



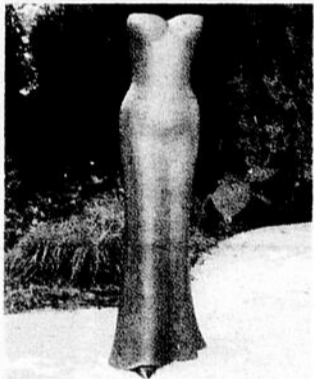
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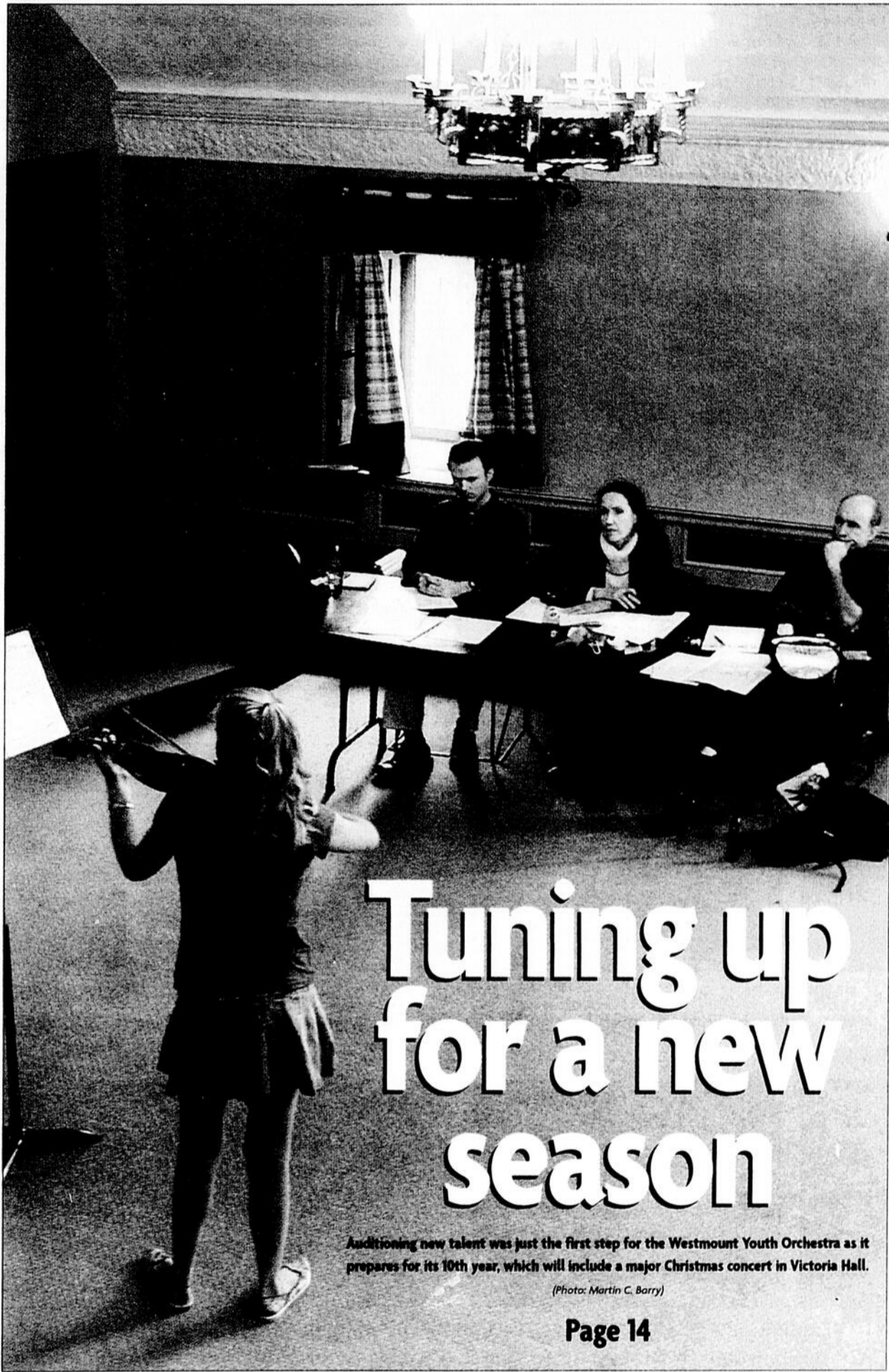
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Auditioning new talent was just the first step for the Westmount Youth Orchestra as it prepares for its 10th year, which will include a major Christmas concert in Victoria Hall.

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City to decide on e-waste collection proposal

> Daniel Bartlett

As the City of Westmount prepares for its bi-annual collection of household hazardous waste, used electronics and clothing, the Westmount Healthy City Project hopes a new proposal on electronic waste collection will be adopted by city council.

Three years ago, the City of Westmount adopted a plan to allocate two days in the year where citizens could get rid of toxic waste. These events are held outside the Westmount Public Library in the spring and fall seasons.

A year later, the City set up a depot at the Public Works Corporation Yard on Bethune Street so citizens could dispose of their dry-cell batteries whenever they want.

Now, the Westmount Healthy City Project wants to take it one step further by proposing a weekly electronic waste pickup service.

"As an idea, it's very practical," said city councillor John de Castell, commissioner of community safety and the environment. "(It's a) simple idea; let's try and convince our community not to throw e-waste in the garbage."

City councillor Tom Thompson, chairman of the Healthy City Project Steering Committee and commissioner of administration, said that electronic waste collection is "the next logical step" for hazardous waste disposal.

"We have to look at what we're going to do with this electronic waste," Thompson said. "We've got to make that an easy possibility."

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Doctor bylaw opponents lose referendum bid

Not enough support among residents to fight ban on residential medical practices

> **Martin C. Barry**

Opponents of a City of Westmount bylaw preventing medical doctors from having offices at home have failed to trigger a referendum after obtaining only five of a required 52 signatures in a preliminary register.

In preparation for an influx of medical professionals expected with the construction of the McGill University Health Centre in the Glen Yards, city council amended an existing

zoning bylaw recently.

Bylaw 1303 had previously exempted medical doctors from a provision prohibiting other types of businesses from being operated out of residences. While new applications will not be considered following the amendment, doctors with acquired rights will be allowed to continue practicing from their homes.

Dr. Mark Roper, a family physician who

has an office in a professional building at the corner of Sherbrooke Street and Melville Avenue, was critical of the new bylaw when it was introduced earlier this year. "Given the shortage of doctors, communities, you'd think, would do their best to maximize their presence," he said.

He also said he didn't understand Westmount's motive for prohibiting doctors' home offices. "It's really general practitioners who have their offices in their homes, and maybe occasional specialists like dermatologists or psychiatrists," he said. "So when you're talking about other doctors, they'd be less likely to use a home as an office."

Stanley Baker, a de Maisonneuve Boulevard resident, tried to rally opposition to the bylaw. "I think it's too much interference in the daily lives of people by the local government to issue an edict that there should be no more conversion or use of private homes for doctors' offices," he said.

He said he agreed with Dr. Roper that the bylaw made little sense given the current shortage of doctors. "Everybody is looking to have more doctors around, so it's sort of counter-productive," said Baker. "They should allow doctors to set up their offices in

Westmount. We shouldn't turn our backs on doctors who want to come here because everybody's looking for doctors these days."

The register, which took place last Thursday, was open to residents of a small section of Westmount, which included 4300 de Maisonneuve and another large apartment block around the corner on Clarke Avenue. Baker said he had encouraged residents in the sector to sign the register.

While the amended bylaw applies all over Westmount, it was passed especially for the Victoria Village area near the future McGill University Health Centre.

"The people who live in that area are very concerned about the pressures there are on that residential community," Mayor Karin Marks has previously stated.

"The Victoria Village has had a lot of pressure on it from all of the commercial sector that is there, and we've tried very hard over the years to do whatever we can to maintain the commercial sector, but also to protect the residential character."

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Clarification

In last week's article 'Girls for the Cure walk is a success...again', it was stated that Rachele Lapointe spoke about her experiences with breast cancer. While Lapointe is in fact a cancer survivor, she did not have breast cancer.



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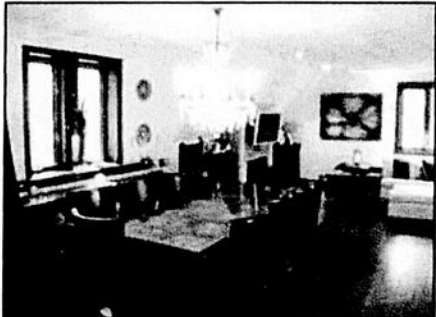
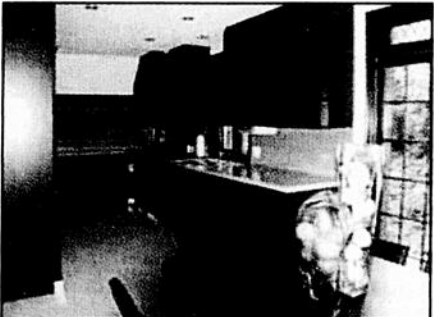

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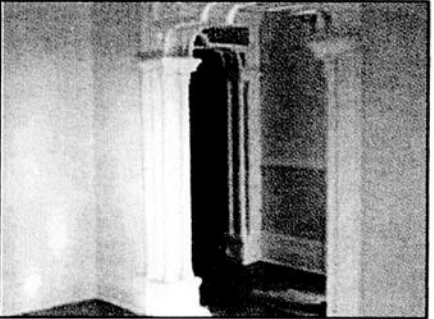
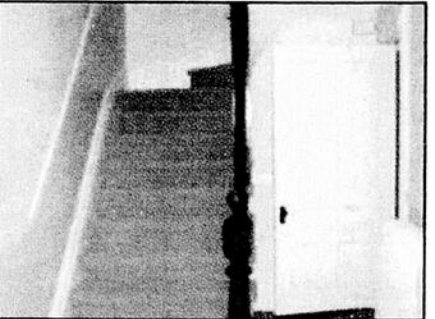
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Westmount to keep a close eye on animal rights protesters

Martin C. Barry
Although a noisy demonstration of animal rights activists expected in Westmount last Sunday ended up not taking place, police from Station 12 and Westmount Public Security remain on alert.

Mayor Karin Marks met at City Hall last week with residents of Victoria between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine, and Roslyn from de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke, to discuss what action can be taken.

So far, the sporadic demonstrations, targeting executives of a life sciences company the demonstrators accuse of abusing animals for research purposes, have resulted in many irate phone calls to City Hall and have required police and Public Security intervention.

Last Sunday evening, the demonstrators, who coordinate their moves over the Internet and through circulars handed out in public places, were supposed to show up on Roslyn and Victoria once again.

While rain might have been a factor in the no-show, they apparently staged a demonstration downtown instead. Nonetheless, several police and Public Security vehicles could be seen patrolling the two streets during the evening. A car from a private security company was also parked on Victoria Avenue.

Residents on the streets where the demonstrations have been taking place have been especially alarmed by some of the activists' tactics. The demonstrators mask their faces and leaders shout out through bullhorns. There have also been reports of intimidating phone calls being made to the targeted individuals and that a home was vandalized with graffiti.

The police are limited in the degree to which they can intervene. The demonstrators have the right to assemble under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as they conduct themselves lawfully.

Under the charter, hiding one's face is only considered illegal when it is done in conjunction with the commission of a crime. The City of Westmount is currently considering what legal options can be used to restore tranquility on the streets.

What's selling?

Read Andy Dodge's analysis of the Westmount market in The Examiner's monthly Real Estate section.

Concerned tenants press City on Alexis Nihon tower's perceived 'hotel' status

Martin C. Barry
More complaints alleging that the apartment tower of Alexis Nihon Plaza is being operated illegally like a hotel were heard by Westmount city council recently.

Dr. Henry Olders of the Westmount Municipal Association first raised the issue in August. Besides Plaza Tower, One Westmount Square has also been mentioned as a hotel on two Internet web sites, he maintains.

Plaza Tower has been offering short-term leases as brief as a month, raising questions as to whether its owners are violating a Westmount bylaw that forbids hotels. The City has previously shut down establishments which were found to be operating as such.

Disputing a recent report that stated Plaza Tower's owners were renting out apartments on short-term leases lately, John Johnston, who is a tenant in the building, told council on Sept. 25, "this has been going on for years and years. Ten or 15 years ago it was brought to the attention of the director-general that Alexis Nihon was advertising itself as a hotel.

"I would like this matter to be looked at very thoroughly by the council. Because 10 or 15 years ago we had a very strong tenants' association, and I think you're going to see a new tenants' association formed to keep this matter before the council."

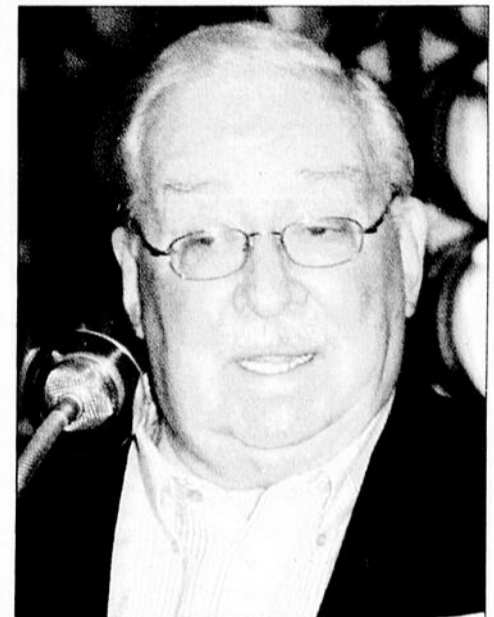
Johnston pointed out that Plaza Tower advertises in the hotels section of the Montreal Yellow Pages. While the building's advertisement does indeed appear there alongside dozens of other ads for well-known hotels in the city, the plaza ad refers only to "furnished apartments."

Johnston contended that a claim from another source that Plaza Tower never leases for less than a month was false. "Apartments have been renting now, especially during the summer periods, for two days or more," he said.

"Those of us who have lived there a long time know who the other people are and we can talk to people ... Our main entrance is like



Plaza Tower as seen from St. Catherine Street
Photo: Martin C. Barry



Concerned Plaza Tower resident John Johnston questions council at the Sept. 25 meeting.
Photo: Martin C. Barry

Grand Central Station during the summer with people coming and going, and I would like this matter to be looked at very thoroughly by the council."

Johnston said the question of whether Plaza Tower is a hotel or an apartment building raises important questions for the tenants about liability for the building and personal property. "If we're living in a building which, in fact, is classified as a hotel, our insurance will go up," he said.

On a related issue, Johnston also complained that renovation work has been taking place at Plaza Tower since late last year, even though municipal construction permits were only posted in June.

Mayor Karin Marks said building inspectors are always on the road and on the lookout for violators. "But I can't guarantee you that they always see absolutely everything," she said. "They try to do so and that is their goal."

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According to de Castell, the e-waste proposal has already been presented to the Safety Utilities Environment (SUE), who will then present a recommendation to city council.

"The proposal was studied and discussed at the SUE standing committee," de Castell said. "The issue will be investigated in terms of practicality."

If accepted, the Westmount Healthy City Project would begin an awareness campaign to better inform citizens of electronic waste and disposal. The City would also have to find a company that would take in the e-waste, and either recycle or re-use what is

picked up.

"A normal occurrence has become very expensive and very uncertain," Thompson said. "We've got to look at all these options."

In an attempt to get residents' support, members of the Healthy City Project have introduced the issue of e-waste to schools and institutions. These introductions include ways in which electronic waste can be recycled.

"We hope (the proposal's) going to pass through," said Jenny Patton, chair of the Westmount Healthy City Project.

In order for the project to be a success, Thompson said the e-waste collection service

will have to "make it easier for the citizens."

"We absolutely try to keep toxic waste out of the landfills," he said. "(But) we'll be in the same position Toronto was a few years ago (if things don't change)."

According to the Canada Safety Council, e-waste contains toxic materials that can be hazardous if not managed properly. The council stresses that proper recycling of hazardous materials, mainly computers, is an important health and security concern.

Westmount will host its special collection day for household hazardous waste on Saturday, Oct. 21, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library.

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Garbage costs shoot up 70 per cent

Other municipalities "saw increases of 48 per cent and 104 per cent, so that puts us smack in the middle" — Bruce St. Louis

> Martin C. Barry

The City of Westmount is renewing contracts for garbage disposal services at a cost 70 per cent higher than the last agreements.

At city council's Sept. 25 meeting, Director General Bruce St. Louis recommended a one-year contract be signed for eight garbage collection routes in Westmount, and that an agreement be reached with a second waste management company for two other routes.

City councillor George Bowser, who is responsible for public works, said significant increases in workers' compensation costs imposed on refuse collection contractors, and increased time required to complete garbage collection routes due to new safety requirements, were two of the factors contributing to the increase.

"Two other suburban municipalities that recently signed new contracts for refuse collection and disposal saw increases of 48 per

cent and 104 per cent, so that puts us smack in the middle," St. Louis said.

A complete review of all options for refuse collection will be carried out in the coming months to establish what changes can be implemented before the City calls again for garbage tenders next year.

St. Louis said that another reason the cost might have shot up so drastically was that the last contract, which was in place for four years, was a fixed amount agreement.

"There was no provision for escalation," he said. "When you compare the price of fuel in 2006 versus 2002, that's one of the components ..."

"I'm not here to defend the quotes submitted by the contractors," he added. "Needless to say, we have concerns when they're up in the order of 70 per cent increases. But we also have to understand that we're comparing the conditions of 2006 versus 2002 and not last year. If it was last year, then there's no way that could be justified."

Westmount is not the only community where officials are becoming concerned by the rising cost of waste management. In Côte St. Luc, Councillor Dida Berku is calling for an investigation.

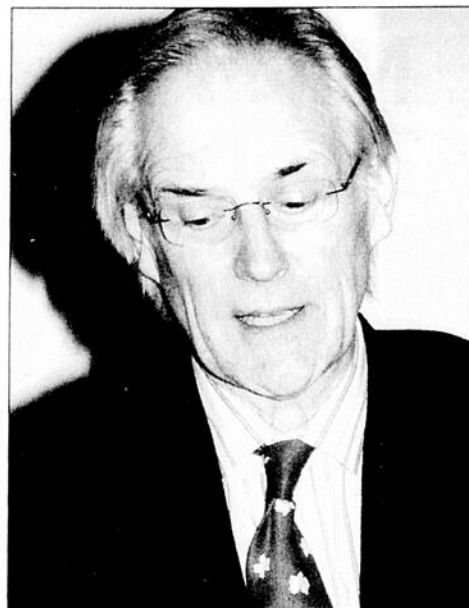
Speculating on the factors that might be contributing, she told *The Examiner*, "I think there's a cartel. I think that's the reason. They're just hiking the prices. I'm going to do an investigation and find out exactly why the prices are hiking so fast."

St. Louis said that regardless of the latest bids, "we have to have a serious look at this to say what can we do procedurally or administratively to be more cost-effective in refuse collection. We've only signed a one-year deal which, in effect, means we'll be going out to tender again late next spring."

During question period, Dr. Henry Olders of the Westmount Municipal Association inquired about the amount of money Westmount stands to be refunded from the Montreal Agglomeration, which coordinates garbage disposal operations for the island. "The Agglomeration will return a portion of the disposal costs," said Bowser. "We don't know exactly how much or when."


St. Louis said the City has made provisions in its current budget for a refund of over \$300,000 from the Agglomeration.

"We'll be asking for an amended budget," he said. "A number of cities have already asked for that because, in fact, it would end up being short of what our actual costs will be for 2006."



City councillor George Bowser

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A step backward for equal rights



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We're now into the third week of the fall session in the House of Commons, and at least one thing is clear—the only minority this government cares about is their minority government.

The minority Conservative government just announced a large surplus, and yet are cutting programs that have been proven effective and are necessary to help individuals and communities. The cuts by this minority government show its lack of awareness of social issues and reveal its true nature. We now see the real values of the Conservatives. They have chosen to abandon women, youth, aboriginal peoples, minority groups, and those who fight illiteracy and crime. The cuts carried out are not based on the evalua-

tion or the programs' merit but strictly on ideological choices of the Conservatives.

An example: The Court Challenges program is victim to the \$1 billion cutting exercise. This program, reestablished by the Liberal government in 1994 after being scrapped by Brian Mulroney's Conservatives, provided financial assistance to individuals and groups who pursued legal action to advance language and equality rights under Canada's Constitution.

In fact, it is important for the constituents of Westmount-Ville Marie to understand that this program helped francophones outside Quebec and anglophones living in Quebec defend their language rights in the Charter.

The decision to eliminate the Court Challenges Program will strip minority groups of the ability to challenge legislation that infringes on their rights. This program was meant to support those groups and individuals who can't afford the costly legal battles that can result when one is fighting for equality.

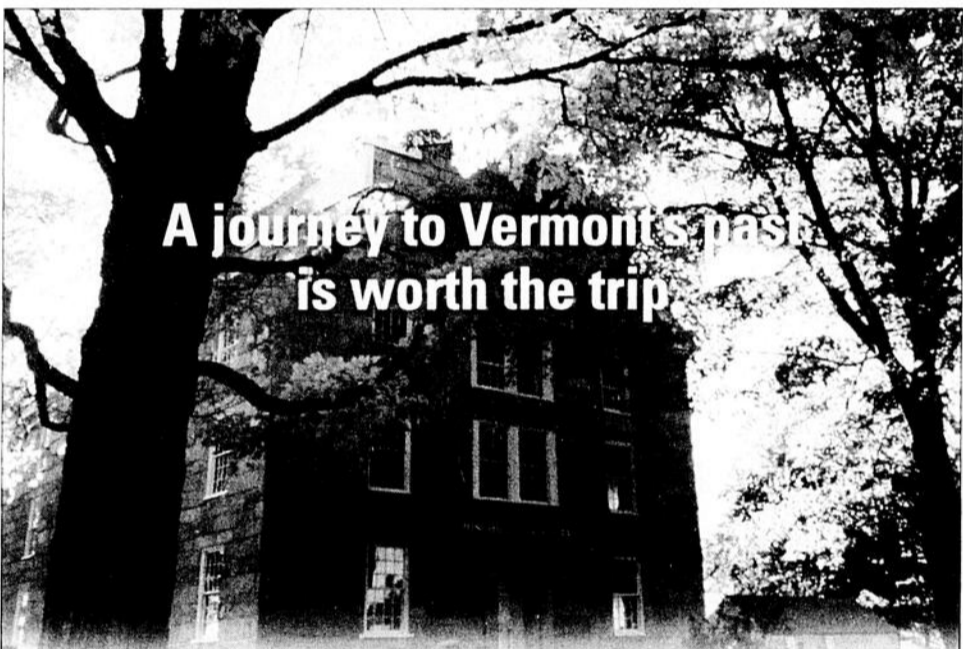
Canadians enjoy individual rights and freedoms that are among the most clearly

defined in the world, but unfortunately equality has not yet been achieved. Our democratic system must support the fight for equality. When rights have been trampled on—be it the rights of minority language groups, religious groups, immigrants, disabled people, same-sex couples, or women—legal recourse must be available to defend those rights. As Liberals, we fundamentally believe that the opportunity to have one's Charter rights legally recognized and enforced should not depend on the size of one's pocketbook.

As for the volunteer sector, Canada would

be quite a different country without the invaluable contribution of thousands of volunteers. The minority Conservative government cuts have hit the voluntary and community sector with full force. Obviously the social values of the government are not the same as those of Canadians. What does the Prime Minister have against those who give of their time and energy to build a better Canada?

• Lucienne Robillard is the Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie and Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition.



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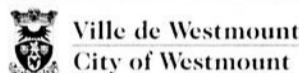


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Activists should demonstrate some fair play



Commentary

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Cruelty to animals at any level is deplorable—a cowardly and depraved act for which there is no excuse. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the issue is of greater interest here in Westmount, a city noted for its love of pets, especially dogs.

Over the years, *The Examiner* has received comments from outraged readers and reported on a wide range of cases, from such despicable deeds as the beating of ducks in Westmount Park to the fining of exasperated residents for the seemingly kind act of feeding squirrels. But often events in such an animal-friendly place can turn ugly, and what might be a noble cause beneath the surface is obliterated by the irresponsible tactics of some who cross the line of honorable behaviour.

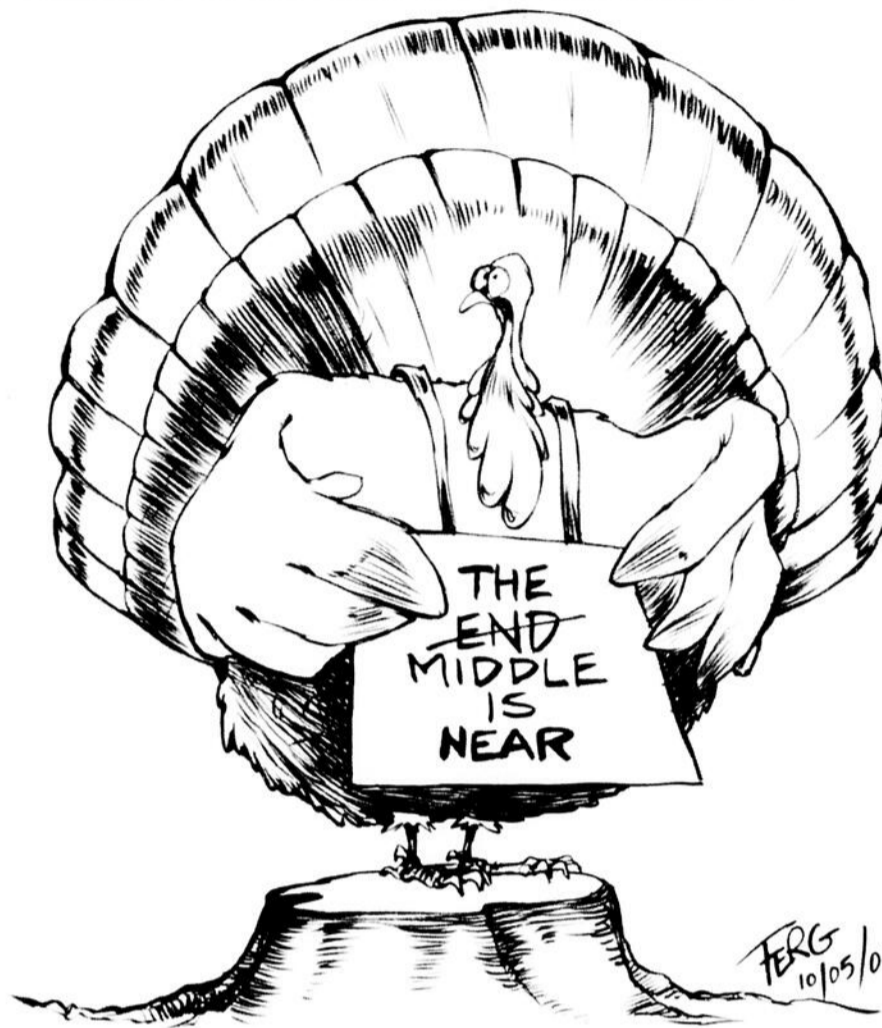
The current situation, in which two local homes are being targeted by animal-rights protesters, has people on Roslyn and Victoria avenues more than just a bit nervous—and quite understandably so. Imagine having a small horde of angry people running amok in front of your home, protesting a situation over which you have no control yourself.

Not only can this be very unsettling for children, but the mob mentality can be a dangerous thing—all it takes is one carelessly uttered word to set off a violent spree. All this from people whose love for animals is so strong that they are prepared to go to such lengths to protect them.

Unconfirmed reports that these protesters represent a British organization with a reputation for demonstrations that are big on shock value and not above some good old-fashioned violence, only makes things worse.

When it comes to rallying public support for a cause, there are many ways of making one's voice heard. Demonstrations are a time-honoured way of getting the message out. But picketing the office of a certain company or elected official is one thing; taking the fight to where they live absolutely crosses the line. This applies for Premier Charest—whose Victoria Avenue home has been targeted by demonstrators in the past—and any other citizen, public or private.

Standing in front of someone's home, posing a threat to their family and neighbours, is certainly the lowest, most cowardly route to take. Whenever protesters stoop to intimidate—or even inconvenience—innocent people in the place where they are meant to feel safest, they lose all credibility and, ultimately, support for their cause itself.



LETTERS to the editor

We can live without cars

To the editor:

I cannot agree with you more about the need for each of us to seek viable, practical solutions to the environmental concerns which are affecting every one of us, no matter where we live on this planet.

Six hours of staging a car-free zone with props will not implore many to give up for good their autos for other means of transportation. The City of Montreal should consider a trial period of at least two weeks, or even a month, of no autos in a larger, designated area. It should monitor the air quality and the pedestrian traffic in the affected zone. I am sure the numbers will indicate there are many more pluses than minuses. For certain there will be inconveniences; any form of change will do that. The benefits will prove them justifiable. A conscious effort to make lifestyle changes is the first step.

It can work. All it takes is that first step. I speak as one who has not owned a car for the past 15 years. My husband and I raised a family of three children—at the start, they were 4, 6 and 8 years of age—without relying on the four wheels. It can be done. Our children participated in all the usual kids' activities: Cubs, Brownies, swimming, skating, karate, soccer. Instead of driving to and from the venues, we walked or bused. If the objec-

tive is to get active, isn't it a big irony to chauffeur children everywhere so they can get some exercise?

You may think winters could be hard on little ones, with no warm cars to shuttle them back and forth. On the contrary, it was a real liberation. As long as we were dressed warmly, and well insulated from having been fully dressed for the outdoors a full 10 minutes before heading out the door, we never really felt the cold. None of us ever got sick either. There was also none of the idling of the engine to warm up the car, nor scraping of the windows of ice and snow. The moment we were out the door, we revved up the pump of our hearts. And that felt good.

One step at a time, one change at a time. On our own, we may feel we don't make much of a dent in retarding the damage we do to our environment, but collectively, the change can be significant. I am hopeful that I will live to see the dent that I am making!

I urge anyone reading this to give it a try; give up the auto, you will find true liberation.

Janet Lin
Victoria Avenue

Columnist maligned Westmount High

To the editor:
As a graduate of Westmount High School,

and an active member of both its governing board and the Westmount High Old Boys Association, and being one of the promoters for raising the money to repaint the school this fall, I fail to understand why the only thing Noah Sidel could write about the school in his new education column was the school's former history for being a 'high' school.

Perhaps he could have written about how last spring Westmount High School was ranked the best public high school without admissions criteria in Greater Montreal and area. Or he could have focused on how Westmount High students continue to excel academically, taking most of the McEntyre writing competition awards last spring and winning many other municipal and provincial competitions in recent years. Or perhaps he could have focused on how through a dedicated team of professionals, needs of the students, including those who were integrated from Wagar last year, are being met through breakfast programs, art and drama programs, and MacKay Centre and Batshaw integration programs. Or he could have mentioned the new advanced program in which students from grades seven to 11 can earn their first year of university, not CEGEP, by completing the advanced education program and go directly into second year, the only high school in Montreal to offer it.

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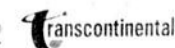
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Montreal's conflict could speed Agglom reform



Civic Alert

Don WEDGE

“It hurt my heart.” That was Frank Zampino’s surprising retort at last Thursday’s Agglom meeting after Karin Marks had suggested there was a conflict of interest involved in his asking Municipal Affairs Minister Nathalie Normandeau for Quebec to negate the recent property evaluations.

While Zampino’s rejection of Marks’s suggestion was only to be expected, it has focused more attention on the basic flaw of the Agglom—the lack of fairness and accountability to all parts of the Island in the decision-making.

The request has inadvertently strengthened the arguments for a different kind of Agglom.

Zampino is Montreal Executive Committee Chair and Mega-mayor Gerald Tremblay’s designated front man on the Agglom council. The Executive Committee makes all the decisions. But it does not represent all the interests.

Not only are the suburban mayors not represented, but boroughs not electing Tremblay supporters are absent, too. That means nearly 550,000 people are excluded.

The new property evaluation roll, and Zampino’s reaction to it, demonstrated the problem. It had an unusual result. There are extreme variations everywhere, but the highest increases are in the lower-income areas of

Montreal. For instance, the average increase in Villeray borough was 60 per cent, while in Westmount it was 35 per cent.

In fact, most of the Montreal boroughs had above average increases, while most of the demerged cities had lower—the opposite of the usual trend and a balancing out of property transactions over the years.

Charest gave Montreal power

Zampino was trying to protect the Montreal boroughs, but ignoring the too-high taxes in the suburbs. Fortunately, the minister’s spokesman quickly refused the main request, but was supportive of some of Zampino’s other suggestions so we may hear more of it.

The dramatic hand-on-heart gesture still does not remove the reality that decisions by the Tremblay team will continue to favor Montreal. Normandeau has shown that she, in turn, prefers them, too.

Why be surprised? Megacity control over the Island was required by the Liberal’s flawed demerger laws. Jean Charest gave Montreal the power to manage the Agglom without any meaningful oversight. Is it Zampino’s—or Tremblay’s—fault for taking advantage?

But they should admit that they are taking advantage, heart-fluttering notwithstanding!

Mayors’ new strategy

Minister Normandeau also had a September letter from Karin Marks, written on behalf of the demerged cities. This is something of a triumph in itself. A fact of life is that 14 independent cities are likely to have 14 independent-thinking mayors and getting agreement on anything is a challenge; a position-defining letter is an Everest!

The mayors have a new, condensed strategy which was determined after the summer hiatus. Instead of a long list of requests, which MNAs were having difficulty understanding, the new wish-list was reduced to a handful of items.

Maybe the original list was a challenge for Normandeau, too! Although the minister had asked for ideas to improve the Agglom, she never responded to the mayors’ earlier suggestions.

Key request this time was for the Agglom to be reorganized “along the lines of the MUC,” with votes for all Montreal councillors as well as participation by suburbs.

While a semblance of democracy is desperately needed at the Agglom, it is hard to imagine why the mayors resurrected this terminology. It has become a hard-line myth in Quebec City that “the MUC did not work”—a fable that is repeated without evidence. Tremblay likes to spread it, too, although he was not a participant in those years.

Why not an MUC?

Clearly, there was more democracy at the MUC than at the Agglom. It worked well for nearly all of its 21-year life span. The police policed, buses ran with annually increasing punctuality and air got a little cleaner each year. They still do under the megacity (except air quality standards, which have not improved during the Tremblay years).

Meantime, the management of the Agglom has become dysfunctional—particularly the council—and the budget has increased at twice the rate of inflation.

Sure enough, when La Presse sought a reaction from Quebec City to the mayors’ idea, it again came from Normandeau’s

spokesman (perhaps the minister can no longer speak or write) who was quick to say “We are not turning back the clock!”

Renaming the police

Although the mayors’ are keeping their letter to Normandeau in their Top Secret drawers, La Presse also revealed another, but more acceptable, suggestion from them—that the police organization should be renamed the Montreal Agglomeration Police Service.

Yes, all the police cars would have to be repainted and new badges stitched onto all the uniforms, but it would demonstrate that the force serves everyone on the Island and not just the Executive Committee.

That is the reality, as they showed with their response to the Dawson tragedy.

Liberals bidding for Zampino?

Meantime, there is new speculation over the future of Frank Zampino. La Presse this week suggested that he was being sought by the Quebec Liberals to run in Jeanne-Mance-Viger, which is held by Michel Bissonnet, the current Speaker of the National Assembly.

Zampino indicated that his “passion” for Montreal would lead him to continue his present mandate.

Of course, he is also considered for the top job as a possible successor to Gerald Tremblay.

Here and there

• Westmount held a public consultation on Tuesday for neighbours of a proposed fenced artificial playing surface on the lower field in Westmount Park. Some nearby residents are very concerned.

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Stratégie verte Westmount Green Strategy

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Meantime, a Leger poll forecasts that soccer will be the most popular sport in Quebec by the year 2020. Perhaps we will need an indoor arena for soccer as well as one for hockey.

• Of all the guest hosts on Daybreak during the summer, I thought the one most appreciative of Montreal was Mike Finnerty. So I am not surprised that he will become the CBC's next morning man. But he faces a huge job switch. Although he began in Quebec City radio, he has worked for the BBC World Service in London for the last decade. He is currently editor of three one-hour daily news programs, heading a staff of 20 journalists and calling on all the world-wide correspondents of the BBC. It will not be quite the same at Daybreak!

• As well as holding public meetings for its participatory budget process, the Plateau Borough has sent a leaflet to all homes asking for input. Residents can indicate their preferences for capital spending and mail it postage free to the borough.

• Calgary is offering residents who switch to energy-efficient washing machines a \$100 rebate—\$50 each from the hydro and water utilities.

• The CMM has called an unscheduled meeting for this evening at its downtown Sherbrooke Street headquarters.

• Ottawa is looking for a replacement for its police chief, who is retiring. A public meeting will be held next week so that community groups and citizens can put forward their requirements for candidates.

• A tenth anniversary celebration for the TAG Teen Center is being lined up for next month.

• This year also marks the tenth anniversary of the distribution in Westmount of the orange bags for used batteries. Unfortunately, a huge number of spent batteries are still going into regular garbage.

• Latest polls show Toronto's outgoing mayor David Miller has a commanding lead in his re-election bid. In Ottawa, however, two-term mayor Bob Chiarelli is in a three-way tie. The high megacity taxes are the key issue with potential voters, according to a Decima poll for the Citizen.

• Mega-mayor Gerald Tremblay missed last week's Agglom council meeting. He was attending the Francophonie conference in Bucharest, Rumania. He was one of 166 mayors from 46 countries who attended.

• Minister Nathalie Normandeau went to make her duty speech to the annual conference of the Federation of Quebec Municipalities—the small, rural towns and

villages. She encountered more complaints: the Charest government's plans for proportional representation favored the cities rather than the regions, her hosts said.


• If current progress is maintained through the test program, the metro extension to Laval will open in May, two months earlier than expected.

• Community activist Don Wedge can be reached at calert@web.net. His columns are archived at www.westmountexaminer.com under Opinion.

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À la fin de la période de mise en candidature, quatre (4) personnes ont été élues sans concurrent. Il s'agit de:

- Mme Esther Benezra
- Mme Nancy Maklan
- M. Barry Silverman
- M. Abraham Worenklein

Durée du mandat
Le mandat des personnes élues est d'une durée de trois ans.

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Electoral college: Population
You are hereby notified that there will be no poll subsequent to the notice of election published on August 30th and 31st, 2006.

At the end of the nomination period, four (4) people were elected by acclamation. They are:

- Dr. Esther Benezra
- Dr. Nancy Maklan
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Stay warm, be cool in this fall's hottest outerwear

(NC) As summer draws to a close, fall's dipping temperatures have us banishing our flip-flops, tank tops and other carefree layer-free fashion. Like it or not, it's time for your annual autumn wardrobe overhaul.

Staying warm is a necessity, but looking cool is the challenge.

As dresses and suiting become just as wearable for women as denim, menswear introduces the blazer as the must-have piece of the season. The coat is forced to take on the challenge of being interchangeable between casual and dressy, and we all face the dilemma of what outerwear to wear.



This season, fashion retailer Le Chateau offers up a stylish selection of high-quality and fashionable outerwear for both men and women of all tastes, shapes and sizes.

"Layering is such a big part of dressing for this season; why let that all fall apart when choosing your outer piece?" says Cara Vogl, director of public relations for Le Chateau.

"Topping off your look is the last, but often the most important, step of dressing. The right coat choice can ultimately make or

break an outfit."

Vogl's top picks for fall outerwear that are guaranteed to keep you stylish and of course warm:

Ladies

- Military-inspired trench coat
- Cropped parkas with faux-fur trim

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Blazers: Men's best return-on-investment dressing this fall

(NC) Out of the boardroom and into men's wardrobes, the classic blazer leaps from the world of business into the mainstream. This fall, the key to a modern and interchangeable aesthetic that's part dressy, part casual, is sporting just the right jacket.

Le Chateau provides fresh updates to this

fashion classic, ensuring every man can go from the trading floor to the dinner table with ease. The menswear experts at the fashion retailer say blazers are the new guy's must-have — especially when paired with a sophisticated oxford shirt under an argyle sweater vest. They insist on chic suede

and vintage inspired blazers in a variety of dark and muted tones for the more casual side of life.

"The blazer is the smartest wardrobe investment every guy can make this fall," says Franco Rocchi, senior vice-president of sales and marketing for Le Chateau. "It's the perfect transition piece from day to evening. A great jacket looks just as sharp with a dress shirt and tie as with a sweater vest and jeans. It's this versatility that makes it a key investment piece, at a great price."

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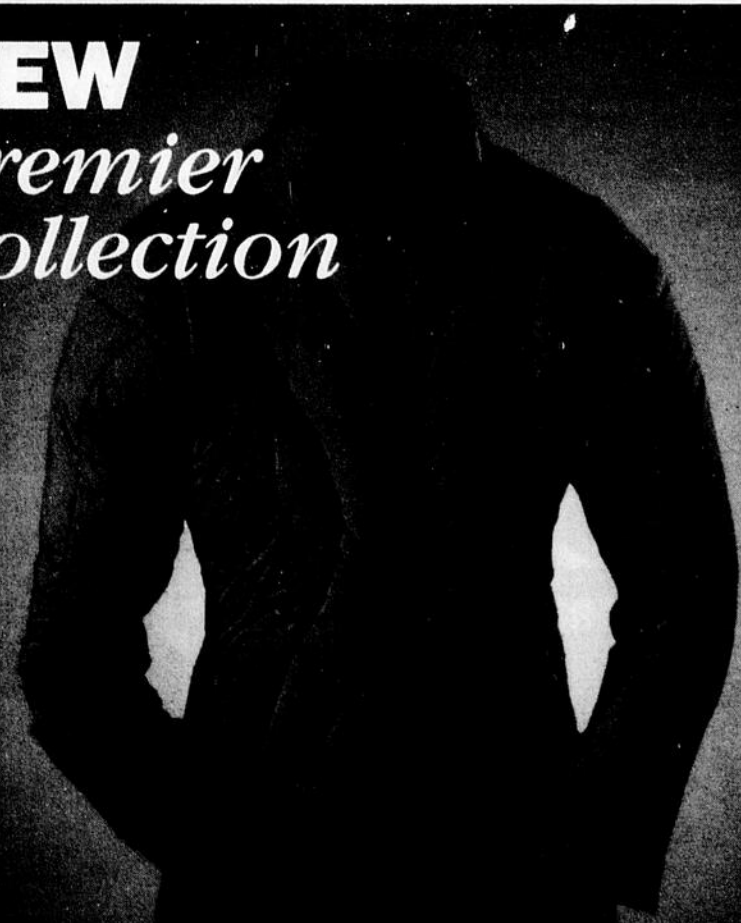
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Fall for a new makeup look

(NC) Crisp autumn air may be beckoning your cozy sweaters out of storage — but that doesn't mean your hot summer look has to cool down too. The experts at Mary Kay Cosmetics Ltd. make it easy with coordinated beauty sets to help you ease into the season.

"Continuing from spring and summer, one of the big beauty trends this fall is colour," says Debra Joseph, Director of Public Relations and Corporate Communications at Mary Kay Cosmetics Ltd. "That's why we've created our limited-edition MK Signature Velvet Collections, which feature some of the most luxurious colour cosmetic products ever offered by Mary Kay."

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"Fall is also a great time to switch-up your fragrance," says Joseph. "While a lighter fragrance is perfect for summer months, fall is a great time to opt for a more substantial scent and to layer it with coordinating body care products."


Affection Eau de Parfum — a new addition to Mary Kay's fragrance lineup — includes notes of pink peppercorn, Chinese osmanthus, white peony and amber woods in one sleek bottle. To layer the scent, check out the Affection limited-edition gift set, with

shower gel, body lotion and a pretty fragrance solid compact.

So while you're choosing which fall fashion trends to add to your closet, don't forget to add something fresh to your beauty

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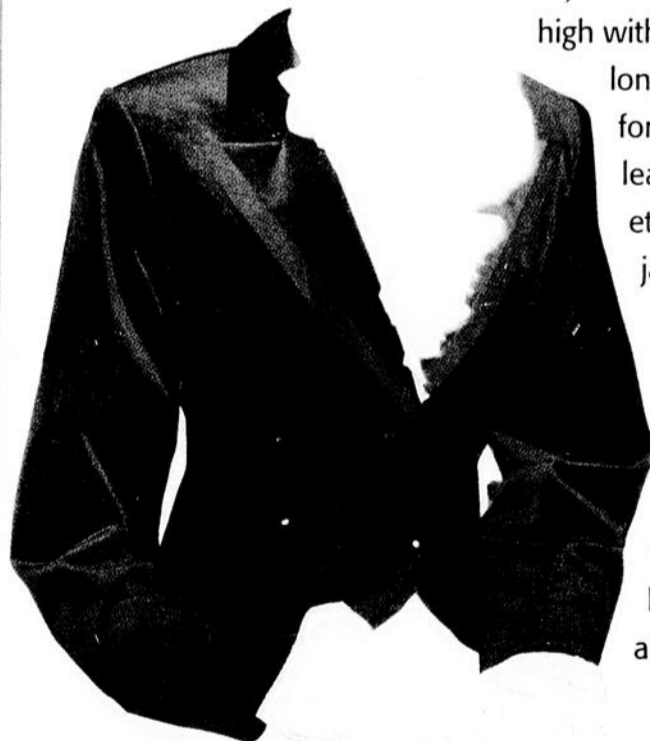
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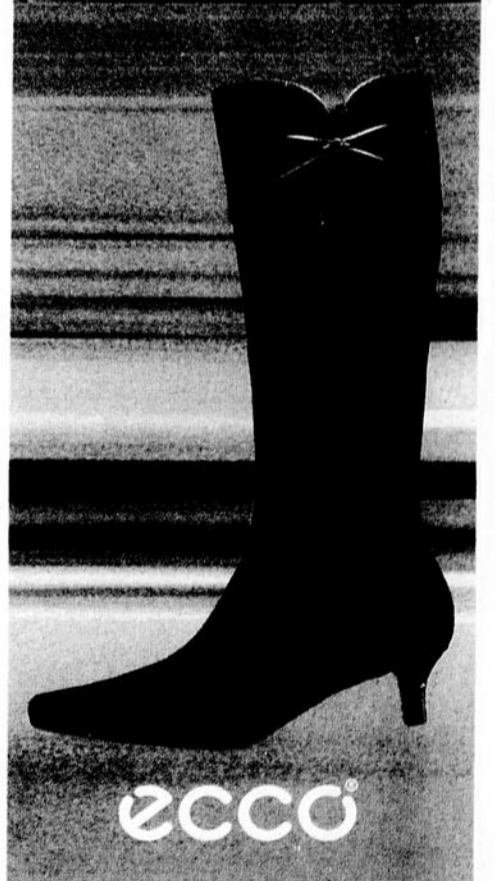
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Four ways to wear your summer favourites into fall

Expert advice for making warm-weather clothing work when the temperature drops

> **Liz Bruckner**

Let's face it — fashion is fickle. The wide-leg trousers you adored last year have been replaced by their super svelte cousin, the skinny pant. And it's just a matter of time

before your beloved circle skirt looks passé when compared to the newly revived pencil version. But does that mean you should shelve summer's key pieces at the first sign of fall? Far from it, says Judy Inc. fashion stylist

Rita Fiorucci. She says you can don your favourite lightweight summer dress, tank top or flowing skirt from season to season. It's just a matter of knowing how to wear them.

"I think a lot of people get caught up with the idea that certain pieces are strictly for summer or fall," she says. "In reality, it's really easy to make a great pair of pants or shoes or whatever work throughout the year — it comes down to what you wear it with." Here are her top four season-neutral picks and how to wear them year round.

Summer trend: Peep-toe heels, wedges and sandals with heels



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They're an easy way to dress up casual attire and add sophistication to any look, says Fiorucci.

How to wear it for fall: Since bare legs and

brisk winds don't mix, pair any of the above with wool-based texturized stockings, suggests Fiorucci. "Last year, stockings were more opaque and uniform in colour. This season, the more visual interest they have, the better."

Summer trend: The tank top

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ered, with Bermuda shorts or a billowy skirt, it's a hot-weather staple that can easily be worn year-round.

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> Martin C. Barry

Members of the Westmount Youth Orchestra are hoping to start a new tradition in time for their 10th anniversary and the coming Christmas season.

Handel's Messiah concert will be performed by the WYO on Thursday Dec. 21, at Victoria Hall.

"We'll perform the Christmas portion of Messiah with full orchestra, a large choir, and professional soloists," says Scott Gabriel, the WYO's artistic director.

"The audience will be invited to join us in singing the popular choruses and of course Christmas carols. Vic Hall has never been filled with such a rousing noise, and I hope that Westmount will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a classic Christmas event taking place in their own backyard."

The WYO is entering its 10th year full of energy and a clear direction. This special season will be different than all their previous ones in several ways. "In this, my second year as artistic director, I've made it my mission to raise the profile of the orchestra in its very own community," says Gabriel.

"We've lived, rehearsed and performed in Westmount for over a decade, and during that time we've essentially been this cultural


jewel right under everybody's nose. I think that most Westmounters have perhaps heard of the WYO, but aren't really aware of what it is or what it does, and largely don't take advantage of this treasure which essentially belongs to their community."

Besides the Messiah performance, there are other changes to this season's schedule about which Gabriel is excited. Beginning later in October, the WYO's regular Saturday rehearsals at Vic Hall will be open to the public. Gabriel's hope is that this will be exciting for players and interesting for anybody passing by on a Saturday morning who chooses to poke their head in and see how an orchestra sounds and works in rehearsal.

The third addition to the season is a large gala concert in celebration of the WYO's 10th anniversary. It will take place in the late spring, and will feature several guest soloists, a larger orchestra enhanced by the participation of many professional players from Montreal's main orchestras, a celebrity MC, and a lot of opera. The date has yet to be set.

The WYO is also embarking this year on what is hoped will be a long-standing collaboration with the McGill Conservatory, Community Program of the Schulich School of Music of McGill University.

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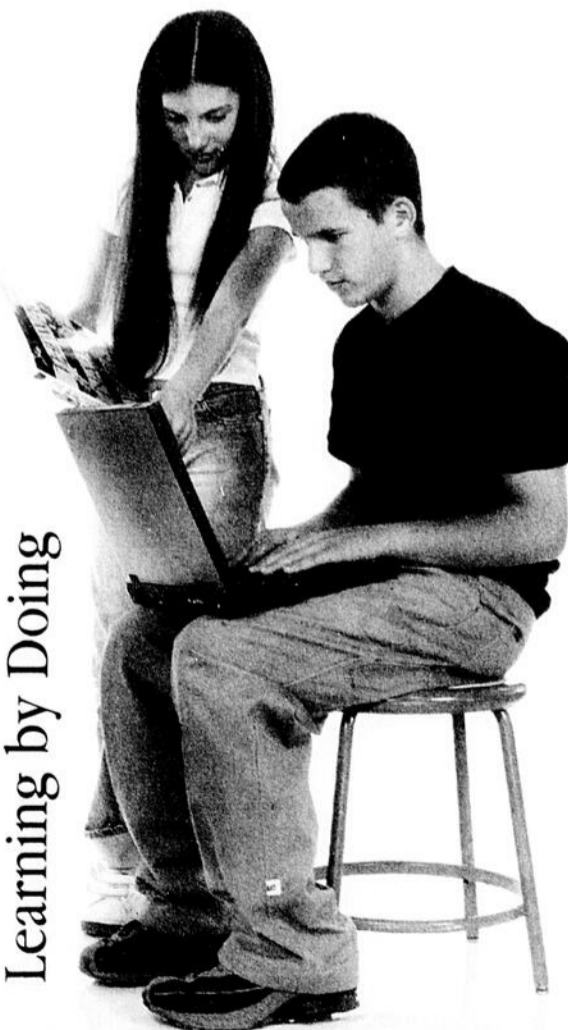
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Sculptor Samuels is a hit at Flora Montreal 2006

> Marilyn Vanderstay

This summer The City of Montreal has been bringing together the latest trends in the art of gardening and landscaping at its first annual International Flora Montreal 2006.

One of the unique attractions that has been drawing a lot of attention is a bronze sculpture of a woman's dress created by Westmount sculptor Frances Samuels.

The statue features a 56-inch bronze strapless evening dress that in and of itself became an interactive piece of art. "I sat in front of the statue for about an hour one day

watching the public look at her and saw something very interesting going on," said Samuels. "The men were having their photo taken with the dress with their arm around her, and the women were posing behind her as if they were wearing it. My work had in fact, taken on a life of its own."

Over the hour, Samuels took over 50 photos of people interacting with her sculpture.

Westmount's award-winning landscape artist Stuart Webster offered Samuels the opportunity to incorporate a sculpture in his showcase garden Solamente Una Vida.

"Stuart contacted me in February to be part of the garden. He asked for something

understated, sophisticated and elegant to compliment the atmosphere of his garden," said Samuels. She presented him some plans and they decided on the life-size gown.

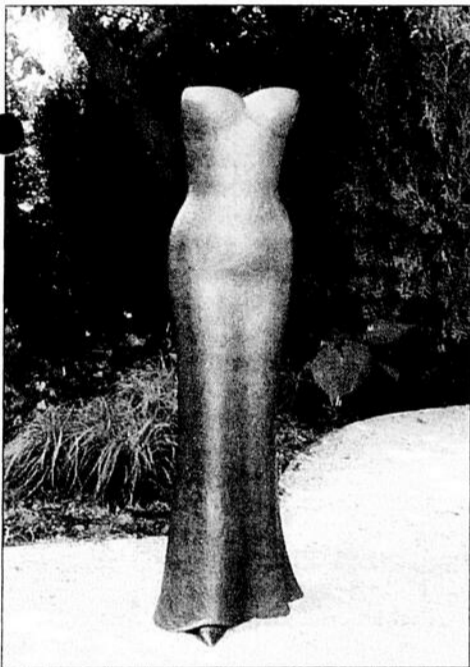
With the exhibition beginning just a few months away in June, Samuels worked on a tight schedule. Working in her studio on Church Hill Avenue, she spent a month in intense labour. To create a sculpture of this size, Samuels first had to carve the form in a block of Styrofoam to support the wax. When complete, she covered it with a layer of wax, reworked it, and pressed lace into the wax to create a lacy design in the interior of the dress. The Atelier du Bronze in Inverness

picked up and cast the sculpture into bronze using the lost wax technique, which takes eight weeks to complete. The result was 'Il Vestito di Roxanna' installed in the garden.

With a budget of over \$9 million, the first-ever International Flora Montreal exhibition was created and underwritten by the non-profit organization International Flora Inc.

It was launched in Parc des Écluses, in the Old Port on June 16, and showcased over 40 gardens. The exhibition continues until this Monday, Oct. 9.

For information about the sculpture, call Samuels at 514-935-7961 or e-mail francesmauels@videotron.ca.



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But Mr. Sidel chose to take the low road reminding the community of what used to be Westmount High School, and not putting it into context. That was true in the late 1960s and early '70s—the hippy years—when drugs at the school were not an anomaly but just a part of the North American social revolution that was happening at the time: the years when 4424 St. Catherine St. was addressing those issues—when Jefferson Airplane performed on Mount Royal, Led Zepplin fans filled the Forum with smoke during their concert, and Mahogany Rush played at an early morning assembly at Westmount High. And to that, as a participant of those years, I might remind Mr. Sidel that the students at Westmount High School were purchasing their drugs from students at Wagar High School—who seemed to have a direct connection to the suppliers.

Hopefully Mr. Sidel will focus in his coming articles on the relevant facts rather than boring us with his opinions and unnecessary slurs. Principal Claude Dansereau and his professional teaching and support staff have worked too hard to make the school the success it is today to be maligned that way.

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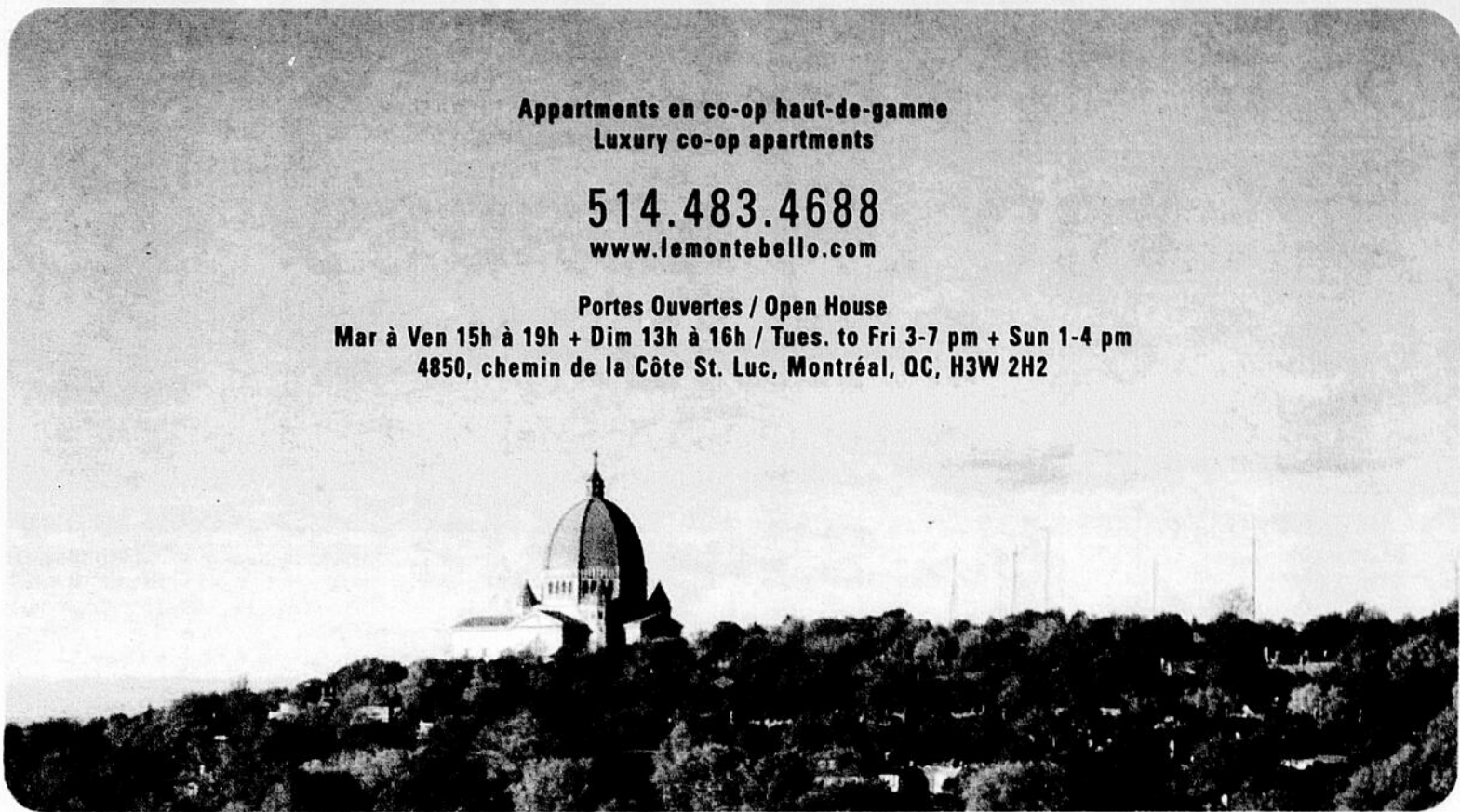


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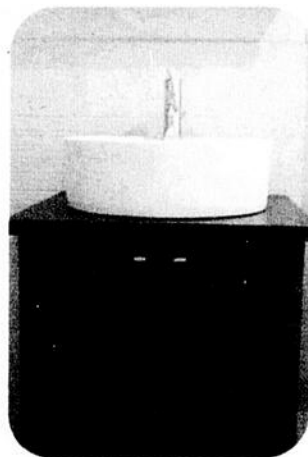
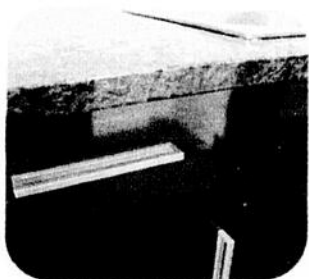
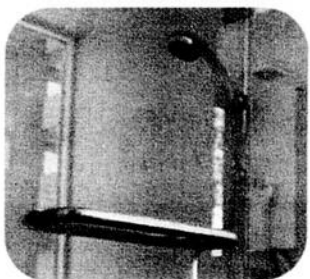
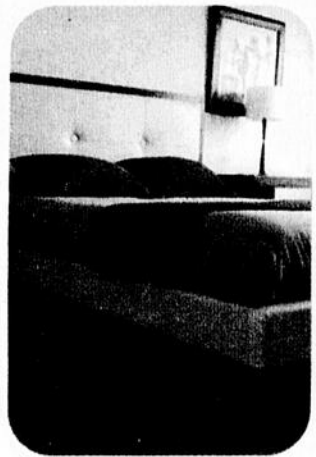
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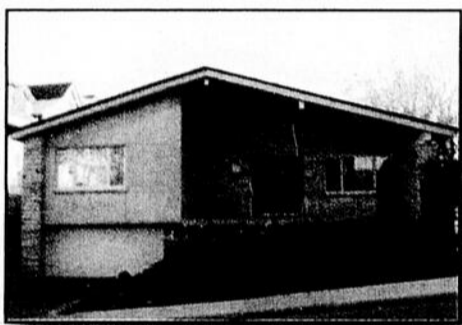
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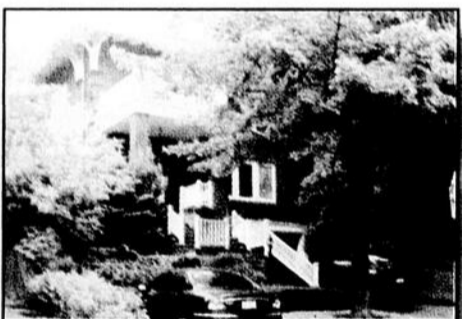
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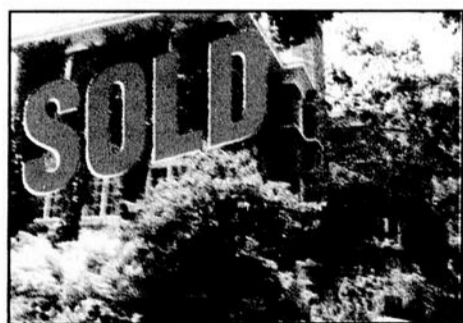


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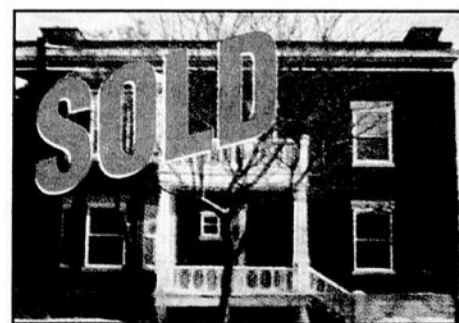
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