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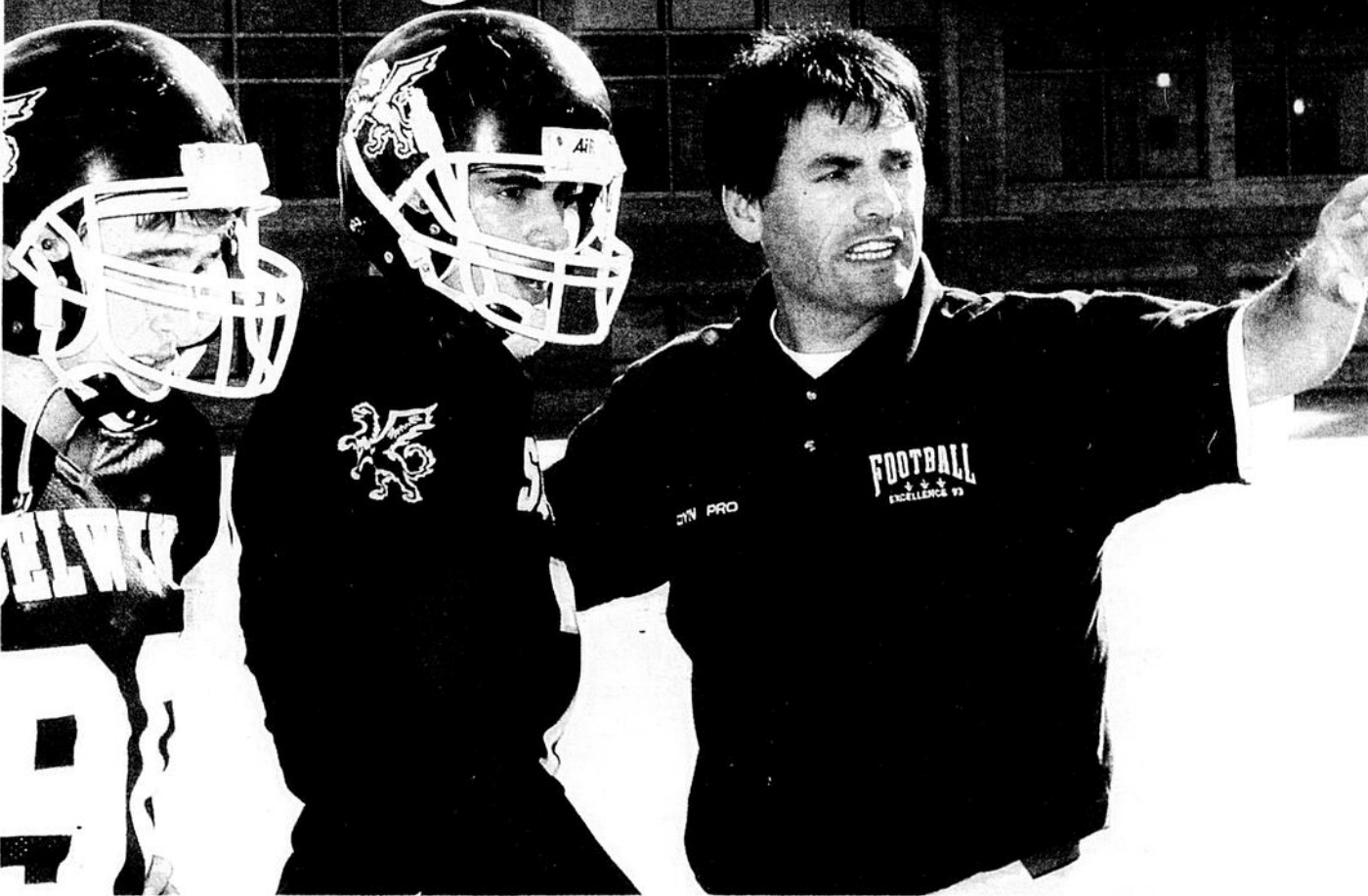
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Striving for excellence



Michael Maurovich (right), Director of Athletics at Selwyn House School, discussed the importance of high athletics and high academic standing with members of the Westmount Historical Association last week. See story at www.westmountexaminer.com

Community flocks to Centre Greene holiday sale

ADRIAN SALDANHA

In what is now a tradition for the whole community, Centre Greene held its annual Treats and Treasures Bazaar and Crafts Sale last Saturday — and the turnout was better than ever.

"I haven't seen this many people for many years," said Executive Director Wesley McCoy, who has been with Centre Greene for seven years.

Every year for as long as most of the directors could remember, Centre Greene has held this event as a way to raise funds for its many community programs. Principally a crafts sale, Treats and Treasures also offered a bake sale, a raffle contest and a lunch prepared by local volunteer workers at their own homes.

As in most years, McCoy and the community centre's other directors and volunteers have spent weeks preparing for the fundraiser. McCoy praised everyone at the centre for all the time that they put into organizing the event. "It wouldn't be a long shot to say it's about 1,000 hours worth of work," he said.

He also thanked the warm weather they got on that fall day for having a big hand in the strong turnout. "There's a lot of energy today," he said. "There's just been an incredible number of people."

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Speaking out against press restrictions



MORGAN LOWRIE

Beryl Wajzman is fond of pointing out that there are only five countries in the world where governments are involved in the accreditation of journalists: Cuba, Zimbabwe, North Korea, China and Iran. Not exactly bastions of liberty and free speech.

"Is that what we want for our progressive Quebec?" he asked members and guests of the Montreal Press Club at Westmount's Atwater Library on Monday night.

Wajzman, local radio host and editor of Montreal publications including The Suburban, presented the public lecture to take aim at the Quebec government's proposed plan to begin accrediting journalists.

He said that by accepting government control, journalists would no longer be able to fulfill their most important function: to advocate for citizens who are facing injustices, often at the hands of the authorities.

Beryl Wajzman at the Atwater Library on Monday night. Photo: Wayne Larsen

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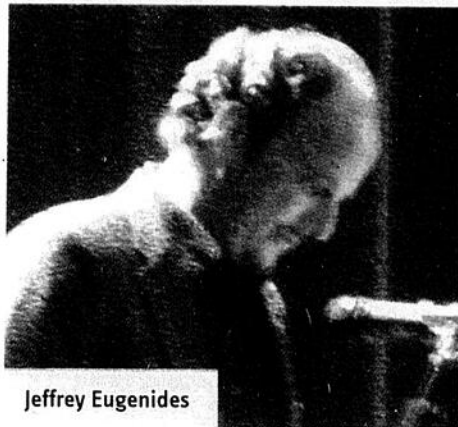
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Ondaatje and Eugenides thrill Westmount readers

■ ANDREA PARÉ

Literary heavyweights Michael Ondaatje and Jeffrey Eugenides shared the Victoria Hall stage Monday night to read excerpts from their new novels and answer questions from a sold-out, appreciative crowd.



Jeffrey Eugenides

Part of the Westmount Public Library's fall author series, the event was also a fundraiser for the Raise-a-Reader foundation, co-sponsored by The Gazette and Paragraphe Bookstore.

It sold out in mere days, said librarian Donna Lach, who described it as "a bibliophile's version of nirvana."

Host Anne Lagacé Dowson introduced the event in a similar vein. "Tonight we are bathed in the combined light of two literary supernovas," she proclaimed.

Pulitzer Prize-winning American author Jeffrey Eugenides took the stage first, reading excerpts from his latest fictional work, 'The Marriage Plot,' a story about Brown University students in the 1980s.

Eugenides read passages recounting the relationship between a student who is falling in love with her boyfriend and with the book 'A Lover's Discourse' by Roland Barthes. Lagacé Dowson, who appeared genuinely moved from the reading, turned to Eugenides

and said, "I think you might have been a woman in another life."

She then opened up the floor to Canadian author Ondaatje, introducing him as a "critic, poet, editor, and filmmaker — with three films to his credit."

"What a journey Michael Ondaatje has had," she said, listing his accolades and awards, including the five Governor General awards and the Man Booker prize he has earned since first publishing a work of poetry in Canada in 1967.

Despite his legendary status, Ondaatje appeared humble and at ease as he took the microphone. "It's such an honour to be reading with Jeffrey," he said.

Ondaatje read from his new novel, 'The Cat's Table,' a story about a sea voyage taken by young children from Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to England in the 1950s.

Ondaatje, who is from Sri Lanka and took a similar trip as a boy, still insists the book is not autobiographical. "I don't remember this story, so I allowed myself to enter the ship as a young boy and everything else from there on became

fiction — all the characters in the book become fictional."

At the end of the two readings, the authors

joined Lagacé Dowson onstage for a question period. When asked at first if the two authors had any questions for each other, Eugenides replied jokingly, "I do, but I get to have dinner with him later."

Simons, Herskowitz open Marianopolis concert series

Marianopolis College has announced a new concert series, Entre Nous, which begins tonight with a performance by pianist/composer Matt Herskowitz and Mark Simons on clarinet.

Under the title 'Rhapsody in Blue: Gershwin, Bernstein and the Jazz Effect' the duo will be performing works by George Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue), Leonard Bernstein, Kurt Weil, Srul Irving Glick, and Matt Herskowitz.

Simons, former artistic director of the Westmount Youth Orchestra, explains the roots of the repertoire. "In the late nineteenth century, things got pretty tough for Jewish families in Eastern Europe," he stated this week. "Many decided to emigrate, arriving in

North America with their rich traditions and their beloved Klezmer music. Gershwin's parents left Russia, and Bernstein's parents left Rovno (now the Ukraine). Typically, the children would have heard their parents' traditional Klezmer music, and those who could afford it were enrolled in classical piano lessons. It didn't take long before the second generation also heard the exciting new sound of jazz, which was quickly seducing North American audiences."

The concert takes place Thursday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. in the Marianopolis Concert Hall, 4873 Westmount Ave. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, contact Alexia Jensen at 514-402-0314 or jensen.alexia@gmail.com

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The spirit of '76

We have lately been reminded that it is now 35 years since the Parti Québécois went from a fringe group of perceived radicals to the ruling government of Quebec.

Now, with all that political baggage well in the past, Terry Mosher's much-celebrated advice to Anglo Quebecers at the time — "Take a valium" — seems especially prescient, although today's demographics suggest it was not heeded by many of those who saw his Gazette cartoon. Instead of heading for the medicine cabinet, they reached for the phone and called their local real estate agent.

Highway 401 never looked so good to so many at the end of 1976, and since then Montreal has suffered, degenerating from Canada's largest commercial and cultural centre to the perpetual second-best, always in the shadow of the almighty Toronto. Of course most of Montreal's losses were Toronto's gains — so much so that there is now no hope of ever regaining any of the dominance Montreal once held, at least outside of the hockey arena.

Memories of that fateful night in 1976 are rife with the panic that immediately swept through the Anglo community, although they are now hilariously distorted and based on fears that proved to be totally unfounded. But at the time, people were frankly scared. It was as if all the rules had suddenly changed. That ever-present security blanket known as Ottawa was in real danger of being wrenched away. The Maple Leaf could be outlawed. Speaking English in public could be a punishable offence... and other such concerns that seem downright silly in hindsight.

Even René Lévesque — once the supreme symbol of separatist malevolence — is now remembered as a fairly lovable rascal who managed to ruffle English feathers but did no real harm to those who decided to remain in the province.

Here in Westmount, the very heart of Quebec's Anglo community, there was at first little evidence of worry. The front page of the Nov. 18, 1976 Examiner, for example, was devoted to the election victory of Liberal MNA George Springate, and the only hint of apprehension — or lack of such thereof — was illustrated in a small item on page six describing the regular Monday evening bingo game upstairs in Victoria Hall, which went ahead as scheduled despite the election. At one point one of the Liberal Party organizers poked his

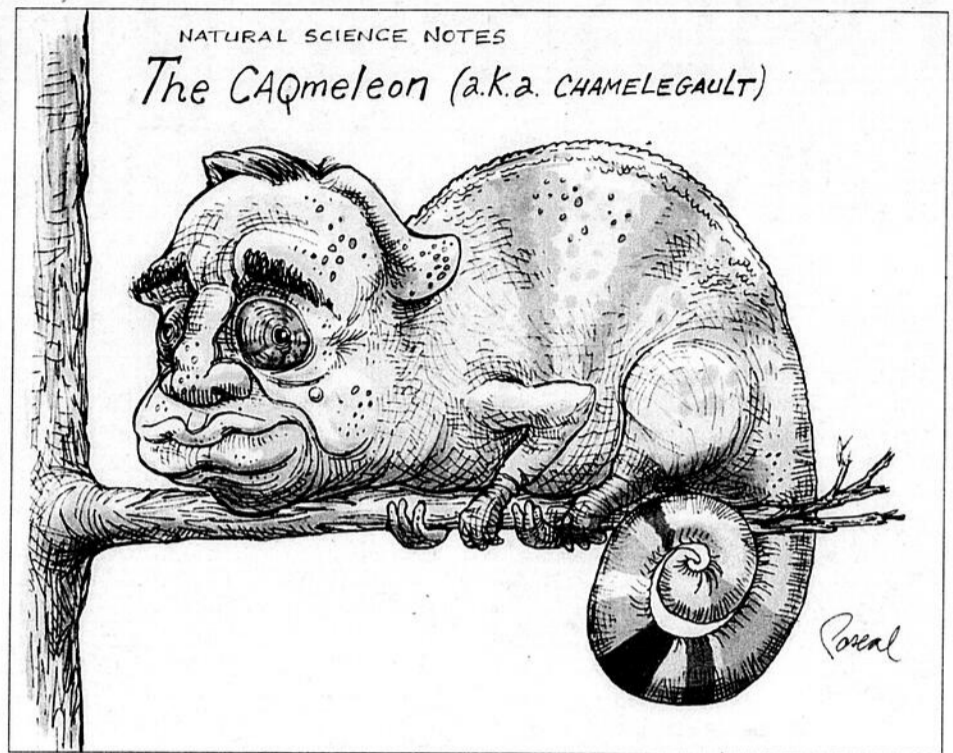
head into the smoke-filled room and announced, "The Parti Québécois is winning the election!"

The only response to this supposedly grim news came from a player who shouted "Bingo!" and, as the story ends, "All eyes turned back to their cards and a new game started."

And who said keeping a stiff upper lip was just an old Westmount stereotype?

Still, there was worry in Westmount, and plenty of it. Thirty-five years ago, many Westmounters fretted about losing their Canadian citizenship and planned to move across the Ontario border in order to preserve it. Today, with Westmount home prices averaging \$1.5 million and The Examiner reporting a fairly healthy volume of sales each month, that big Toronto exodus has quietly become a relic of a foggy past.

That hysterical spirit of '76 is so foreign to us now that it's hard to see what all the fuss was



about. The Office Québécois de la Langue Française still presents us with an occasional chuckle, of course, but the Parti Québécois is a floundering old mongrel, its bark and bite both reduced to non-menacing gasps — no longer the easy target of editorial writers bent

on slaying political brutes.

People have grown up, moved on, and are concerned with more important matters — leaving us with nothing but social peace, contentment, and (gasp!) Francois Legault.

Letters to the Editor

An open letter to the vandal who wrote on my car

Dear Sir or Madam:

I was surprised when I found your graffiti in indelible ink on my car window early this week, indicating your dismay with how my car was parked. Surprised, but mostly disappointed that apparently one of my neighbours on Melville Avenue would stoop to this level.

Having registered the appropriate criminal reports with Westmount Public Security and the SPVM, allow me to set the record straight publicly. On Sunday, Nov. 20, just after noon, I parked my car on Melville Avenue south of de Maisonneuve. In so doing, I made certain to leave sufficient room between my car and the one in front to ensure the driver had room to back up and get out when he or she wanted to — this is not only a common courtesy, but a legal requirement that is, alas, too often overlooked in the Melville parking area. There was no car behind me for several yards.

As you are perhaps aware, Melville does not

have metered parking, and therefore has no permanent parking spaces painted on the road surface. Therefore parking-spot configuration is somewhat fluid in that I have no control over the cars in front or behind mine. With the movement of cars between noon on Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday, it may well have resulted in my car taking two spots. My car didn't move, but the others did (all it would take is a car parked nine feet behind me — again not uncommon — and voila! I appear to be straddling two spots).

Should you have any further gripes with my parking, I hope you will do the civilized thing and leave a note on the windshield complete with contact details. I'd be pleased to discuss the matter with you rationally, rather than through the cowardly, anonymous vandalizing of private property.

Deegan Charles Stubbs,
Melville Avenue

The Million-Dollar Question

To the editor:

Mayor Peter Trent was interviewed last week on CBC Radio Daybreak by host Mike Finnerty, and he made several comments and

a lame joke that no one listening to the interview thought funny — but let's just look at one of the answers he gave to a question asked of him.

When asked how much has already been spent on the hockey arena project, Peter Trent said, after a noticeable pause, "about one million dollars."

This was a shocking answer, and many citizens who signed the petition "Change Westmount Arena Plan" who heard the interview would like to ask Mr. Trent to explain how this could be possible if just the first set of architectural plans cost \$1.3 million. Has Mr. Trent forgotten after this was paid for there were two other sets of architectural plans completed by the same architect, Lemay & Assoc. and let's not forget that the third set of plans was for a complicated, underground, two full-sized hockey rink project.

There are only two ways it could be possible that the City of Westmount has only spent \$1 million on this seriously flawed and misguided project. One is that Lemay & Assoc did the second and third set of plans "pro bono" and the other is that the City of Westmount got a three-for-one deal.

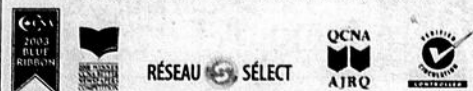
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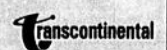
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Old News

TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 22, 2001

BILL 170: "Newly-elected megacity councillor Karin Marks says she has no plans to bring the struggle against Bill 170 to Montreal City Hall. Following a hectic week that saw the swearing-in of the new City of Montreal's 105-member council, the appointment of the executive committee, followed by the tabling of the budget, Marks said in an interview that she sees decentralization of the megacity as one of the top priorities now. 'There's not much that can be done in council to reverse Bill 170,' said Marks. 'Council has no jurisdiction over Bill 170. Actively working against it is something that will be done outside of council.'"

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 21, 1996:

SOFT SOVEREIGNIST: "It was the wrong crowd at the wrong time. Daniel Turp, an advisor to the Bloc Québécois, got a rough ride from a largely federalist audience at a panel discussion Sunday titled 'Understanding the PQ.' The only real applause to resonate in the main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom was reserved for Joan Fraser, former editor-in-chief of The Gazette. Fraser had questioned the integrity of Quebec separatists who view Canada's borders as easily divisible while believing that Quebec can never be divided. Turp, a soft sovereignist who professes to belong to the René Lévesque school of sovereignty-association, confessed to agreeing with many of the points Fraser made in her presentation to close to 200 members of the Emanu-El-Beth congregation."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 20, 1986:

NEW SPORTS COMPLEX: "Dawson College is planning to build a sports complex on the former Mother House property it now occupies on Sherbrooke street, between Wood and Atwater avenues. The college has been authorized by the ministry of education to proceed with plans for the so-called third facility, necessitated by an anticipated increase in student population to 7,000 by the time the Mother House quarters are ready for occupation in September, 1988. According to Fred Harris, Dawson's director of facilities, a building of some four storeys is anticipated, to run along de Maisonneuve boulevard."

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Cycling concerns refuted

To the editor:

There are several comments I would like to make after reading Paul Marriott's letter to the Examiner on Nov. 17.

1) In Westmount, I have not seen non-occupied parking spots too often. Therefore, I do not see how the loss in parking revenue would be much, much lower than has been reported by City officials. Certainly Westmount is losing as much as every removed parking meter would bring in if remained in place.

2) I have observed the bike traffic in the area of the path blocked by construction at Greene Avenue. The majority of bicyclists I observed were not confused by the block; they simply switched to the sidewalk and continued

their journey apparently not very concerned with a safety of pedestrians. And to be fair, they did not have much of a choice — one more argument for closing the bike path in the construction areas.

3) Mr. Marriott says that Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) "focuses their attention on the narrow definitions of the dimensions of a bike path." The safety rules and standards are not written to reduce the human sacrifice or reduce insurance losses; they are written to eliminate incidents. Mr. Marriott suggests that the City of Westmount bend the existing rules to accommodate his convenience in inconvenient reality. A year-after statistics only shows how frequently the rules were violated and how strongly or poorly they were enforced.

4) As much as we may be serious about reducing the volume of traffic on our streets, we cannot count on bicycles alone to achieve this goal. People who live on de Maisonneuve have seen a tremendous increase in traffic due

to its complexity with all confusing multiple direction traffic. One extra bicycle on the road is not equivalent to one less car on the road; it is most likely equivalent to one less user of public transportation.

5) A huge army of world-renowned scientists do not share Mr. Marriott's "no doubt" knowledge that warming climate is caused by "the burgeoning number of cars." Mr. Marriott even suggests a hypothesis on a direct relationship between the climate change and the number of people who will use active transportation. It is certain that given the rate of climate change, Mr. Marriott will be in a position to prove (or disprove) it only in several hundred years.

Grigory Izbinsky,
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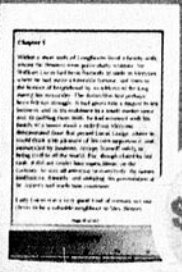
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As he said this, as though to prove his point, a passerby shouted, "It's a great event!"

"We've had a lot of good comments," said Erica Bloom, one of the centre's directors. She has participated in the last 10 years of Treats and Treasures. She has noticed many new faces this year, both among the visitors and the artisans. "Every year we try to get back a lot of the old ones, and we try to pull in the new ones."

The centre's bazaar was packed with tables sporting all kinds of colourful wares, from ceramic bowls to wood carvings and beaded jewel-

crafts. Francine Langlois, Director of Development for Maison Emmanuel Centre Educatif, drove to Westmount all the way from her home in the Laurentians with her dedicated team of volunteers. They spent nearly three hours on the road just to make it to the fundraiser for its start at 9 a.m.

This was her third year at the Treats and Treasures event. According to Langlois, the trip was well worth it. "There's a wonderful energy here," she said. "You can feel all the volunteerism in the air."

As they walked across the floor from table to table, visitors showed off their decorative purchases to one another. Westmounter Anne Douglas approached Bloom to congratulate her on the fundraiser and to admire an earthenware bowl she had just bought. "I think there's a wonderful variety of sales at very modest prices," said Douglas.

As Bloom was quick to point out, organizers try to offer something for everyone. But in her eyes, the money is not the primary reason to keep this annual tradition going for Centre Greene. "It's more to simply bring people into the centre," she said.



Artisan Amy Sarkozy was one of many displaying their handiwork at the Treats and Treasures event. Photo: Adrian Saldanha

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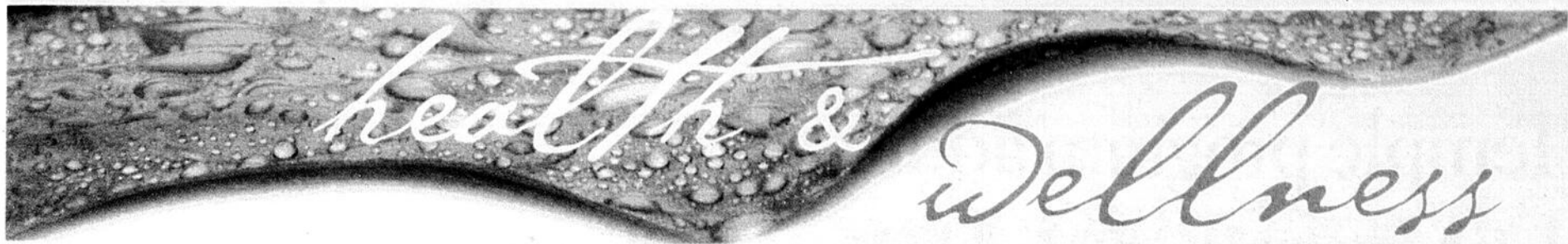
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New clinic just opened in Westmount

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Fast and free could be the monthly motto at Ocularis, as the new eye care clinic in Westmount offers routine eye exams at no charge throughout November and December.

Dr. Majed Alotaibi, the on-site ophthalmologist, stresses how important it is to get tested after the age of 40. "Especially if you have a family history of chronic eye disease," he said. "Anyone with diabetes also needs to keep an eye on their vision."

Patients can do so without an appointment or doctor referral at this walk-in clinic. Serious conditions such as sudden vision loss, red eye or ocular pain will be treated that same day. Patients that see flashes and floaters are invited to book an appointment, usually as early as the following week.

At a time when health-care lineups and long delays routinely make headlines, Dr. Amer Omar, the clinic's spokesperson, reiterates the increasing need for urgent accessible eye care. "Ocularis takes care of all the visual needs of patients from prescription check to screening for macular degeneration, managing cataracts and glaucoma and offers consultations for laser corrective surgery. Furthermore, we are able to quickly refer patients suffering from complex disorders to specialists."

Ocularis is associated with the Montreal Retina Institute, located in the same building.

Regular eye checkups are the best prevention for vision loss associated with eye disease, according to the Quebec association of optometrists. Many eye conditions have few or no early symptoms and can go undetected for years. "Early diagnosis can lead to a better



Glaucoma specialist Dr. Majed Alotaibi (centre) is joined by Ocularis staff (from left) Audrey Frustaci, Nancy Mak, Joyce Yau, and Jenny Peng.

outcome," said Dr. Alotaibi. The clinic also accepts medicare for routine annual eye exams for children under 18 and seniors.

For more information, one needs to stop by the walk-in clinic as they have yet to set up

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Temple program addresses the "December Dilemma" faced by interfaith couples

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Even in couples for whom religious differences are a non-issue throughout the year, as December rolls around, childhood memories and family expectations often create conflict and tension.

As the number of interfaith marriages has increased, so has the number of families facing the challenges of creating new traditions that are respectful of the beliefs and traditions of each spouse's family. Some couples choose to celebrate either Christmas or Chanukah; some choose to celebrate neither holiday and others

choose to observe both. For families with members of different religions, the holidays can present yearly challenges, popularly known as "the December Dilemma."

In couples where each partner remains committed to his or her religion, it can be difficult to decide how or if to celebrate both holidays. A Jewish spouse may find it uncomfortable to have a Christmas tree or a wreath on the front door, whereas his or her non-Jewish spouse may wish to attend Midnight Mass with his or her family. These issues become even more pressing once children come into the picture and the couple is forced to decide in which religion they will raise them.

In couples where the non-Jewish partner

has converted to Judaism and the two have decided to live as Jews and raise their children as Jews, having a Christmas tree may be out of the question, but the question remains how to respect the beliefs and traditions of the converted spouse's non-Jewish family. As part of an interfaith extended family, where one set of parents, grandparents and extended family celebrate Christmas, the couple must find ways to include both families and be respectful of both holidays. There are no easy answers, but most will agree that the goal is to minimize conflict and stress and see the holidays as an opportunity to bring both families together.

How do you plan to handle decisions about which holiday to celebrate and how, family

gatherings, social events, and eventual questions from your children? To help local couples and their interfaith families navigate these issues, the new Jewish Interfaith Family Forum (JIFF) of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom will be hosting a unique new program led by Marion Usher, Ph.D.

Dr. Usher has been leading interfaith groups throughout the U.S. for over 16 years and this Monday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m., interfaith couples and their families are invited to join Dr. Usher to discuss: "Chanukah and Christmas: Fond Memories, New Traditions." The event will take place at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. For more information, call 514-937 3575.

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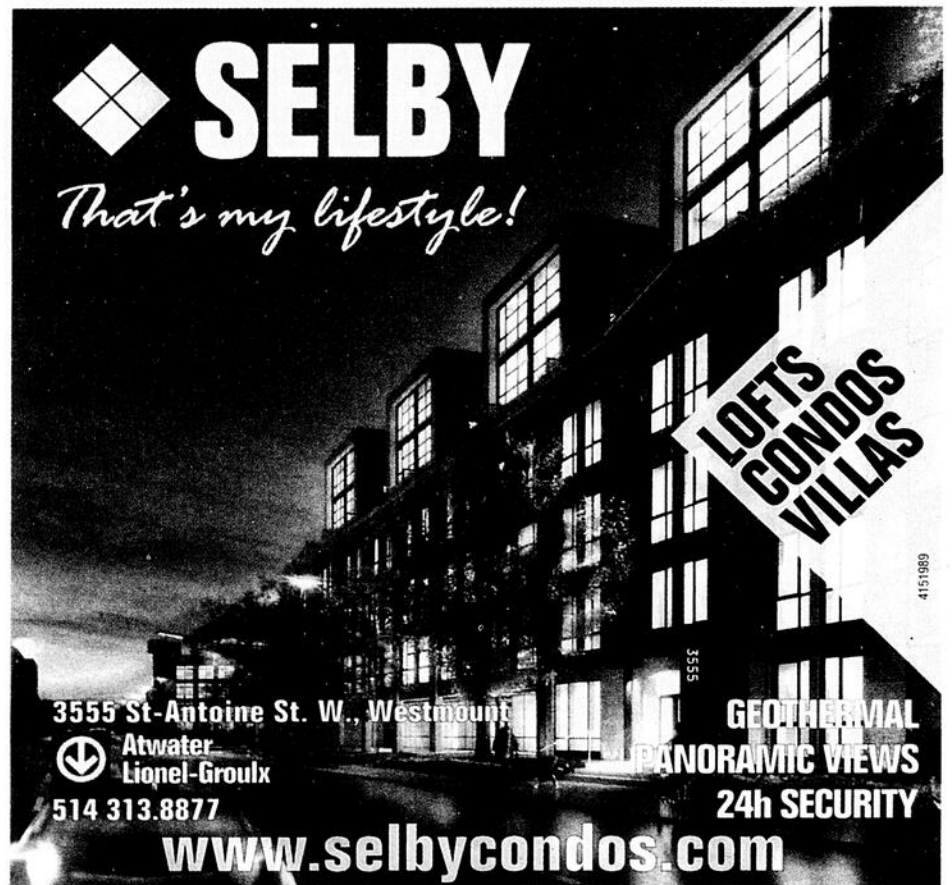


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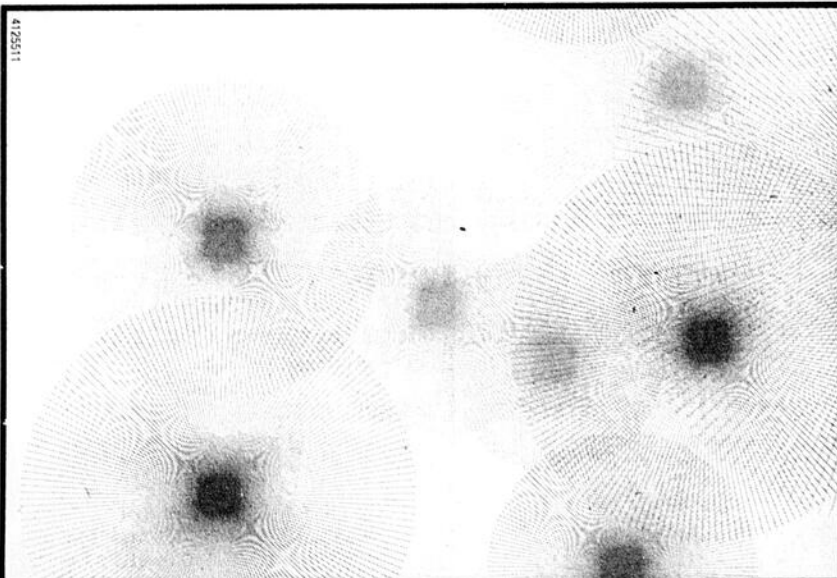
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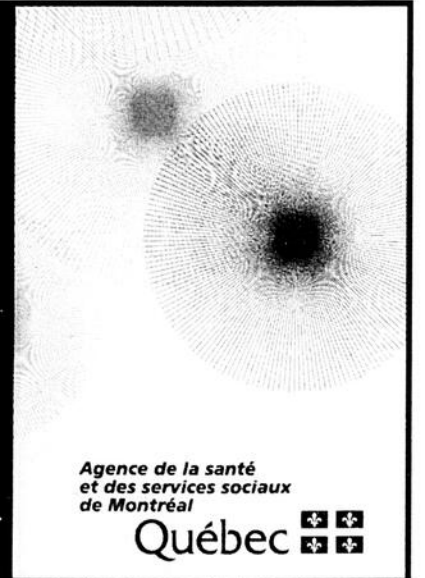


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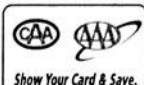
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If you ask co-owner Shirin Khan what makes her establishment Montreal's finest Indian restaurant, she'll tell you it's not only the huge array of traditional Indian dishes available, but also the way they are prepared.

Indian food is known to be very spicy, but not to worry — Buffet Maharaja caters to those who prefer a more subtle touch. "One of our strengths is that we cater to the Canadian palate, not just the Indian palate," Khan says. "So a lot of people who are afraid of Indian food will come here because they know our food is a little bit less spicy."

But while this attracts more Canadian diners, Khan points out that Indian customers are very much at home at Buffet Maharaja as well, since dishes can also be specifically prepared to satisfy more traditional tastes.

"People are free to ask for adjustments to the food, and we're happy to cater to them," says Khan. "If something more elaborate is needed, we ask for 24 hours' notice, otherwise we can do something in 10 or 15 minutes."

With its spacious, brightly lit dining rooms — accommodating up to 250 people downstairs and another 100 upstairs — it is not surprising that Buffet Maharaja is also a popular venue for parties and other events where guests are sure to enjoy the delicious food in a unique atmosphere. Khan prides herself on the restaurant's flexibility when it comes to hosting special events. "We transform the restaurant into whatever is needed, from birthday parties to weddings or bar mitzvahs," Khan says. "People can do basically what they want."

But the biggest selling point for any restaurant is its food, and that is where Buffet Maharaja really stands out. From the house specialty, Butter Chicken, and the spicy Beef

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"There isn't a week that goes by that I don't get a call - five calls - about police harassing citizens of colour. I wish these were exceptions. They're not exceptions, they're the rule."

Wajzman went on to critique many of the recommendations of the report commissioned by the Minister of Culture.

Firstly, the idea of the government and journalists' unions being able to determine two classes of journalists "is the same as being able to determine two classes of citizens," Wajzman said.

"And does anyone in their right mind think there's such a massive leap from the state to go from there to deciding what we think?"

Wajzman also had strong words for some of the report's other recommendations: the idea that accredited media outlets would be required to join the Quebec Press Council, and that all government advertising would be restricted to those who complied.

Wajzman's opposition to another recommendation - that every accredited journalist be subjected to yearly French-language proficiency tests - recently led him to take the stand at a public consultation hearing about the report. As written, Wajzman said that the recommendation did not specify whether the provision would apply to English and other non-francophone media outlets. Such a condition he said, would be nearly impossible for many of the small outlets to meet.

He recounted a verbal showdown with Culture Minister Christine St-Pierre, during which he obtained her promise that journalists

from non-francophone media would not be subjected to testing.

"We got a minister to roll back things that might have been a death knell for non-francophone media, by being there," Wajzman said.

The biggest danger of accreditation, for Wajzman, is that once journalists are subjected to government control, they will no longer have the means or the willingness to do what he did, to stand up and fight.

"If we don't intervene, actively, in the process of governance, we're not doing our jobs anymore, because one can no longer trust the state."

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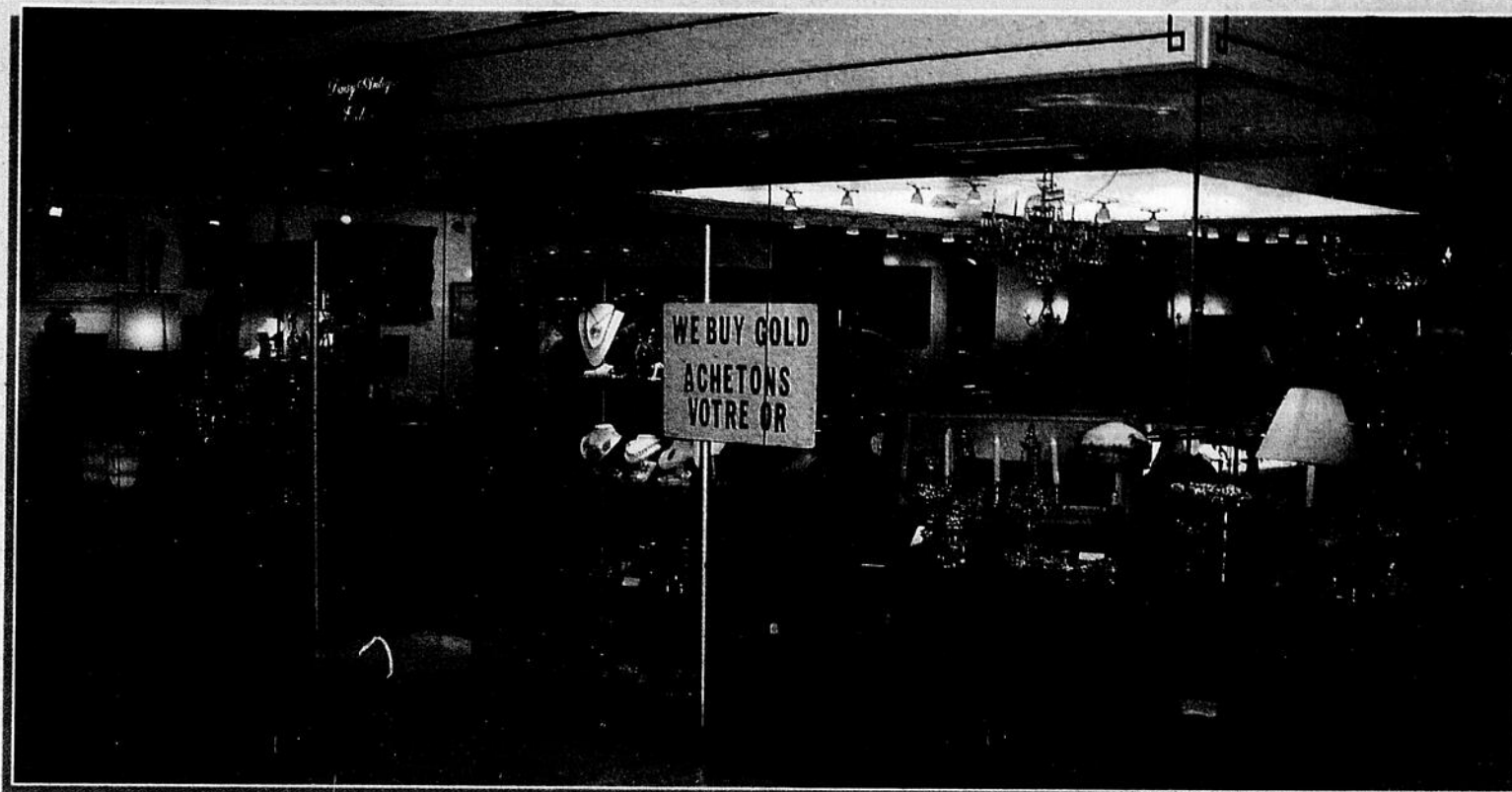
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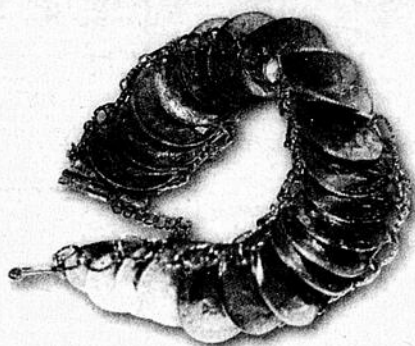
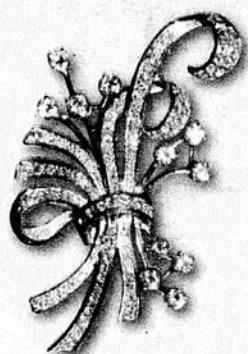
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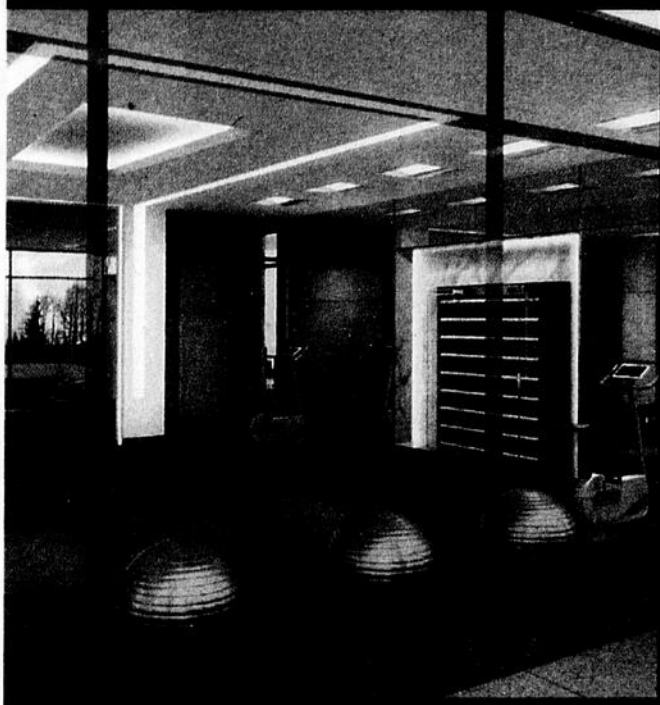


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