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## Tennis Rogers 2005



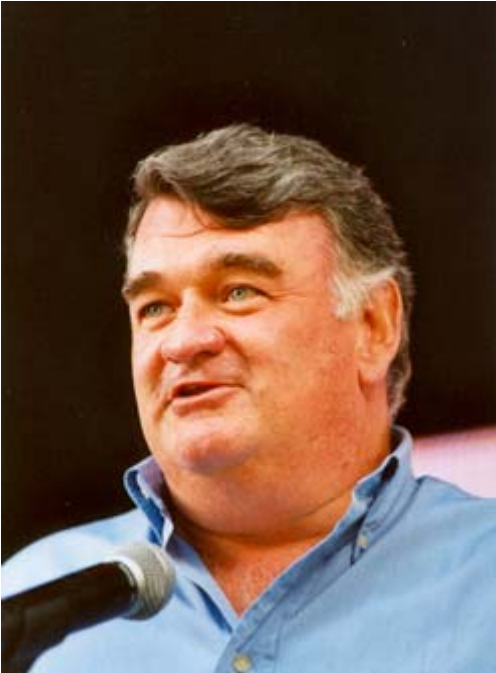
Andre Agassi

Canada will be invaded by another sporting fever during all August. International tennis tournaments are held in Montreal and Toronto. The Rogers Cup 2005 runs in Montreal until August 14, and thereafter, the tournament Rogers Cup in Toronto. The male tournament of Montreal will hands out 2,450,000 \$ (US) in prizes and the final into single is schedule as of 2 p.m. Sunday August 14. A new arrival, the National Bank will act as sponsor of the event. With regard to Toronto, the female tournament will be held from August 13 until August 21 at the Rexall Center of Toronto. The sponsor is also a new name, American Express. The competition will hand out 1,325,000 \$ (US) in prize money. LeStudio1 will be present at the event in Montreal.

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## The next mayor of Montreal...



Normand A. Legault

The true ambassador in the dream of all Montrealers will not be in the race for City Hall. Norman A. Legault, the president of Grand Prix F1 of Canada, accumulated a large capital of good will in Quebec and it is permitted to dream how such a man will do as a political leader. He proved his effectiveness by taking charge of the organization of swimming championships FINA, less than six months before the event and he had proven it again before by saving his Grand Prix F1 race which had been withdrawn

from the calendar. Normand Legault does'nt like the slowness of the governmental system. He is a man of action! Because of this reason, there is not a chance to see the man taking a political job. We will have to be satisfied with his presence around the great events which he organizes. A fact remains however certain: the fight at Montreal City Hall will be a tough one next November. The ex-mayor Pierre Bourque is convinced to be able to dislodge the man who took away the place from him, while the current mayor, Gerald Tremblay, is persuaded of the opposite. Story to be follow!

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## Julie Payette at NASA



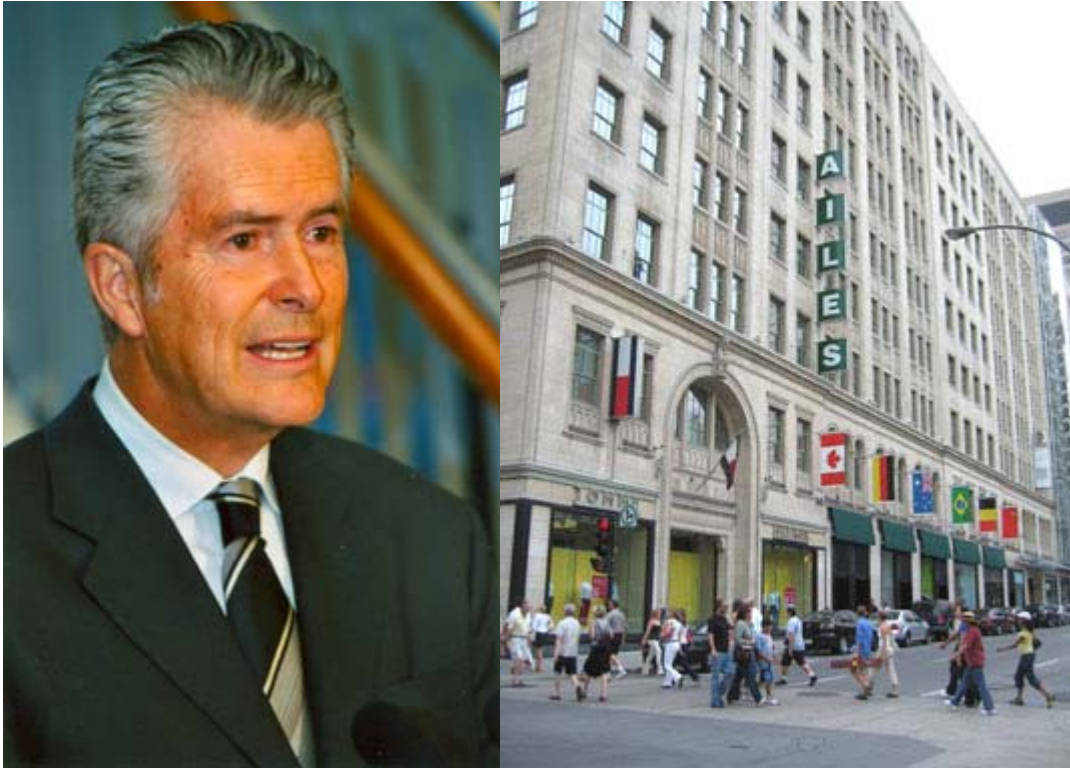
The astronaut Julie Payette

The space mission Discovery is an element of great pride for Canada in particular because of the famous robotized arm installed on the shuttle of the STS-114 mission. But another reason to be proud is the presence in Houston of the Canadian astronaut Julie Payette. This Montrealer of 41 years old was responsible for the communications with the shuttle (Capcom) and we could see her each morning on Radio-Canada (RDI) presenting a daily summary of the situation. Julie Payette has herself travelled in space on board the flight STS-96 in May 1999.

She became a legend from that moment. Nothing predestined her to become astronaut and she began her career as an engineer for IBM in Montreal. She was selected in 1992 among 5330 candidates to join a group of four new Canadian astronauts. She is today Chief Astronaut of the Canadian space Agency and, on the technical level, she is posted in Houston. [www.space.gc.ca](http://www.space.gc.ca)

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## Les Ailes de la Mode



Paul Roberge -

The unfinished dream! That is the way one could qualify the project «Les Ailes de la Mode» of the merchant Paul Roberge. He dreamed to recreate on Montreal's Ste-Catherine Street the environment of Walt Disney or the Lafayette Galleries of Paris. Unfortunately, he have failed. His failure is in a way the failure of all Quebec and it is necessary to underline the courage of the man. The years of success of Roberge inspired and helped greatly the fashion industry in Quebec and everyone as a consumer profited from this. It is very difficult to combine concept and profit in the market of the Canadian retail. Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen and Simons succeed there but in very narrow segments. Paul Roberge is definitively very skilful in marketing but it was not sufficient. Let us hope that the individual did not lose his passion and that he will return..... [www.lesailles.com](http://www.lesailles.com)

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## Real Estate investments in Montreal



Residential Building 1 McGill

Among the sectors where the return on the investment has almost doubled for the 10 last years in Montreal, one has noticed the real estate and in particular the condominiums. The environment of Montreal literally changed since the last years and one could see the majority of the abandoned buildings to be transformed into luxury condo.

The purchasers are often foreign (American and Europeans) but a great proportion is local. The building at 1 McGill was one of the first to being inaugurated in 1995 and according to two real estate agents Patricia Lallier and Louise L'Heureux, the price of the units tripled since. Condos of 1200 PC bought on plan at less than 150,000\$ are sold today easily beyond 400,000 \$ (CN). Louise L'Heureux has just sold a unit for a customer to 785 000 \$ which was priced at 250 000 \$ on plans in 1995.

The question to answer is: Do the prices reached their ceiling? Nobody has the answer but an indicating figure warns with prudence. Currently, 22% of new condos build in Montreal remain still unsold compared with 9% last year.

[www.1mcgill.com](http://www.1mcgill.com) (Patricia Lallier) [www.louiselheureux.com](http://www.louiselheureux.com)

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## The Metropolitan Orchestra



Yannick Nézet Séguin

The work conflict at the Symphony Orchestra of Montreal seriously begins to scare the amateurs of classical music.

Already several musicians would have left Montreal to join other orchestras. It will be interesting to observe the popularity of the Metropolitan Orchestra, the other symphony orchestra in Montreal. The young Maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin is very talented and people even suggested his name as the successor of famous Charles Dutoit. The programming at the Metropolitan Orchestra will be special throughout the next season because the musical formation will underline its 25 anniversary of foundation in 2005-2006.

The first concert of September 30 will start the celebration.

On the program, the Symphony No.9 de Mahler presented in the Church St-Jean Baptiste of Montreal. [www.orchestremetropolitain.com](http://www.orchestremetropolitain.com)

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## The reflexion of Miss X

"Mademoiselle X returns soon from holidays....!"

The Editor LeStudio 1



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