. For this, Hong Kong people are forever grateful.

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FREEDOMS THREATENED**

In answer to Emily Mo’s letter stating “Hong Kong’s freedoms alive, dialogue prep has started” (August 27, p. 6), Hong Kong’s freedoms are NOT alive. They are very seriously threatened. That is why there have been millions of Hong Kongers protesting the rule of Carrie Lam and her proposition that those who campaign for changes be extradited to mainland China. There, they would be tried by “kangaroo courts” unlike the just and fair courts of Hong Kong. Why extradition?

Emily Mo says that the large print headline “STAND WITH HONG KONG UNTIL DAWN” is “misleading.” Mo has signed her letter as the director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto. Has she personally witnessed these mass protests?

Correction

City environmental coordinator Patricia Racette’s family name was incorrectly written in the story “50 more apt. buildings to be offered composting in Oct.” (September 3, p. 3).

I happen to believe the journalists who have been reporting in *The Globe* and in the *National Post*. They have sent photographs that depict the thousands of umbrellas, the water cannon, the rubber bullets, the tear gas and the police brutality. This is quite the opposite of the picture she paints with her statement that “the freedom to protest and freedom of the press are alive and well.”

How can this be true when the CEO of Cathay Pacific Airlines was forced to resign because he allowed at least four Cathay Pacific pilots to protest in the marches?

The dismissals were at the behest of Beijing. Is this freedom?

Yes, Carrie Lam has finally agreed to completely withdraw the bill to extradite activists to mainland China for trial, no longer just shelving it.

But this unrest has been brewing in Hong Kong for years; for example, the similar strong protest in 2014 when Hong Kongers took to the streets in a protest that was put down by the government.

Carrie Lam’s extradition bill was “the straw that broke the camel’s back.”

The Guardian Weekly of August 23 said that “under the terms of the agreement by which the former British colony was returned to Chinese control in 1997 The semi-autonomous region was meant to maintain ‘a high degree of autonomy’ through an independent judiciary, a free press and an open market economy; the framework known as ‘one country, two systems.’

“Beijing’s influence over Hong Kong has grown in recent years. Activists have been jailed and pro-democracy lawmakers disqualified from running for office. Independent booksellers have disappeared from the city and shown up in court facing charges on mainland China.

“Police have violently clashed directly with protesters, repeatedly firing tear gas and rubber bullets.

“Underlining the movement is a push for full democracy in the city, whose leader is chosen by a committee dominated by a pro-Beijing establishment rather than by direct elections.”

With the withdrawal of the extradition bill, the protesters have vowed to keep the movement going until their *five* core demands are met among them an enquiry into police tactics and amnesty for all those arrested.

Have they endured all this to go back to square one?

Mo can surely see that when millions of people agitate for 13 weeks, something is clearly very wrong indeed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE THAN A SOCIAL WORKER NEEDED FOR FIRST NATIONS AT CABOT SQUARE

In reference to last week's story regarding Cabot Square (September 3, p. 1), I am not in agreement with city council's approach to the homeless situation, especially as it affects the First Nations aboriginal populations who frequently visit this park.

Subsidization of a social worker with a \$20,000 cap is not tenable. What many seek in Cabot Square is adequate shelter, meals, aid, amongst other things. We should heed their needs with kindness, love and understanding, rather than considering them as troublesome.

May I remind all that our country was founded by the First Nation people and we should thank them for the development of our great nation. Rather than appreciating the knowledge they wish to share with everyone, we have treated them horribly in the past by our acts and misdeeds, namely residential schools, the "scoop children" episode, forced displacement and many other events.

Before the municipality of Westmount was founded, one of the early residents, Mr. Hurtubise, allowed aboriginals onto his land and traded furs with them, and look how he prospered as the result.

I have often talked to many of the First Nations aboriginals in Cabot Square and, understandably, they feel marginalized. Affordable shelters, cost of daily food and survival are some of the daily struggles they face.

Numerous visitors to the park have elderly or children in various hospitals nearby and others feel that Cabot Square is the only quasi family that they have. All they ask from us is respect and kindness. I think we owe them that much.

In the summer, Cabot Square hosts numerous aboriginal events each Friday and warmly extends an invitation for everyone

to partake.

Also the coffee shop in Cabot Square is operated by First Nations people, and they are always polite and helpful. I invite everyone to eat at this coffee shop and/or participate in the various aboriginal events in Cabot Square next summer and see how much fun it is.

If we took the time to learn an aboriginal language like Mohawk, Cree, Inuit or others; perhaps if we listened to these fine people more often; joined in the many events on Aboriginal Day or other First Nations holidays and helped them out with kindness, you would see that the aboriginals who are guests of Cabot Square are really decent people deep down.

Alcoholism is a social issue some First Nation families face daily, but as citizens of Westmount, we should not castigate all of the homeless people of Cabot Square.

That is why underwriting the cost of a social worker is of limited scope. Certainly, as decent human beings, the people of Cabot Square deserve much better than this from all of us.

In conclusion, I can appreciate the difficulties that mayor and council had in exploring the various humane options and sincerely believe that a social worker was the most optimal. However, if the people in Cabot Square were invited for consultations, I am sure other suitable options would have been discovered that would have been far more conducive to everyone.

DAVID STERN, VICTORIA AVE.

SCOOTER RULES NEED TO BE CLEAR, PUBLICIZED AND ENFORCED

With all due respect, I request that the rules and regulations, and obligations and responsibilities, of Lime scooter operators be posted in a clear and concise manner on the city of Westmount's website, the bulletin boards of the city's community centres, and all middle and high schools within the city's boundaries, as well as at

scooter parking stations.

It is quite a task to access the information regarding what the law says and what Lime requires.

I have encountered operators who do not meet the age requirement of 18. Many 14-year-olds with the relevant app are operating these vehicles. They believe it is completely lawful.

In addition, these children and the legal operators are using these vehicles on the sidewalks and in Westmount Park.

Clarification is not only necessary, but urgent.

As a pedestrian, I am perturbed that since the arrival of these vehicles, my passage and use of the sidewalks and of Westmount Park are obstructed.

My safety and security are indeed challenged as operators are abandoning the scooters recklessly in the middle of sidewalks and park paths. I do not wish to step onto the street or someone's lawn to avoid them, especially when I am using my cart to haul groceries home.

Do members of city council not realize how many of their fellow citizens use canes, walkers, wheelchairs, baby strollers and require safe, unobstructed passage on their city's sidewalks?

The enforcement of the rules and regulations re: scooters and the operation of them is the responsibility of the police.

Therefore, with great appreciation of their resources and energies required in perhaps more significant matters, I request that there be an intensive campaign to encourage scooter enthusiasts to adhere and to comply with the rules and regulations.

I also wish to speak of the non-use of appropriate helmets by Lime operators. Both the Société d'assurance d'automobile du Québec (SAAQ) and Lime, in whatever information I was able to access, state unequivocally that helmets are mandatory. Nevertheless, it has been my experience to see unhelmeted operators 99 times out of 100.

To save lives, car drivers and their passengers must wear seatbelts. Then, in the same vein and really for their own safety and benefit, why are scooter operators not being reproached and restrained from this unlawful practice?

ZEELA KAUFMAN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Editor's note: This letter is adapted from the writer's remarks to city council at its public meeting on September 3. – DP.

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Crossing the street is about to become easier at three major Westmount intersections following council’s decision September 3 to install pedestrian lights on The Boulevard, at Victoria and at Mount Pleasant, as well as on Cedar and Mount Pleasant.

Mayor Christina Smith said the locations are in the area of schools: “a great way to provide a safer walk to school.”

“The objective is to have this in place this fall,” according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. “There will be a start-up meeting with the contractor (this) week and we will know more on the timelines afterwards.”

The lights are to be installed at a maximum cost of \$171,515 on a contract awarded to Installume Inc. This was the lowest of three conforming bids and more than half the amount quoted by Néolect at \$361,730.

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Black Berry is sister to her Ninja brother, together every day. Can you tell which is which? They are very similar with their black shorthair coats with tortoise-shell flashing tan and white markings. They are quiet and affectionate, cuddling and watching everyone with their huge green eyes.

Black Berry and Ninja are available for adoption now from the Montreal SPCA, referring to Black Berry’s identification number A42590842 and Ninja’s identification number A42590831.

They are both very healthy, bonded seven-year-olds, having been updated on their inoculations and treatments while at the SPCA. Please do not hesitate to come by for a visit at the adoption centre located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West. The Montreal SPCA telephone number is 514.735.2711

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Croquet, cont'd. from p. 1
to seniors and made presentations to many of them on our outreach program and how it could benefit their members,” he explained.

As a result, 31 signed up to participate on the first day in June, “far more than we expected,” St. Louis said.

Since then, others have joined in and brought friends and the numbers have grown to closer to 50. The sessions are free of charge, and include coaching and get-togethers.

Among the participants are residents of Manoir Westmount, Place Kensington and Westmount One as well as members of Contactivity Seniors’ Centre, Centre Greene and the New Hope Seniors’ Centre in NDG.

Promotes health, friendship
Not only does the activity help promote physical health, according to St. Louis, but the environment provides an accessible and safe place for the participants to make new friends and gather at the clubhouse for coffee, tea and cookies.
“Both lawn bowling and croquet are easy to learn,” he added, and can lead the seniors to participate in senior-oriented competitions.
And will the club’s outreach program continue after this season? “We originally set a finishing date of August 28, but due to the success, we decided to extend it to September 25. It will continue through next year at the very least.”

Black Berry and Ninja, together



and the link to their website is www.sPCA.com. info@sPCA.com.
com. You can also reach them by email at Your neighbour, Lysanne



Veronique Semple requires two canes to walk but has worked hard to learn how to play croquet using a special long-handle mallet, as shown in mid-August.

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The Sacred Heart School of Montreal was established in 1861, and is part of a worldwide network

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In order to maintain economic diversity at the school, Sacred Heart offers a robust financial aid

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Visit The Study's Open House, Thursday, October 3rd, 3233 The Boulevard, Westmount.

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Photo caption: Senior School Study girls on the front lawn of the school.

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For over 70 years, generations of "Priory Family" members -teachers, staff and parents- have put this child-centred mission into practice. Experts in elementary education, the current team of faculty knows that these crucial elementary school years form the first impression in children's minds of what a school is supposed to be. Students are encouraged to not only be excellent problem solvers and critical thinkers, but also be warm human beings of moral integrity.

A Gift in Every Child

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Igniting Positive Change

When a group of visiting Headmasters and other leading educators from the organization CAIS (Canadian Accredited Independent Schools) made their most recent visit, one thing that struck them as unique and impressive, was the sense of leadership that was evident throughout the school. They stated that The Priory should be commended on its "extensive and

inclusive leadership program.

Leadership is evident in 100% of student experiences, in a multitude of school projects, committees and events, as well as local and global stewardship projects."

Students at The Priory learn quickly that they do not have to wait until they're older to help others in need; positive change in their school, local and global communities can begin at any age. Throughout the year, students participate in a number of community service initiatives, learning a sense of responsibility and the joy of giving.

An Extension of the Family

From the home-cooked meals that see classes eating together and sharing the responsibilities of serving and cleaning to the tradition of reading buddies that pairs older students with the youngest emerging readers, the sense of family is palpable and real.

The Priory's inviting family atmosphere has become a hallmark at The Priory, allowing children and parents to feel safe and responsible for one another while learning to be the best that they can be.

Parents + School = Amazing Teams

The Priory Family, of course, extends to the parents, who are an integral part of Priory life. Being a small school that appreciates parent involvement, there are many opportunities for parents to be involved, from reading books during library sessions, organizing special school events with The Priory Parents Association, sharing specialized knowledge in the classroom, volunteering on field trips and sports teams, fundraising for school needs on The Priory School Foundation Board, and overseeing The Priory's Mission on the Priory School Board of Directors.

When parents are involved at The Priory, it models great community involvement that encourages students to likewise



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

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Filling bins at Westmount Park School



There are four debris bins at Westmount Park School. One was being filled up September 5 by a front loader (top photo) and crew members working on the third floor (bottom photo). Students are at the the former St. John Bosco building in Ville Émard and in the Marymount building on Côte St. Luc Rd. for two years as this building is renovated.

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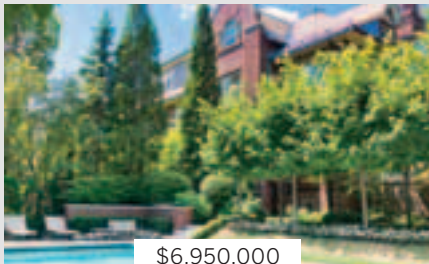
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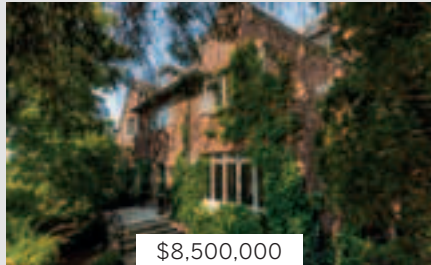


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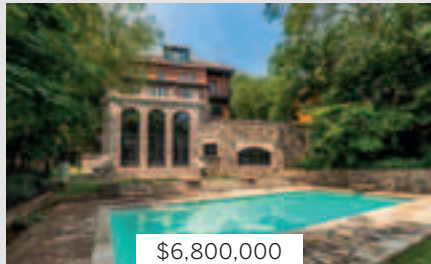
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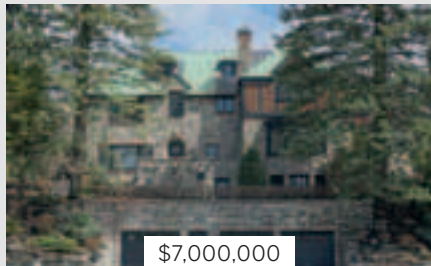
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The women's A and B teams, which won the Governor General's Rose Bowl, had several players from the Westmount club: Paula Pedicelli (skip), Anne-Marie Bélanger, Irene Menear and Lesley Mohan.

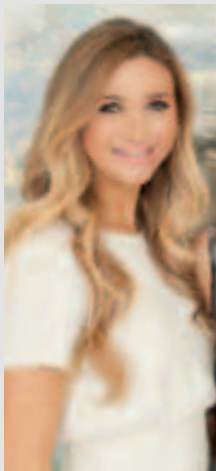
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Several Westmount club members were also on the men's A and B teams, which won the Governor General's Trophy: Greg Gelgor (skip), Peter Paquet, Izak Rubin and Bruce St. Louis (former director-general for the city of Westmount).

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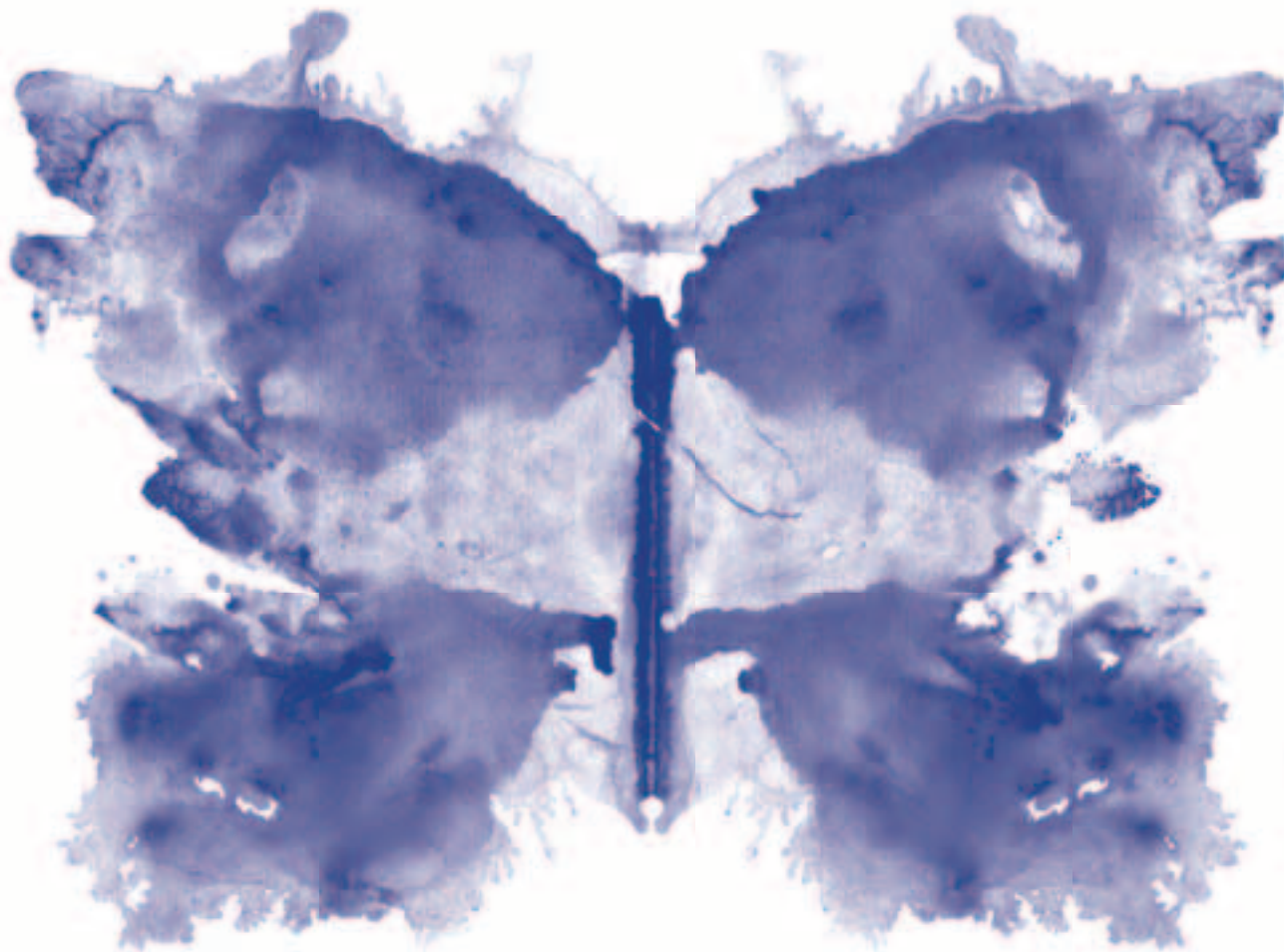
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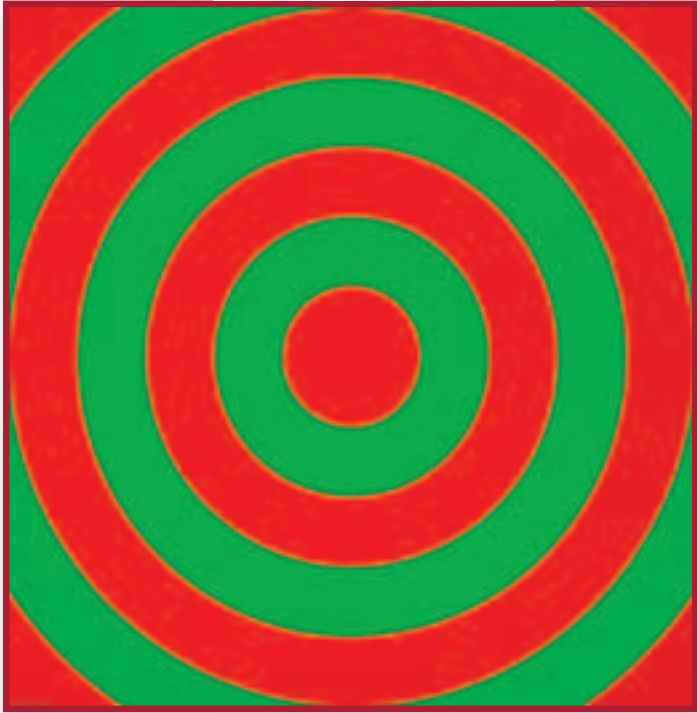
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Homeless now camping outside former Open Door shelter

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Nine months after The Open Door homeless persons' day centre at Dorchester and Atwater shut and relocated to the McGill ghetto, there are signs that homelessness is on the rise on the eastern edge of Westmount.

As reported by the *Westmount Independent* June 18 (p. 15), squatters at that time had established an encampment on Atwater Ave. south of Dorchester Blvd. behind a pillar supporting an overpass for the Ville Marie expressway.

On September 5, it was evident that another encampment had taken root less than a block north on Atwater, on the grounds outside St. Stephen's Church, where the Open Door was located for around three decades.

An outdoor living space set up there included a makeshift sleeping area with an improvised bed and a tarpaulin lean-to covering it.

As a reporter from the *Independent* stood nearby, a man – who appeared to be the occupant – cursed as he complained that his belongings, some of which were piled in a shopping cart, were being tam-

pered with.

Shortly after, he disappeared around a corner at the vacant church building to retrieve a shovel and broom. He then began to clean up a pile of garbage that had been dumped onto the ground out of a trash container.

In the meantime, further down Atwater at the other encampment, that site (which is the property of the Quebec Ministry of Transport) still appeared to be occupied last week by a man using construction fencing to create a protective enclosure.

Persons who appear to be homeless or transient were also spotted loitering on Atwater Ave. outside Alexis Nihon Plaza, as well as in the doorways of vacant businesses on St. Catherine St. in Westmount.

The Open Door served a clientele of transients and homeless, some of whom may have been turned away by other shelters that wouldn't tolerate intoxication or behaviour.

The Open Door closed after St. Stephen's Church was sold for \$2.4 million to a developer who plans to convert the church and adjacent rectory into residences.

See photo on p. 1.

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Remembering with music



September 1 around 6 pm, the sombre sounds of cello music drifted through the trees in Westmount Park, near the lagoon. Amateur musicians Florian Fintelmann (left, visiting from Boston) and Thomas Minde were playing in remembrance of Minde's father. The music was a solemn slow movement by Shostakovich, an upbeat duet by Vivaldi and a Bach solo sonata played by Minde, followed by a poignant rendition of "The Swan" by Saint-Saëns. A small audience gathered in silence to listen, a spontaneous gathering of strangers lost in their own memories.

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Scarborough Fair in Westmount Park



Tenor saxophonist Ou Xin Min was playing for approximately 12 people when the *Independent* caught up with him August 27 in Westmount Park. Communication was difficult, as the native of Tian Jin near Beijing in northern China and his audience spoke Chinese only. In the international language of music, however, Min was playing the traditional folk song "Scarborough Fair," popularised by Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger and later by Simon and Garfunkel. A bilingual boy arrived a bit later and he was able to give the *Independent* the information in this caption.

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2019 Low-Beer Memorial Lecture: 'Family, Medicine and Madness'

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DAVID PRICE, The Philistine: Beer drinker
Ideal beer: stronger-than-average lager, even if it's commercial Canadian beer. He dislikes too much hops flavour or aroma in beer (i.e. most India pale ales or IPAs), and does not like roasted malts (e.g. stouts). He also dislikes wheat beers, which remind him of toothpaste, which he doesn't normally consume, and candy canes, which he would not drink if ever they were liquified.
Favourite beer: Sapporo, or St. Ambrose Pale Ale if he's looking for something with a bit more aroma and flavour.

GREG DUNNING, The Connoisseur: Beer drinker, homebrewer, and beer hunter.
Ideal beer: The one that is manufactured by people who care more about the beer than the money and it depends on the season.
Favourite beer: for summer 2019 – Vox Populi Kettle Sour (3%) and Simple Malt Sorbet Berliner aux Framboises (4.5%)

July 31, 2019

Cheval Blanc has been around since 1924 as a tavern owned by the Denys family. In 1981, Jérôme, the grandson, inherited the tavern and six years later, he obtained the very first artisanal permit in Quebec where beer is produced and consumed on the same site. In 1987, this was so revolutionary that the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux had to invent a new permit called “*Consommation sur Place*,” since the only permit it granted at the time was for industrial breweries. For a few years, this was my go-to because it was the only bar that a home brewer could patronize and be happy. In 1990, I met the legendary Jérôme Denys at the Festibière de Chambly and asked him if he was ever going to bottle his great beer so I could drink it at home (*consommation à domicile*) and he said never. In 1992, he began bottling under the Cheval Blanc brand and sold only at the SAQ. By 1995, other microbreweries were in the game (McAuslan, Boréale, etc) and Cheval Blanc opened a brewery to fulfill demand of the dépanneurs that were slowly stocking these “weird” beers from the microbreweries. Sticking to its roots, Cheval Blanc still calls itself a “Brasseur artisan & bar.”

THE CONNOISSEUR: Framboise (5%) – Summer wheat beer specialty

My summer starter is always a sour. There were two on the menu and I chose the raspberry over the 3.1 percent Sour IPA. It's great that you can now get some flavourful, low-alcohol alternatives as they are the perfect way to begin a session in the summertime. Like it's inspiration from Belgium, this framboise is a sour/sweet balance and trending sour. It is so light on the hops that it is unnecessary to list the IBUs (international bitterness units). In Germany, this is brewed simply as pure

beer, using only permitted ingredients with varying degrees of wheat up to 50 percent, in which you optionally can add woodruff or raspberry syrup at time of consumption. The Belgians and Cheval Blanc just toss tradition aside and elect to condition the beer on organic raspberries and serve it as is. This is an excellent example of the Belgian method.

THE PHILISTINE: Svetlý Lezák (4.8%) – pale Czech lager

Oh boy! This is a very different place from our usual destinations! There is lager. There are lagers – several options to choose from. And yet I am here with Greg. Good company and beers that I expect to like? It is disorienting, like coming across tasty, low-calorie food. But let's get drinking. My first choice was a Czech lager, and it was very good. It was silky, which is my way of describing beers with a bit of body. Many people conclude that lager lovers like light beers. This conclusion is not correct. Light beers are not silky; they are watery. But that's not an issue here. I also found it to have a bit of that lager taste, once again something not found in light beers. A very good start.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Blonde – Pilsner Allemande (5%) – Lager

I had no doubt that this lager was going to be really satisfying and I wanted to taste it early before my palate would be drenched with bigger beers. Truly hard not to chug. Full malt body, perfectly bitter. Elegant all the way down. I'm hoping that my favourite lager hunter makes this his new favourite beer. If it weren't for my curiosity to try different beer, I could stay with this one all night. The hockey room would widely approve of this one.

THE PHILISTINE: Blonde – Pilsner Allemande (5%) – Lager

Let the good times roll. My notes for this second beer are almost identical to those for the first: “Good body. Not too much taste. Very good.” Please remember that for someone like me who works to avoid odd (as I consider them) flavours and aromas, “not too much taste” is high praise. I have never thought that about an IPA or a stout.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Ambrée – Ale



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Rousse (5%) – Ale
I chose this beer next because it has the most boring name on the menu to see if it would be boring. Smooth, easy and malty with moderate hop flavour. This is simple beer made well; not as easy as that sounds. These days, it's a welcome sight to have traditional beer on the menu. I think my colleague could easily substitute this one when he exhausts the lager menu.

THE PHILISTINE: Kellerbier (4.5%) – German lager

According to Wikipedia, “*Kellerbier* is a type of German beer which is typically neither clarified nor pasteurized... The term ‘*kellerbier*’ literally translates as ‘cellar



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The Gladstone restaurant and pub on St. Catherine St. at Gladstone Ave. seen here September 8, are for sale. Groupe Sutton-Clodem real estate broker Sid Alavi told the *Independent* September 5 that the \$250,000 offering price (plus sales taxes) is for the assets of the business and does not include any real estate.

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beer,' referring to its cool lagering temperatures. ...In comparison with most of today's filtered and pasteurized lagers, *kel-lerbier* contains more of its original brewing yeast, as well as vitamins, held in suspension. As a result, it is distinctly cloudy, and is described by German producers as *naturtrüb* (naturally cloudy)."

Vitamins in my beer? I must drink more.

Seriously though, this is a style that I generally like. I usually find it to have a bit more taste than even the more flavourful lagers, kind of like a mild version of a red ale or *rousse*. I did not find this one distinctive, but it was good.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Quench APA (5.5%) – New England IPA

Really light for the usual big-beer American IPA. It's unfiltered, which gives it the body, but it's not the hop bomb aroma that we usually encounter. I was kind of ready for that, so I am a little disappointed. I know it's hard to believe but it is hard these days to find an APA without lactose added and it is nice to have this style without this adjunct for a change. The reason we distinguish the new England style from the rest of America is that it is "juicy," like lemons and mangos, again due to the hops, not from any actual fruit or juice, although some IPA brewers have started adding juice purée in the conditioning tank.

THE PHILISTINE: Polotmavé (5%) – red Czech lager

More lager! This one was very good too. Sometimes the brewer of red beers overdo things on the flavour and aroma front and start to get into brown ale/stout territory. Not here. Again, Cheval Blanc achieved the Philistine's equivalent of three Michelin stars: "Not too much taste," say my notes. Does this bar rent rooms?

THE CONNOISSEUR: Stout (4%) – Oatmeal stout ale

I'm writing this note and I've already finished it. You can't drink this style any-time without comparing it to Guinness. It's a little heavier in the body than Guinness,

which is my preference at a session's conclusion. I actually noted that it is better than Guinness. Am I drunk? Well, maybe a little. I challenge anybody who loves Guinness to give this one a try.

THE PHILISTINE: Ambrée (5%)

This one lost me a bit. I did not like the taste. It was very caramelly and had what I call "a ruby taste." What can I mean? Maybe slight cherry like? I often like amber ales, but not this one.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Rancho Tango (5%) – Belgian Farmhouse ale

I've now moved to Cheval Blanc's aged-in-barrel and bottle inventory, where beer is aged at least two years and is available in limited quantities. You would think this one is wine, based on its looks and aroma. It's sour and smooth and in between wine and beer. A good option for a wine drinker who wants all the taste without the 12 – 15% ABV. It's really not beer; truly a different drink.

Our Vermont delegate summarized it perfectly, "It's Belgian, it's on its own."

THE PHILISTINE: Rancho Tango (5%) – Belgian Farmhouse ale

I don't know what I was thinking when I tried this one. (Although it was a taster, not a pint, so perhaps I'm not that stupid.) "All the bad characteristics of a white wine [mixed] with a light beer," say my notes – sort of. The original text is actually a bit ruder. But I knew that going in. Beer is more than a spectrum. It is a three-dimensional universe with so many styles virtually any taste can be found. It's no big deal if a style or two, or ten, are not for me.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Ponette Argousier (7.6%) – Belgian Farmhouse ale

Since I have not been hitting high alcohol beer all night, I can squeeze this one in. I can't resist all the bottle options they have, which aren't just private imports but aged offerings made here that do not cost \$40. I could not distinguish this farmhouse ale from the previous one, so I asked our server, who was of course named Gabriel. The running joke is that we are never

served by anybody anywhere who name is not Gabrielle or Gabriel. He explains that this ale is totally different because, "It is all about the *argousier*," which Professor Google says are sea buckthorn berries. What? I have no idea what he is describing. I don't even know if they grow in the sea.

Summary

THE CONNOISSEUR... I hope my beer henchman has enjoyed his time here; three lagers and the traditional styles made exceptionally well. Yes, you read right –

THREE LAGERS. Every beer is designed to be easily consumed without giving up on full flavour or being safe. Cheval Blanc is also "making money" because it isn't buying tons of expensive hops to make incredibly complicated IPAs, which everyone else seems to do. We were able to take advantage of the terrace and enjoy our beverages outside on a super fine evening. It's very hard to get a terrace seat here at this extremely popular neighbourhood brewpub but we lucked out. The interior has never changed; it has the same terrazzo floor and green laminate walls from my days in the early 1990s, and the 1950s judging from pictures – really retro. We've visited several really good craft breweries in the city but this one is really one of the best. If time is short or you can only pick one, this would be it.

THE PHILISTINE: Cheval Blanc proves a few points. Lagers can be done by micro-brewers. Lagers can sit on menus next to aromatic ales without the world ending, or a brewer's street-cred card being revoked. This is probably the best bar for me of all the ones that we have visited. There is beer-flavoured beer here, to steal a phrase from Greg's son, John. So long – for now – and thanks for all the lagers.

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Police Report

Public Security identifies suspicious ‘construction worker,’ police arrest him

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A Montreal man who was allegedly impersonating a construction worker at a store being renovated on St. Catherine St. near Wood Ave. was arrested by the Montreal police on August 24 after being deemed suspicious by Westmount Public Security.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, the male suspect, who was dressed in construction worker clothing, was seen by Westmount public safety officers going in and out of the vacant restaurant several times between 9 and 10:18 am.

“The PSOs found it strange to see this sort of activity on a Saturday morning when there’s normally no construction work,” Pimentel said, noting the business in question was officially closed.

Pimentel said the suspect was seen removing a wooden panel covering a window in order to get in. When the police arrived and questioned him, he claimed to be working for the construction contractor.

However, when the officers asked the suspect a few simple questions, such as the name of his supervisor or the construction company’s phone number, he couldn’t answer to their satisfaction and they decided there were enough doubts to place him under arrest.

The police were able to make a positive identification at the Montreal police’s downtown operational centre on Guy St. A number of tools alleged to have been used by the suspect to break in were seized as evidence.

Wine stolen

A de Maisonneuve Blvd. apartment dweller who did not check his basement locker for nine months found out in

August he’d been robbed of more than a dozen bottles of wine and spirits that he kept in storage.

According to Pimentel, some time between November and this past August, thieves made off with 12 bottles of red wine, a bottle of cognac as well as some other bottles containing alcoholic beverages.

The victim, who moved in last November, had placed the bottles in the storage locker at that time.

“When he next went back, the bottles were all gone,” Pimentel said, noting that the victim filed a complaint at Station 12 on August 23. Although he had the only known keys for the locker, there were no signs of a forced break-in.

Front door unlocked, car stolen

Some Grosvenor Ave. residents may have neglected to lock their front door after returning home in the early morning hours of Aug. 27 and probably left themselves vulnerable to an opportunistic thief

who stole their car, a wallet and their house key.

After receiving a call from the complainants, officers from Station 12 met them and were told that the car had been left parked in front of the house around 2 am.

“In the morning around 7:30 am, the plaintiff noticed that the car, a black Volkswagen, was missing,” said Pimentel.

The officers questioned the complainant and were told that two car keys, normally kept in a spot inside the home near the front door, were also missing.

As well, a wallet containing credit cards and identification was gone, as was the key to their house.

“There were no signs of infraction,” Pimentel continued. “The plaintiff believes that possibly they forgot to lock the front door, because that would explain how somebody opened the door.”

He suggested it was a crime of opportunity involving a perpetrator going around testing for unlocked front doors.

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\$185,000, which the city continued to reject early this year as being too costly (see story April 16, p. 1).

Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, who had asked the city to reconsider the need to expand Bixi, said he was pleased the city had reconsidered.

It would “make it easier for more Westmounters to adopt active transportation,” he said.

Bike lights lead to compliance

He also told the council the city’s recently installed bicycle lights and their phasing cycle at the diagonal bike path crossing at de Maisonneuve and Claremont appeared to be increasing cyclist compliance.

“In a survey this morning, 96 percent of cyclists crossed during the bike light,” he said. “You provide safe infrastructure and cyclists will comply.”

The busy intersection previously posted signs informing cyclists they could use the pedestrian cycle but “the print is too small,” Mayor Christina Smith said last year after a council ride-along with Lambert’s group (see story November 27, 2018, p. 1).

Comin’ Up

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

► Hands-on workshop on “Protecting Yourself Online” by Liz Perrin. Free, but advance registration required: Richard Cassidy: 514.935.7344 or richard@atwaterlibrary.ca. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

► The Westmount Horticultural Society presents “Plant Science and Spirituality” by Clement Kent, entomologist, master gardener the founder of the Parkdale, Toronto Horticultural Society. Guests \$7. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 pm. Doors open 6:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Richard Goldman, lawyer and legal plain language specialist with Éducaloi, conducts an information session on powers of attorney and protection mandates. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CANCELLED. Antique fair contributing to the Stephen Lewis Foundation’s support of grandmothers in Africa raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Westmount Park United Church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Terry Fox Run with special guest: Darrell Fox, brother of Terry. 1.25-km laps. Westmount Park near the library. Registration: 12:45 pm; run/walk/wheelchair:

1:30 pm.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

► Mid-month city council meeting. City hall. 5:30 pm.

► Demolition hearing on 62 Belvedere Rd. 5:35 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

“Toward the sea” by Projet iso. Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. 7 pm.

“Ce silence qui tue” by Fondation Québec Cinéma. Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. 7 pm.

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

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Quebec and went on to serve as a school commissioner in the Protestant school board, as well as sitting on Westmount city council. \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Sundays at the Shaar. Prof. Irving Wolfe, associate professor, literature & world languages, University of Montreal, “Why I Am A Jew?” \$5. 425 Metcalfe Ave. Registration required 514.937.9474 ext. 139. 12 noon.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Open house by Jennifer Maccarone, provincial representative for Westmount-St. Louis. 1134 St. Catherine St. West (at Stanley St.), downtown, #801. 10 am to 4 pm.

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The Golden Bridge of Friendship was the theme of the third annual gala celebrating Montreal's Chinese community and its

MUHC Foundation celebrates Chinese community

work with the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Foundation to bring cardiovascular care to remote villages in China.

Under the leadership of event chair **Martin Wong**, executive chair of the Contemporary Norman Bethune (CNB) Endowment Fund, Westmounter **Pierrette Wong**, and CNB Endowment Fund honorary chair, MUHC cardiothoracic surgeon **Dr. Dominique Shum-Tim**, the gala raised more than \$250,000 towards the Contemporary Norman Bethune Fellowship in Cardiovascular Surgery.

Shum-Tim is a cardiac surgeon at the MUHC, a prolific researcher, and a full-time professor of surgery at McGill University. Heart disease is one of China's most prevalent health care challenges.

After seeing first-hand the devastating effects it has on patients and their families in remote areas, Shum-Tim was determined to help. In 2016, under his leadership, he was able to bring **Dr. Chen Qiansu** from the Guiyang Medical School Affiliated Hospital to the MUHC Foundation to im- *continued on p. 34*



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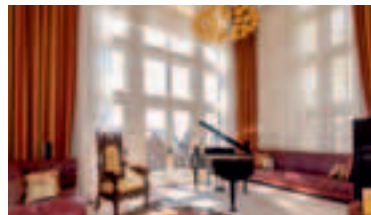
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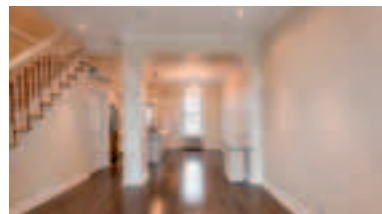
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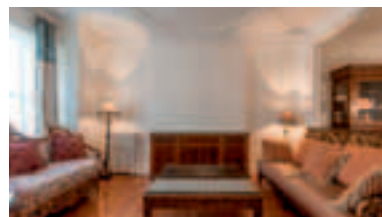
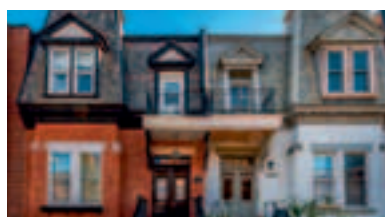
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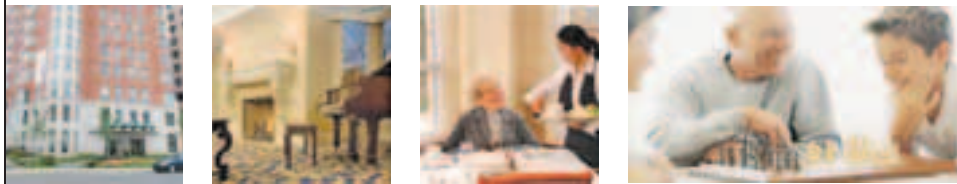


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prove his knowledge and surgical skills. After spending one year learning from the hospital's division of cardiac surgery, Dr. Chen returned to the Guiyang Medical School Affiliated Hospital, where the impact of his training meant that the institution increased its cardiac surgery volume from 400 to 600 cases in 2017, a 50-percent increase from the previous year.

Shum-Tim is dedicated to improving access to cardiovascular surgical care in remote Chinese provinces, and will continue to mentor and share his knowledge and ex-



Julie Quenneville.

perience in surgical education on an international scale.

To support his efforts, the MUHC Foundation is raising \$2 million to create the Contemporary Norman Bethune Fellowship in cardiovascular surgery. **Julie Quenneville**, president MUHC Foundation, announced that the evening raised \$250,000 for the Contemporary Norman Bethune Endowment Fund, which helps train Chinese cardiac surgeons at the MUHC. Noted in the packed room were Westmount–St. Louis provincial legislator **Jennifer Maccarone**, former health minister and current provincial legislator **Dr. Gaétan Barrette**, **Jimmy Chan**, president Montreal Chinese community, MUHC co-vice chair **Eddie Leschiutta**, **Susannah Tam**, **Raymond Tsim** and **Yin Ling**, as well as **Pierrette Wong's** daughters **Tanya Wong** and **Jennifer Wong Sherman**, and her granddaughter **Caitlyn Sherman**.

The gala honoured longstanding MUHC Foundation board member **Pierrette Wong** for her work improving the quality of teaching, training and patient care at the hospital during her more than 10 years as a volunteer. Not only did guests enjoy a gourmet meal but traditional Chinese entertainment including the magical performance of the traditional lion dance, with its impressive distinctive bright yellow costume.

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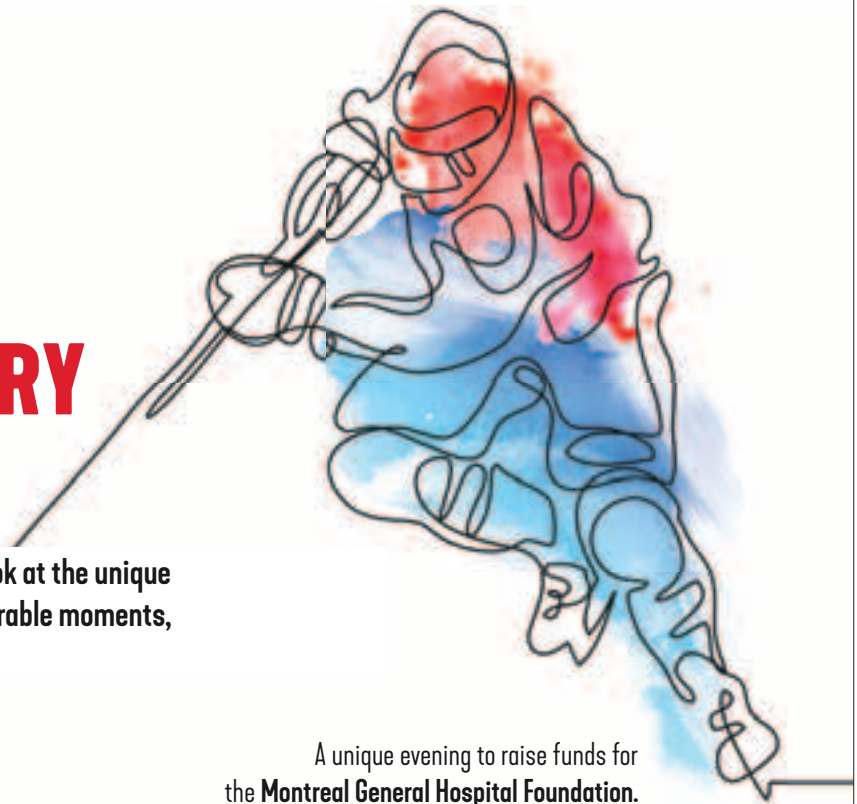
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Lydia Jenvey and Ricky Black.

Not only is **Herbert Black** a renowned businessman, art collector and philanthropist – he flies his own helicopter.

The Westmount res landed adroitly at the Hillsdale Golf Club to officially open the Miriam Foundation Lori Black Mem-

orial Golf Tournament with his wife **Véronique**.

After a successful day on the greens, the couple hosted a stylish cocktail dîatoire, welcoming guests to their European-élégant home, full of art and antiques.

The much-anticipated annual event was emceed by Westmounter **Mose Persico**. Attending with his wife **Joanne**, he announced that a record \$550,000 was raised.

Uniform-clad valets hustled, quickly accommodating the queue of gleaming high-end *continued on p. 36*



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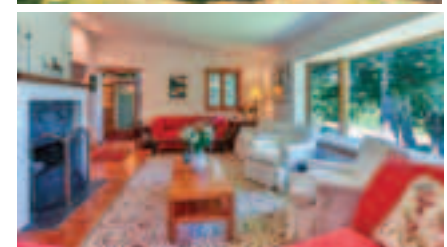
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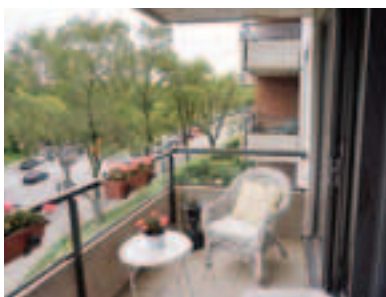


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Lydia Black with dad David Black and Sophie Marquis.

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horsepower. Arrivals admired the beautiful bouquets: palest green hydrangeas were complemented by purple-bright petals. The Italianate terrace was jam packed as foundation supporters were in awe of the idyllic view.

Headed by **Kimeo**, the Mikado team

outdid themselves. The sushi bar was a line-up favourite. And then there was the grilled beyond-delicious lamb and prime beef buffet.

Indoors, the Blacks' classic British library-dining room offered a long linen-covered dining table. As twilight crept in, candlelight twinkled off champagne glasses and the patina of the stately furnishings.

Noted in the crowd were local res Herbert's sons **David Black** (with **Sophie Marquis** and his daughter **Lydia**) and **Ricky Black** (with **Lydia Jenvey**); **Robert Raich**, and **Allan Vosko**, as well as **Daniel** and dad **Robert Ahmarani**, **Frank Niro**, **Evelyn** and **David Kozloff**, **Sandy Ranson** and **David Mars**, and the foundation's **Warren Greenstone**, CEO, and **Erin Matheson**, event coordinator.

Committee members for the event were **Howard Staviss**, **Stephen Shepard**, **Véronique Black**, **Erin Matheson**, **Norman Bercovitch**, and foundation board member **Louis Ludwick**.



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CJA Campaign kick-off

The sold-out eve featured inspiring speakers including CJA president **David Amiel** and 2019 general campaign chair **Marc Kakon** (attending with his wife **Gloria**), who discussed the year's theme of "Secure our future." In partnership with experts in the field and in collaboration with over 31 local Jewish institutions, Federation CJA is spearheading efforts to develop best practices to enhance the safety, security and resilience of schools, synagogues and agencies, establishing consist-



Ruth Bensimom Choueke, Dana Caplan Goodman with son Noah and husband Jonathan Goodman.

ent security protocols for Montreal's Jewish institutions through the newly formed Community Security Network.

Kakon's volunteer leadership team includes campaign chairs **Ruth Bensimom Choueke** (women's philanthropy); **Michael Dadoun** (Sepharade philanthropy); **Mark Brender** (network); **Steven Sitcoff** (West Island); **Laura Sonego Assor** (GenMTL –

young adults); and **Gillian Gornitsky** (GenMTL NXT).

Chairs for the 2020 CJA campaign were also announced – Westmounter **Mitch Garber** is general campaign chair and Westmounter **Samantha Mintz Vineberg** the women's philanthropy chair. Israeli sing-a-long sensation Koolu-lam led the audi-

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Stephen Gross, Marc Kakon and Jeff Segel.

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ence in a rousing rendition of American reggae singer Matisyahu's hit song "One Day," an anthem promoting peace and unity.

Westmounters noted in the packed space included Heather Adelson and Phil Levy, Heather and Joseph Paperman, Mia Melmed Goodman and David Goodman, Jewel Lowenstein, Gail Adelson-Marcovitz

and Alan Marcovitz, Magali Querini Dadoun and Michael Dadoun with kids Claire and Noah and Michael's dad Dev, Jeff Segel, Stephen Gross, Marlene and Joel King, and Dana Caplan Goodman and Jonathan Goodman with son Noah, as well as Jacques Saada, Sandy and David Martz, Robert Choueke and Lillian Vineberg Goodman and Morris Goodman.



David Goodman, Mia Melmed Goodman and Jewel Lowenstein.



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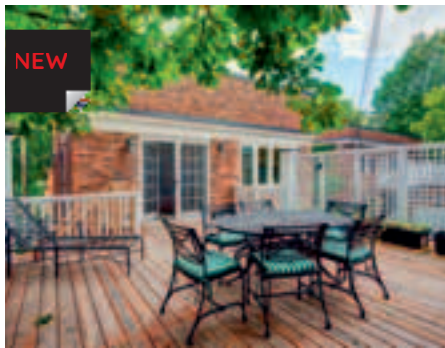
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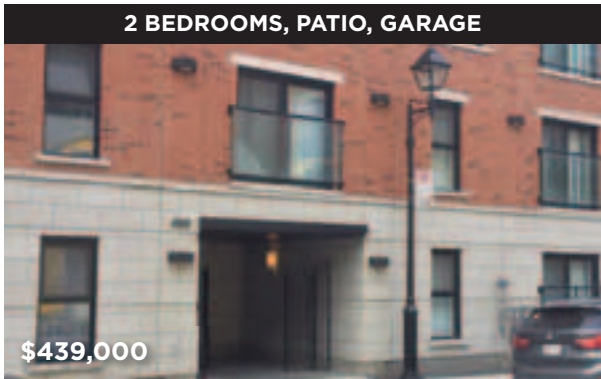
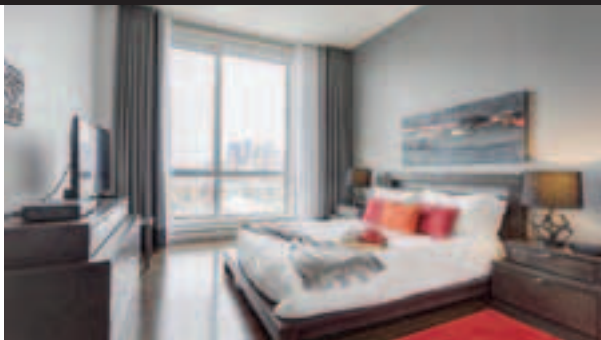


SPECTACULAR RIVER AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM, 3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHROOMS, GARAGE, 1485 SQ.FT.



\$1,239,000

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2 BEDROOMS, PATIO, GARAGE

\$439,000

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1 BEDROOM, BALCONY, GARAGE

\$465,000

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EXECUTIVE 1-3 BEDROOMS FURNISHED RENTALS

\$3,900-\$4,300/month

WESTMOUNT

PROPERTY WANTED

- Westmount. 200 Lansdowne, 3 bedroom, 1-2 garages
- Old Montreal. 3 bedroom, view, terrace, garage. \$1.4 million
- Westmount/NDG lower or cottage up to \$850K



2 BEDROOMS, GARAGE

\$599,000

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ABOUT TANIA

"Skillful touch, never ending energy and professional expertise"
L. AND J. LEE, STRATHCONA AVE.

"Extremely focused and determined, a true perfectionist who spared no effort to showcase our apartment"
J. AND B. LETTE, THE CHATEAU

"I was singularly impressed by Tania's work ethic and absolute devotion to her clients" N. FORGET, BELVEDERE CIRCLE