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 ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE



Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Officers check out Chrysler Intrepid (right) which collided with van and Acura. Westmount firefighters put Absorball on the engines to keep anti-freeze from going into the sewers.

## Four injured in crash Cars, van mangled in collision at Elm

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Four people, including the driver of an MUCTC handicapped van, were injured in a three-vehicle collision on Sherbrooke Street last Friday afternoon.

The collision took place at around 1 p.m. at Sherbrooke and Elm. The 25-year-old driver of a

1996 Chrysler Intrepid told police he was headed west along Sherbrooke Street when he saw either a bus or car coming at him from the right. The man, from Dollard des Ormeaux, veered left to turn south onto Elm Avenue in an effort to avoid a collision.

His car struck an eastbound

MUCTC van. The van's driver, a 48-year-old male, told police he could not avoid the car.

A 41-year-old Ste. Anne de Bellevue man, driving a 1992 Acura, was also going east along Sherbrooke Street. He told police he too could not avoid the Chrysler, ramming his front end

(See CRASH, page 18)

## Unity group at WHS tonight Councillors' reaction so far is 'lukewarm'

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

Reaction from city councillors has been "lukewarm," according to the leader of the Westmount Unity Committee which wants to push through a unity resolution here. With no councillors officially on side, organizers are looking to tonight's rally at Westmount High to test the waters of public opinion before taking the motion to the monthly council meeting on Monday.

"The council hasn't been particularly supportive," Peter Margo admitted. "But we have had good responses from citizens although it's hard to judge the extent to which people will come to the meeting."

**Passed in T.M.R.**

As the strains of the national anthem echoed through City Hall in Town of Mount Royal last week, the local month-old committee sent out flyers encouraging residents to make their views known to their representatives. So far, however, it seems the

phone lines have been far from flooded. Several city councillors said feedback from constituents has been too sparse to take the public pulse on the issue.

"I have only had one or two calls," Herbert Bercovitz said.

"And a couple of residents have stopped me in the street to tell me

(See UNITY, page 18)



Peter Margo

## Real fines for false alarms

Residents with burglar alarms are going to have to start paying for protection. Penalty fees of up to \$110 will be levied to discourage false alarm calls, following changes to MUC police policy this month.

"This is designed to make people more responsible," Constable Lise Bergeron of Station 12 explained. "They

(See FINES, page 14)

## Big business on the big screen

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

It's coming soon to a theatre near you. The three-screen movie theatre in Alexis Nihon will be transformed into a state-of-the-art movie house that will seat 2,200 film buffs by the end of the year.

It's been planned out down to the last detail—even the cup holders on the backs of the seats, according to Cineplex Odeon marketing executive Howard Litchman.

"The Atwater theatre will have every creature comfort imaginable," he said. "It will have every amenity—the most deluxe seats,

*Alexis Nihon theatre expansion good news for area merchants*

surround sound, stadium seating, and curved screens."

The nine screen mega-cinema will cost about \$9 million to construct, and Litchman said he is confident it will attract crowds from Westmount and the Greater Montreal area.

It's good news for local merchants who say they are looking forward to the increased traffic, according to a manager of a café on Greene Avenue.

"We're always happy when it means there will be more people passing by," Gordana Govic of Bistro on the Avenue commented. "It's certainly needed." She said she hoped that local moviegoers might stop for a bite to eat on the way to an evening show.

With regards to the 30-screen complex proposed for the Forum site, Litchman isn't so sure it will see the light of day. With a new 17-

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### Thursday, May 1

**Westmount Committee for Canadian Unity** public citizens meeting in Westmount High School auditorium, 4350 St. Catherine St. West, Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. 937-3117.

**Dramatis Personae**, Westmount's own drama group, presents Molière comedy 'A Doctor in Spite of Himself,' May 1, 2 and 3 in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West, at 8 p.m. Translated by group's director, Nat Bernstein. Admission by donation.

### Friday, May 2

**Bake sale** at Seniors Residence, 80 Hillside Ave., homemade pickles, etc. Lunch plate \$2. Noon to 3 p.m. Friday, May 2.

### Saturday, May 3

**Chorale Nouvelle de Montréal** presents Ein Deutsches Requiem and Begräbnisgesang Saturday, May 3, 8 p.m., Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke and Roslyn. Tickets \$12, \$9. 486-3669.

**St. Matthias' Church**, Metcalfe and Côte St. Antoine, presents Les Boréades, Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. Programme includes Handel, Vivaldi. Tickets \$15; \$10 students, seniors. 933-4296.

**Giant Garage Sale** fundraiser for St. Lawrence Choir, Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Webster Hall, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., corner Lansdowne. Refreshments. Happy to receive donations for sale before 9 a.m. if possible.

### Sunday, May 4

**Scouts, Westmount district**, holding a Scout-a-thon Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westmount Park. Youngsters will walk, bike, roller-blade or skateboard around park to raise money for Scouts and for Dans La Rue. Scouts knocking on doors in coming weeks to collect donations.

**Christian Commemoration of the Holocaust** Yom Hashoah memorial service Sunday, May 4 as part of 11 a.m. services at St. Andrew's Dominion Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn Ave., followed by Kosher reception. Sponsored by Christian-Jewish Dialogue in Montreal.

### Monday, May 5

**Visual Arts Centre** hosts visit to Canadian artist Peter Krause's studio, Monday, May 5 from 2 to 4 p.m., guided by Honor Robertson. \$7. 488-9558.


**Poetry reading** by Ronna Bloom, from her book of poems Fear of the Ride, Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave.

**Westmount City Council** monthly meeting, Monday, May 5 at 8 p.m., 4333 Sherbrooke St. West. Open to public.

### Wednesday, May 7

**Short-story writer** Claudia Morrison will read from her book I Should Know and Other Stories, Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave.

(More listings, page 11)



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## In brief

## Library survey sent back for rewrite

Results of the library survey to assess customer satisfaction should be released "any time now," according to Councillor Jim Wright.

"The draft has been sent back to the consultants because parts of it need to be rewritten," he said. "It will be ready for the community services meeting on the 14th of this month."

The City paid Coppennath and Associates \$23,000 to conduct a telephone poll to get feedback from residents about the library, which underwent a \$7.5 million renovation and expansion almost two years ago.

The library's annual report, due at the end of March, will be presented at the next council meeting on May 5, Wright said.

Local bibliophile John Johnston, the de Maisonneuve Boulevard resident who has repeatedly questioned council about library policy, had asked for the report at the last council meeting. Johnston is presently away on a six-week trip to Japan.

Mock-ups of proposed signage have been reviewed by the library committee, Wright said.

The new signs are a response to longstanding complaints by library staff about endless questions from members of the public who couldn't find their way around.



Jim Wright

# Ready to roast

Send-off in works for Centaur's Maurice Podbrey

By Sarah Musgrave

A group of self-conscious British school boys in frayed 17th century costumes stomp onto stage in buckled shoes and breeches, brandishing blunt wooden swords.

It's the annual Christmas play, the story of Christopher Columbus. At the last minute the young lad playing the Chief Mutineer goes missing, and his teacher stuffs himself into a costume as an impromptu understudy.

Then comes the pivotal moment. Proud parents cling to their seats waiting for Columbus to slay the Mutineer. But the boy is frozen at the prospect of felling his teacher. "Hit me," the teacher hisses in a stage whisper audible even to those in the back row. "Strike me down." The boy finally swings and the Mutineer falls with a thud. The audience breaks into applause, moved no doubt by the plot as well as the situation.

Not perhaps the auspicious debut one would associate with Maurice Podbrey, who for 28 seasons has been the driving force behind Montreal's Centaur Theatre. But it was this stint as a high-school teacher in England that launched his theatre career.

Seated in the refurbished lobby of the Centaur in Old Montreal, the man they call The Pod sips water to ease his cracked throat. He is recovering from a cold but it has done little to diminish his commanding baritone, which has lent itself to the role of Chekov's Uncle Vanya, Stalin and parts in The Master and Margarita and Master Class.

He may be leaving centre stage when he hands over the reins to new artistic director Gordon



Maurice Podbrey

McCall in June, but he insists this is not retirement.

"No," he harrumphs at the very idea. "It is a holiday, but not retirement. I haven't even grown up yet!"

### Addicted to drama

Podbrey plans to sell his house in Westmount, and set up temporarily in an apartment in the Plateau. He will start commuting across the world, however, as his wife and two children will remain in Canada while he relocates to South Africa, where he grew up near the beaches of Durban.

He arrived in Montreal in 1966, founded the Centaur three years later and has been addicted to a life of drama ever since. When the curtains part, the audience only sees the apex of the huge triangle that went into producing a show, he says.

"It's a rush," he enthuses. "Each time it's short and intense and then it's on to the next one. I guess it's like sex in that way. Each night is different, each audience is different."

Looking back on his own

career, Podbrey said he is proud to have repeatedly met the challenge of maintaining a viable English theatre in this city. However the audiences have been getting greyer, he notes, and it has been a struggle to reach out to younger theatregoers.

But the experience of being "hedged-in" actually gives local theatre an edge, he says.

"The English community has been at odds, and we have had an interesting role to play. It has been important to choose the right play for the right time."

The Centaur has presented plays which celebrated Montreal's conflicts with humour. David Fennario's Balconville was the first bilingual comedy that took a look at the relationship between anglophones and francophones. Vittorio Rossi and Bowser and Blue have continued to give humorous insights into these cultural differences.

Podbrey has put his recollections into a book titled Half Man Half Beast, due out by Véhicule Press in the next two weeks—a biography entwined with the history of the Centaur.

On May 12 the Centaur will be holding a Podroast hosted by George Bowser to salute Podbrey's accomplishments. The event will be jam-packed with laughs and entertainment, according to longtime friend David Lank. "The roast will be well done," Lank joked. "Everybody speaking that evening reflects one aspect of Maurice's life in Montreal."

Tickets for the benefit evening are \$100 with a \$75 tax receipt, and are available by calling 288-3161. Cocktails at 7:30, followed by the Podroast at 8 p.m.

## Blackader nominated by WMA

Annual general meeting takes place May 12

Westmount's movers and shakers, members of the municipal association, are bustling with plans for a public meeting on the future of Westmount to be held on May 12 at Victoria Hall.

Prior to the panel discussion, the 89-year-old association will usher in its new directors for the coming year. Bridget Blackader of Côte St. Antoine Road has been nominated as the new president. Blackader, a key figure in the local dog owners association, will replace McGill professor Carl Frederiksen of Cedar Avenue in this position.

The vice-presidential nominees are Nancy Nelson and Don Wedge. Manley Schultz, a former director-general of the City, will be replaced by Kathleen Duncan as secretary, and Flora Lee Wagner will take over as treasurer.

The association bills itself as a non-political community service link between residents and City Hall.

All households will have a chance to voice their opinions on everything from street cleaning to parking problems to Neighbourhood Watch programs when the WMA's annual survey appears as THE EXAMINER's centrefold in next week's issue.

"Copies have already been mailed to members, but this is the first time the survey will be distributed to the whole population of Westmount," director Don Wedge said.

## Enumeration goes smoothly

56,000-plus register to vote as revision phase starts

Sarah Musgrave

With the election called for June 2, it doesn't look like those in charge of the electoral list for the Westmount-Ville Marie riding will be getting much of a break this month.

"We are now entering the revision phase," returning officer Claude Longpré said. "We're still receiving the mail-back forms, but we are doing very well."

So far preliminary list counts 56,502 voters, out of 57,530 in the riding, he said.

Confirmation cards will be sent out from May 7 to 9. Residents should verify the information on the form. If there are any changes in spelling or other information,

they should call the revision office.

If proof of registration has not appeared in the mailbox by May 14, Longpré recommended calling or visiting the revisions office for the appropriate form.

"We will require the proper identification showing name, signature and address," Longpré explained. "A driver's license is ideal, or a Medicare card and a utility bill." These documents can be faxed or delivered personally to the downtown office. Residents should also call the office to have a name deleted from the list.

The revision process stops May 27 at 6 p.m. "Those left out can get their name on the list on the day of the election," Longpré said.

"But we obviously prefer if people take advantage of the revision office and avoid line-ups that day."

The enumeration process went smoothly, "but there are always a few holes that need to be plugged in," he commented. Buildings on Park Place were overlooked by enumerators, but mail-back forms were quickly distributed there.

Special ballot boxes for residents unable to attend advance polling or election day on June 2 will be set up on May 23, 24 and 26. Election day hours have been extended from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. this year.

The revision office is located at 1255 University St., suite 800 or call 395-8767.

## New publisher appointed

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER has a new publisher.

Peter Yakimchuk, who took over as sales manager at THE EXAMINER last year, assumed his new post last month.

He will also serve as publisher of The Monitor, the weekly newspaper in Notre Dame de Grâce.

Yakimchuk came to THE EXAMINER as a sales representative in 1992, later becoming sales manager of the Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post, a bilingual paper owned by the EXAMINER and Monitor's parent company, GTC Transcontinental.

Said Yakimchuk: "The challenge for THE EXAMINER is coming up

with a formula that satisfies two demands: first, having a good paper and second, keeping it profitable, which is basically what we're doing right now."

One change is a move to a new printer, promising a better printing job on thicker paper, and more colour. "It should mean a better finished product."

Yakimchuk's appointment was announced by regional director Gordon Brewerton, who served as interim publisher at THE EXAMINER the past seven months.

Yakimchuk holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Concordia University. He is married to wife Tracy. They have a son, Tyler, who will turn two this summer.



Peter Yakimchuk

## Police files

By DAVID GOLDBERG

### Man of few words hits grocery

Station 12 police are looking for a man who held up Clifford's Market last week without uttering a word.

The suspect entered the store, located at 4498 St. Catherine, at 1:30 p.m. on April 23. He went directly up to the 41-year-old female cashier, who was standing behind the counter. The employee backed away from the man when she saw his hand in his pocket, as if he were holding a gun.

The suspect then opened the register, took all the cash and fled the store in an unknown direction.

He is described as a white male, 5 ft. 9 in. and 165 lbs. He had dirty, long brown hair and brown eyes, and wore grey-coloured clothing.

### Laundry not cleaned out

A man who broke into the laundry room of a Victoria Street apartment building left empty handed when he couldn't remove the money from two of the machine's coin compartments.

Police believe the suspect entered the building, which is south of Sherbrooke Street, overnight on April 20. There was no sign of a forced entry, leading police to believe the man was either buzzed in or followed behind a tenant who was entering. They believe the suspect then forced the lock of the door which leads to the laundry room.

Once inside, the man managed to remove two of the coin systems on the machines. They were left behind unopened, with their contents intact, and nothing was taken from the room.

### Calls over in Range Rover

The owner of a 1997 Range Rover won't be making any calls from his vehicle, after someone smashed the window and stole his cellular phone.

The incident occurred sometime between 4 and 6:30 p.m. on April 19. The Rover was parked on Clarke Avenue, south of Sherbrooke Street.

Taken was a \$1,850 Startac cellular phone, its \$300 auxiliary battery, a \$325 pair of Jean-Paul Gauthier sunglasses and a \$245 pair of Massimo sunglasses.

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- ❖ Service Commemorating the Holocaust. This annual Yom Hashoah service will be at STADD this Sunday May 4 with special ceremony and music. Speaker will be Steve Lesniak who was on Schindler's List.
- ❖ Men's Dinner and Auction. This fourth renewal of this annual event is on Tuesday, May 27 with Chef Bert Verbruggen and Auctioneer Philip Johnston back in star roles. John Dawson is again chief organizer. Good food, good fun is guaranteed for the 150 or so who will attend!
- ❖ Meal-on-wheels man-in-charge. Colin Spencer, reminds us that he is always in need of volunteers to cook, drive, serve, etc. Call him at the church.



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**In brief**

**City hires local events coordinator**

*Jane Needles has arts background*

The City finally has a who to organize the what, when and where of local events.

Westmount's new Community Events Coordinator is Jane Needles, an N.D.G. resident with a background in arts administration and stage managing at Concordia University as well as the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

"Ms. Needles has an impressive background in the coordination of many types of cultural events," director-general Bruce St. Louis commented.

Her first-hand experience in supervising building projects will be an asset with the pending renovations to Victoria Hall, he added.

Twelve candidates were interviewed out of 55 applications, St. Louis said.

The City has been trying to fill the position since November.

**Bowling greens, Hydro at council**

Increases in electricity rates will be among the issues discussed at Monday night's council meeting. Hydro Quebec has raised its rates, which means Westmounters will have to start paying more.

Tenders for the new bowling greens will be reviewed, as well as contracts for tennis court repairs and sidewalk reconstruction.

City Hall will also confirm the date for the annual auction, May 22, when residents can pick through all the leftovers from last year's lost and found.

The meeting takes place Monday at 8 p.m. at Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West.

**Rotary weekend breaks a record**

*Raises \$32,500 for charity works*



**David Pickrell, of Westmount Florist, got into bidding war for 1955 Mercury. His winning bid was \$675.**

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

This year is a record-breaker for the Westmount Rotary Club's annual garage sale, according to organizer James Griffin.

The two-day auction and sale last weekend brought in \$32,500, which topped the previous high by about ten grand.

"I was standing at the door checking receipts," Griffin said. "And I kept seeing one for 50 cents, another for one dollar. But it all adds up."

The contents of many an attic trunk, from war-time bugles, military uniforms and electric choir boys, were laid out on tables for the bargain-hungry to eat at the Westmount arena.

However, the star of Friday night's auction block, a 1955 Mercury sedan, went for the bargain price of \$675—a little less than organizers had hoped.

It hasn't started in about 10 years, Griffin admitted. "It needs a bit of TLC," he said.

That's fine with proud new owner David Pickrell of Westmount Florist, who was happy the money went to a good cause.

"What can I say?" he joked. "I was there, it was the same age as me. I needed a hole in the head so I bought it."

Griffin himself put in the winning bid on an old pine sleigh, which he said he will bring to his country house.

"I don't think I'll be sliding on it any time soon, but it will hang on the wall," he said.

Local Rotarians now have to decide which worthy projects to support, Griffin said. The club is currently working with the Victorian Order of Nurses to fix up a drop-in centre on Bishop Street downtown, which will offer support services to cancer patients.

Established in 1930, the local Rotary Club has funded a number of community projects aimed at seniors as well as teenagers.

— Marilyn Vanderstay



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By Reg Morden

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**Gospel-singing Grammy nominee in concert**

Grammy nominated Gospel singer Yolande Adams will be in concert at Westmount High School on May 10 at 7 p.m. Adams, who offers a unique brand of gospel music that contains elements of jazz, R & B and pop, will be performing with 1997 Juno nominee Tongues of Fire, a Toronto-based gospel band, and The Faith Outreach Gospel Choir.

To date her awards read like a who's who of the gospel music industry, plus a Grammy nomination in 1995. Adams has been a guest of Jay Leno twice on the Tonight Show and of President Clinton at the White House at the "Family Christmas Celebration." Her three albums have spent more than 100 weeks on the Bill Board Chart and she was rated on the

Top 10 for 28 weeks. In 1996, Adams performed one of her songs "Open Arms" at the "Soul Train Music Awards."

The concert was organized by Pastors Letitia and Paul McPherson of the Restoration Church, a full Gospel church recently formed at 6484 Victoria Ave.

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# EDITORIAL

## Hoping election doesn't blow away all the news

With the election having been called, THE EXAMINER will begin devoting more space next week to election coverage and will lend its help to the Westmount Municipal Association for a meet-the-candidates night May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall.

Current MP Lucienne Robillard has confirmed her attendance and residents David and Diana Nicholson have been asked to moderate for the evening.

Beyond that, we'll do our best to give you a better picture of what your local candidates are all about. Once again we'll invite the candidates to provide written answers to some questions for publication in THE EXAMINER.

In addition to Liberal Lucienne Robillard, Conservative Tom Davis (a Westmount resident) and NDPer Chris Carter, there is Dr. Roopnarie Singh of Canada Day Parade fame, as well as a Bloc Québécois candidate, whose name we had not confirmed as Wednesday.

In the meantime our hope is that the election won't blow away too much of the space we have to devote to other news and events.

It often seems in urban ridings like Westmount-Ville Marie that voters are casting ballots for their party of choice, and not so much on the strengths or weaknesses of the local candidate. We'll see if that's the case in Westmount in 1997. —Bernie O'Neill



### FROM THE MAIL BAG



## Many parking aprons create concrete jungle

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Peter Trent was forwarded to The Examiner.

Dear Sir:

As a resident of Strathcona Avenue, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Administration for the recent implementation of reserved parking from 6 to 10 p.m. on my street.

In the 15-odd years I have lived on Strathcona, I have slowly watched my neighbourhood turn into one vast parking lot.

Leaving aside the propensity of more and more residents to pave all or part of their front lawns in order to accommodate two or even three cars, the increased activity at the YMCA, Victoria Hall and the new Library has had a spill-over effect onto Strathcona.

From a peaceful, tree-lined street in 1981, Strathcona had begun to resemble a car lot. Last

winter, I was forced to call Public Security on at least four occasions, to attempt to locate the owner of an unknown car blocking my driveway entrance.

I am very grateful for your efforts at controlling parking on our residential streets. However, I remain concerned about the extensive "concrete" landscaping of front lawns.

Unfortunately, this has coincided with the death of many trees on Strathcona, and the result is not aesthetically pleasing!

The City has gone to great lengths to regulate and supervise building plans, parking, noise pollution and land use, with excellent results.

Would it not be appropriate to also now take a look at "off-street" parking?

Claudette Bellemare  
Strathcona Ave.  
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### Send us your letters

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## Gardeners should leaf us alone

To the editor:

Thank you for your editorial on leaf blowers (April 24). You took the words right out of my mouth. Autumn is my favourite season, which I look forward to after a hot summer.

I love to walk the hills of Westmount and breathe in the beauty of the changing colours, the golden tree silhouetted against the blue sky. Suddenly, to be interrupted by the sound of the leaf blower is jarring beyond belief.

We have so little beauty left these days and we should not be dictated to by gardeners.

The people who work from 9 to 5 have business on their minds, not beauty.

They really are never home to enjoy what I find so beautiful, and on weekends they leave town. So what is all this talk about 500 signatures and a lawyer? If I were running things, there would be a ban on all leaf blowing.

Gerald Glass  
Metcalf Ave.  
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Eleanor Roth  
De Maisonneuve Blvd.  
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## Not on ballot (and not in Senate)

To the editor:

This is to inform your readers that I will not be running in the coming election. I wish again to thank my friends and supporters for their support in the last by-election in 1995. I can now be

called an elder statesman. I guess no Senate seat awaits me as I was not a Liberal. What a pity!

## No apology on statements about library

To the editor:

Councillor Wright has described the recent meeting between the Public Library Committee and the Westmount Municipal Association as very good, although I prefer to call it healthy, a term which has a variety of nuances without being too specific.

It was quickly clear that there are two principal issues. First, there's the whole issue of the disposal of books, which some of us believe should remain in Westmount, a matter which is far from resolved. Second, is the almost total lack of communica-

tions between the Public Library Committee and the citizens, in whose name they are supposed to be trustees, on what changes have been or are being made in the library.

Meanwhile, the dispersal of the 'collections' (not the normal weeding process which goes on in all libraries) is set to continue, even if the Westmount Historical Association is to play a role in the process, although the actual protocol has yet to be decided.

I also pointed out that the library's collections are part of the City's cultural heritage which, by (to quote the Rare

Book Policy) a conscious decision, is also being diminished. Furthermore, there has been no hint of an apology for the earlier statements that the Rare Book Policy did not exist or the misinformation that McGill had climate-controlled rooms for rare books when it did not.

As I fly off to the Land of the Rising Sun, I bid you a fond farewell while I do not forget the Cause. Like Douglas MacArthur, I shall be back.

John Johnston  
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## Old News

(from the examiner archives)



**Fifteen years ago**  
April 29, 1982

**TAX PROTESTERS VISIT QUEBEC:** Westmount tax protest organizers are planning to lead overburdened homeowners to the Quebec National Assembly May 5, to continue the fight that began here two months ago. The local leaders plan to rent buses to take Westmounters, as well as any others who want to join in, to Quebec City in support of a motion to rectify municipal taxation.

**Twenty-five years ago**  
May 4, 1972

**ONLY SEVEN DAYS' CLASSES:** Following a rather disruptive, wasted and otherwise chaotic month of April, during which Westmount High students attended classes for a grand total of seven days, life around the homefront has once more begun to settle down to a slow crawl. With the issue of the June examination schedule, it is obvious what is uppermost in the minds of many students. The grads are grateful for one small mercy—the postponement of French matriculation orals.

**Thirty-five years ago**  
May 4, 1962

**MONEY AT THE REDDY:** More than \$3 million may have to be raised by public contribution in plans for an extension and renovation program to be undertaken later this year at the Reddy Memorial Hospital. Construction on the renovation and new work will begin by December of this year, and will allow for an increase in bed capacity from present 139 to 220. It will also allow for a recovery room and intensive care unit as well as expansion of existing hospital services.

**Forty-five years ago**  
May 2, 1952

**ROTARIAN GOES TO RED CHINA:** In many respects thinking of Chinese communists is perverted. Dr. A. Stewart Allen, former medical missionary to China, told the Westmount Rotary Club this week in his informative address on conditions in the Red ridden country. "Chinese Communists must indicate by speech and by action that they stand behind their government in every respect," the speaker said. Dr. Allen, a former president of the Chun-king Rotary Club, declared that such clubs are disapproved by the Chinese and other nationals of totalitarian states.

**Fifty-five years ago**  
May 7, 1942

**POLICE WOMAN REQUIRED:** Don't think the police department is going to turn effeminate, but the war has caused Westmount to seek the services of a woman police officer. The position is that of park ranger and has become vacant due to the shortage of suitable men caused by the war and its attendant industries. According to an advertisement inserted by the City in the press, the requirements call for an "active woman of good appearance and address." The successful applicant must also be approved in regard to height and weight.

# Bunnies leap to forefront of pet fashions

I was hopping mad—appropriately so. Alfie, our pet rabbit had bitten into her umpteenth telephone cable. I was chatting merrily away to the husband on a transatlantic call to London, when the line went dead as a Dodo.

"ALFIE!" I screamed, as I glimpsed her fluffy tail disappearing behind the sofa, in a quick getaway. Even the seductive charms of a few lettuce leaves, crunchy baby carrots and her favorite white chocolate couldn't get her to budge from her hiding place.

At this time of year, bunnies are in vogue. One sees the buck-teeth creatures on everything from Easter eggs to birthday cards. However, the humble house rabbit has suddenly become the IN pet to have all the year round.

What's a house rabbit? Same as any other common or garden species, except it doesn't actually live at the bottom of the garden in a hutch. It lives *chez nous*, goes 'walkies,' chases balls, uses the cat's litter tray, hogs the fire, and generally lollops around the house like one of the family.

Our Alfie is spoiled rotten! She does all of the above, and more. My daughter Lara takes her to Westmount Park on a leash which prompts little old ladies and very small children to ooh and ahh, which is fun. But then I think about the wires with all those teeth marks and how Alfie devours the pot plants and pees on the pillow cases and nibbles the buttons on the TV remote control...

Despite the destruction, she is adorable. Apparently she is also quite a stunner as bunnies go. You see Lara had found a vet who specializes in rabbit care, so she could get Alfie checked over (consultation fee \$50) and have her nails clipped.

**Jan Kaluza**



The vet commented on Alfie's "perfect teeth." My daughter thought all rabbits had lovely teeth given their penchant for chomping on carrots and broccoli stems, but no, this vet said that many bunnies have terrible teeth and even need braces. That really tickled the daughter, who was also amused to discover that, one year after buying Alfie and believing him to be a boy, the vet confirmed that HE was really a SHE.

To give you an example of how 'In' rabbits are right now, one needs to look no further than the world of showbusiness. Elle magazine recently featured rabbits on the cover of its interiors magazine and they blended exquisitely with the pastel decor. Singer Suggs from the pop group Madness evidently lets his two rabbits Otis and Basilica choose his lottery numbers, and on various Hollywood photo shoots, mega-stars such as Gene Hackman and Clint Eastwood could be seen crawling around on the floor, rubbing noses with Apples, who is owned by top Hollywood photographer Pete Kredenser, who keeps more than 20 rabbits.

House rabbits began to take off in the '80s, when young professionals found they couldn't care properly for a dog, so started to bring their rabbits indoors and discovered how easy it was to house train them. The store Harrods of London confirm home rabbits are selling like hot-

cakes. Royalty has them (Prince Harry and William are fans) and they are much prized by Gulf Sheiks.

Rabbits know when they are on to a good thing, and indeed like the good things in life. Alfie has taken to stealing Lara's chocolate, and she loves warm baths. Often when Lara's not home, Alfie will jump onto her bed and sleep snugly on the pillows.

Says a friend: "When you have house rabbits you realize what intelligent animals they are."

True. Alfie uses the litter tray beautifully. She hops around and explores just like a cat and certainly has her own personality. If she's cross she will make a "honking" noise at you, which frankly is quite disturbing, but when she's feeling mellow after being stroked, her eyes crinkle in satisfaction. Sometimes she even responds to her name.

One word of warning. Do bunny-proof your home. As mentioned before, wires are the big problem. Bell Canada engineers are often called out to reconnect the chewed-up telephone lines. The cheapest cure is to cover wires with plastic water piping from your local garden center.

Such considerations apart, house rabbits are very cheap pets to buy (around \$24 for a dwarf or \$28 for a lop-eared) and the feed is also cheap. An indoor hutch which they will need from time to time will set you back around \$65. They can also be left alone during the day and they spend a lot of time dozing happily, waiting for you to return.

After a hard day at work, it's nice to be able to slam the front door shut on the outside world and utter these comforting words: "Bunny, I'm home!"

## MORE FROM THE MAIL BAG



# Unity resolution is a partitionist document

**To the editor:**

Although I do not like to disappoint some of my friends who are involved in the so-called "Unity" resolution urged for adoption by the City Council of Westmount, I feel obliged not only to offer a dissenting voice but also to state some facts which the readers of THE EXAMINER may have forgotten.

1. The resolution is not a Unity resolution but a partitionist document. A careful reading leaves literally no doubt about this. The federal government is asked to intervene in the case of a 'yes' vote for an independent Quebec. How else can this be done than to establish "Canadian Zones" for the dissenting municipalities?

2. The situation of the anglophone and allophone minority in Quebec can be compared in many ways to that of the francophones outside Quebec. Everybody knows their situation would be severely menaced if Quebec breaks away from Canada. But no one cares, least of all our separatist government. Of course the powers that be in Quebec City make hollow noises to the contrary, but the extreme economic pressures which would result in the establishment of a separate state with the attendant quarrels, uncertainties and further economic decline will leave not a penny for supporting the French Fact outside the new borders.

3. Our isolation is further illustrated by the following recent incidents: In a CBC interview at the time of his retirement as premier of Newfoundland, Mr. Clyde Wells was asked whether he regretted having been the

principal actor in the defeat of the Meech Lake Accord. Not at all, allowed the premier, he proved that every Newfoundlander was as good as every Quebecker.

When Mr. Clark was sworn in as NDP premier of B.C. he immediately pronounced himself on our constitutional impasse by volunteering that there would not be any special deals for Quebec.

In the past we have always been able to count on Ontario as a power to bring about reasonable compromise. Back to and including the Davis government, Ontario has had, on the whole, premiers of great integrity and thoughtfulness. Now they have Mike Harris an honest but brutal politician whose latest achievement is the closure of a sheltered workshop for handicapped individuals in order to save money.

Lastly the government in Ottawa has adopted an "administrative" approach to the constitutional problem which may or may not be effective. In any event we now live in a "de facto" one party country where the ruling party could not care less what anyone thinks. How else to explain the outrageous decision to cut 2700 jobs from the CBC thereby breaking an election promise and creating additional unemployment?

4. So should we simply give up and let a nightmare sweep over us? I think not. Great as our isolation may be, we are not alone. We have the 40 per cent plus francophones who voted 'No' at the last referendum on our side. These are the people to whom we should build bridges in every conceivable way. Do

we impress them by passing partitionist resolutions? We impress no one except our own enthusiasts.

Incidentally a person who is building bridges in Peter Trent who is working assiduously on behalf of the greater Montreal community. He does not have to say that separatism is a disaster. The article about him in l'Actualité did more to disabuse the francophone public about insular anglos than the most expensive public relations campaign. When my wife and I toured the Gaspé last September we were not only treated very well but occasionally with some surprise. There were tourists from France, from the U.S.A. and from other parts of Canada but anglos from Montreal were apparently rare. I would suggest to readers of THE EXAMINER to travel to Tadoussac before booking for Tokyo, to see the Ile aux Coudres before Crete, and Percé before St. Petersburg. I would also suggest subscribing to the aforementioned l'Actualité or the Saturday edition of La Presse. Lastly there are many community organizations in which the so-called solitudes work together and there are volunteer opportunities in francophone hospitals as another example. You are not required to make a political pitch to anyone, just to show that you can be part of the whole. Will you convince those who dream of an independent Quebec at any price? Of course not. They don't want any bridges.

**John Lehnert**  
Lewis Avenue  
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# Violinist Qing Zheng travels the world

*Success comes despite blindness at birth*

By Sarah Musgrave

As she walks to her home on Sherbrooke Street under a red umbrella on a rainy Monday morning, the only clues to Qing Zheng's vocation are the calloused fingertips of her left hand.

"I heard about a musician who went to the doctor to get a blood test and when they went to prick his finger the needle couldn't get through because it was so hard," she says with a shy smile.

Zheng, 26, is about as understated as an internationally recognized musician can get. Originally from Shanghai, she has won competitions around the world, including Poland, Japan and England. She has performed under Lord Yehudi Menuhin with the English Chamber Orchestra, and with the McGill Symphony Orchestra under Simon Streatfield.

She has been playing the violin since she was 2, starting with a tiny toy-sized instrument scaled to a toddler. It's a small surprise to find out that she is the daughter of two violin teachers from China.

What makes her accomplishments more surprising however, is the fact that Zheng was born almost completely blind. Several operations have given her only partial sight.

"My mother taught me pieces one bar at a time," she recalls in a soft voice. "I would repeat each phrase until it was memorized." Now she is able to read music on her own using a special pair of glasses with "telescopic" lenses. It is still a painstaking process, and once on stage she relies entirely on her memory.

Despite her recordings with the Shanghai Chamber Orchestra, as well as concerts in China, Japan and Canada, Zheng says she still gets butterflies in her stomach before any performance, including the benefit concert for the Westmount Youth Orchestra at Victoria Hall last Sunday.

"I think it is better to be nervous," she says. "It gives you inspiration. Playing on stage demands a lot of courage. It's a challenge to go out in front of an audience. If a musician is not in a good mood, you can sense it. A violin is not like a machine. A piece will sound different depending on the night." Zheng's skill in getting the music across to the young musicians as well as the audience sets a strong tone, according to the director of the Westmount Youth Orchestra, Salim Nakhjavani.

The orchestra chose to work with Zheng not only as a gifted artist, but as a "model of courage, perseverance, excellence and dedication for all young musicians."

The local concert featured the works of Dvorak and St. Saëns, but Zheng says that her favourites are Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. "Music is the language of the soul—truth, love, beauty. Sometimes



**Qing Zheng is inspiration to young musicians.**

you feel that you are communicating with the composer, you suddenly know what he wants to say," she reflects.

Actually saying it right demands a rare talent and a lot of discipline. Zheng spends at least four hours a day practicing. She remembered a television program about a young pianist who said she felt like a nun because she was married to her instrument.

"It's so true," Zheng agrees. "It takes a lot of devotion. I am driven to do music, that's where my talent is."

Zheng moved to Montreal with her mother six years ago, to study with Mauricio Fouks at McGill University. In August she is going back to a very different life in China, where she will become a professor at the Shanghai Conservatory. "It's important to have a stable job. The life of the musician, of a soloist is very hard," she says.

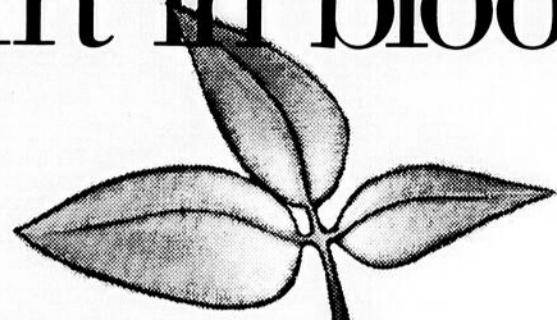
While Chinese society has opened up in the last few years, the way of life is very different from the "European" flavour of Montreal. So she will hang on to her Canadian citizenship just in case, she says.

The violinist will play at Marianopolis College on June 17, in a benefit concert for the Ukraine.



**Westmount Youth Orchestra plays Victoria Hall.**

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# Warning: Fennario play Gargoyles takes some shots at Westmount

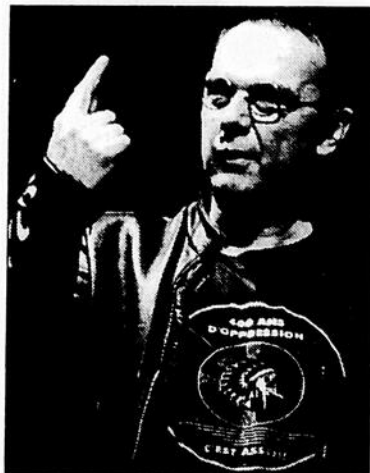
*One performance at Victoria Hall next weekend*

Westmounters are in for a few pot shots delivered in a rough and tumble style, when critically acclaimed playwright David Fennario brings his one-man show, Gargoyles, to Victoria Hall next weekend.

The solo tour de force comes to Westmount on May 10 after a successful run earlier this year at the Centaur Theatre.

The controversial writer again tackles the class struggle with this revisionist look at the story of Montreal, according to Lansdowne Avenue resident Kathleen Duncan who is coordinating the production here.

"A lot of what he talks about has to do with rich pitted against poor,



Fennario has own viewpoint.

or Westmount and Pointe St. Charles," she said.

"But I think these are things that happened long ago. It would certainly be of interest to anyone not familiar with or interested in local history."

Fennario has described this piece as "history seen from the bottom up," in which the usual bad guys play the part of the good guys.

Fennario grew up in the working-class district of Pointe St. Charles, which has provided the backdrop for Balconville and On the Job, both brought to the public under the wing of artistic director Maurice Podbrey at the Centaur Theatre.

Proceeds from this performance will go to St. Columba House, a community support organization in the Point.

The show will be filmed for a documentary about Fennario and this latest play. A discussion period and cash bar will follow the performance.

Tickets are \$15 for the show, to be held May 10 at 8 p.m., and are available at the local library, from several area merchants or by calling Kathleen Duncan at 989-9752.

## Theatre works

(Continued from page 1)

plex on St. Denis Boulevard, a nine-plex on Atwater Avenue, plus the Famous Players screens. Litchman isn't too worried about the competition on the western edge of the downtown core.

"I don't think there will be a need for more movie screens in Montreal," he said. "Our company took a look at the Forum but we didn't feel a 30-plex would work on an economic level."

A big drawback of the Forum is the lack of parking. Litchman said. Alexis Nihon Plaza has space for 1,200 vehicles, and he's hoping to be able to offer a rebate on the price of parking with the purchase of a ticket.

Plans for developing the Forum this summer are on hold pending the rental of the building for filming of a Brian de Palma boxing block-buster.

Cineplex Odeon already owns theatres in the Faubourg shopping centre and the Egyptien in Cours Mont Royal. The renovated complex will employ 60 full-time workers. By the end of the year Cineplex Odeon will have about 100 screens across Quebec.

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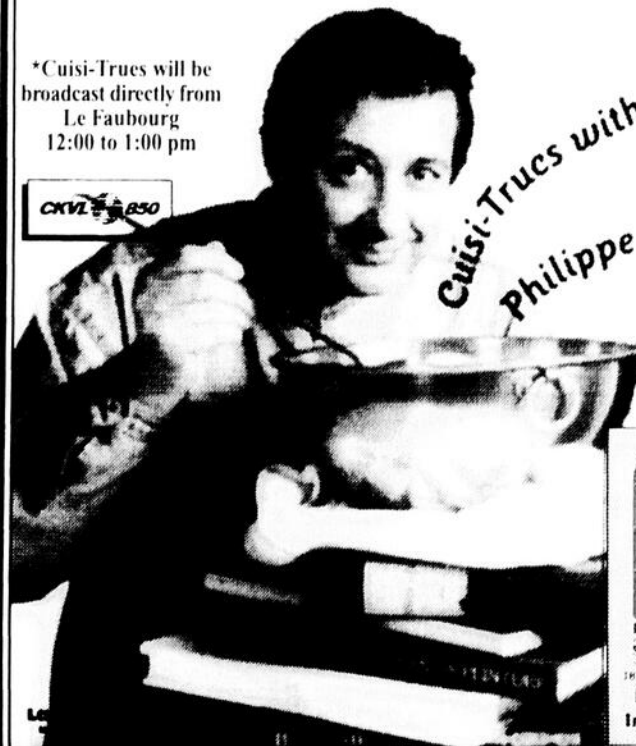


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**Winners will be announced in the May 8/97 edition.**  
Deadline for entries Tuesday May 6th, 2 p.m.

The questions are:

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- 3 What new style cuisine are we serving?
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- 5 Name two of our great gift items?
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# Community Bulletin Board...

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### Thursday, May 8

**Shaar Hashomayim Leisure Institute's** annual Open Gate Gala, an evening of duplicate and rubber bridge, takes place Thursday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Shaar, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Buffet supper, door prizes, trophies. Valet parking available. Proceeds to Open Gate project, which offers frail and isolated seniors a weekly "day out" with a hot lunch and stimulating crafts and games. Tickets \$36 for donors, \$50 for sponsors. Reservations: Elsa Hoffman, 489-3372, or Mavis Solloway, 486-0458.

**Protecting Mount Royal** subject of talk by Peter Howlett, co-founder and president of Friends of the Mountain. Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at Westmount Public Library, as part of Westmount Historical Association spring lecture series. Entry \$10 (\$5 for members). 933-5372.

### Saturday, May 10

**Gargoyles**, by David Fennario, May 10 at 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall for filming in documentary. Tickets \$15, available at Nick's Restaurant, Double Hook, Caré Gourmet, Folklore I, Video Westmount and Westmount Library. 989-9752.

**Dinner and dance** at Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke St. West, on Saturday, May 10 featuring Boppin' Blues Band and Cajun dinner starting at 7 p.m. Tickets for dinner and dance are \$15 each or 4 for \$50; tickets for dance only are \$10 at door after 8 p.m. Evening is fundraiser for new handicap accessible doors in "Y" entrance, for seniors, parents with strollers, and those with physical handicaps. For tickets, call 931-8046.

**Westmount Concerts** benefit gala Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at Church of the Advent, corner Wood and de Maisonneuve, featuring 11 artists. Tickets \$20, children 15 and under free accompanied by adult. 481-9133.

**Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School** rummage sale, Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 525 Mount Pleasant Ave. Also Mother's Day table. Donations accepted May 9 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 935-6620.

**Rummage and Bake Sale** at Church of the Advent, corner Wood and de Maisonneuve, Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, books, jewellery, toys, fresh-baked goods. 933-0626.

**Car wash** to benefit Friends for AIDS, Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Ostfan's Esso station, corner Grosvenor and Sherbrooke.

### Monday, May 12

**Westmount Municipal Association** annual general meeting Monday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by Mayor Peter Trent, columnist Peggy Curran and businessman Stephen Jarislowsky, on "Shaping a Future for Westmount," at Victoria Hall, 4574 Sherbrooke St. Open to all. 935-2724.

### Tuesday, May 13

**Book launch** of Irene Burstyn's "Picking Up Pearls: Stories of Natti, Emily, Trudi, Anna, and Others," Tuesday, May 13, 6 to 8 p.m., Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave.

### Wednesday, May 14

**Antique Auction** at St. Matthias' Church, 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd., Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. (view-

ing at 5 p.m.) Antiques, paintings, silverware, lamps, furniture, etc. Admission \$3, includes catalogue and glass of wine. 933-4295.

### Upcoming

**Dawson College Alumni Association** golf tournament at Rawdon. Open to male and female golfers at all levels. Info: John Davidson, 931-8731, ext. 1205.

**Ye Olde Westmount Village Street Festival** Saturday, June 7, Sherbrooke and Victoria. Fashion show, wine tasting, kids games, and more. To help out, call Lesley Forrester at 488-8055.

### 'Beyond the Borders'

**Concordia Theatre Dept.** presents Into the Woods, by Stephen Sondheim, to May 4 at D.B. Clarke Theatre, Hall Building, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 848-4742.

**Stewart Hall Singers**, directed by Winston Purdy, present From Brahms to Broadway, Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. at St. Joachim Church, 2 Ste.-Anne, Pointe Claire. Adults \$12, students and seniors, \$9. 684-1231.

**Songs from the British Isles**, Adrienne Savoie soprano, Michel Beauchamp guitar, Sunday May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jean Baptiste Church, Drolet St., corner Rachel. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, seniors. 253-9474.

**Writer, editor** Ron Graham will speak May 5 before the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal, at the Montreal Citadel, 2085 Drummond St., downtown. Coffee at 12:30 p.m., lecture at 1:30.

**Gordon and Nancy Lorimer** will give slide show of trip to South America following annual general meeting of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, Monday, May 5 at 8 p.m., Fraser-Hickson Library, 4855 Kensington Ave., N.D.G.

**Grenfell Association of Montreal** dinner and annual general meeting at MAAA, 2070 Peel, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Peter J. Roberts, former executive director of Grenfell Regional Health Services, Newfoundland. Tickets: 697-1825.

**Salvation Army** musical evening Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Montreal Citadel, 2085 Drummond St., downtown, features 27 choir

members from Australia singing variety of music. Tickets \$7. 288-2848. (Parking at 2050 Stanley St., P2 level).

**Trafalgar School for Girls** Antique Show and Sale May 8 to 10. Gala preview evening May 8, from 6 to 10 p.m., \$25. General admission Friday, May 9, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3495 Simpson St. 935-2644.

**Espace Trois**, at Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine St. West., presents Westmount artist Ann McCall, RCA, Grasses-Les herbes, graphite drawings, silkscreen prints, acrylic paintings and collographs, created since 1979. Vernissage Thursday, May 8, from 5 to 9 p.m.

**Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal** holds spring bazaar Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 8155 Rousselot St., Montreal. Japanese foods, Japanese boutique and more. 728-1996.

**Irish Ceili Dance** Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Addington and de Maisonneuve in N.D.G. \$5 in advance, \$8 at door. 483-4064.

**Spring Arts and Crafts Sale** at Manoir Lac Brome, 28 Mount Echo Road, Knowlton, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sandwich and salad buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (514) 242-4663.

**Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul**, corner Sherbrooke St. and Bishop downtown, presents Dr. George McPhee, organist and music director at Paisley Abbey, Scotland, in concert May 11 at 4 p.m. Freewill offering.

**'Podroast'** farewell event for Centaur Theatre founder Maurice Podbrey, Monday, May 12 at Centaur Theatre, as fundraiser for Centaur. 288-3161.

**Raffle** May 13 for Montreal Assault Prevention Centre, 28 prizes (including weekend for 2 at Château Mont-Tremblant with car rental). Tickets \$5 at Babar, Double Hook, McGill and Paragraphe book stores. 284-1212.

**Dr. Abbas Sadikot**, neurosurgeon at Montreal Neurological Institute, guest speaker at monthly meeting of Parkinson Foundation Montreal Support Group, Monday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at Julius Richardson Convalescent Hospital, 6440 Côte St. Luc Rd. Members, guests welcome.

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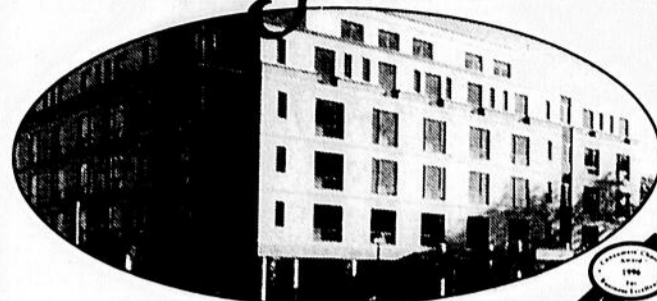
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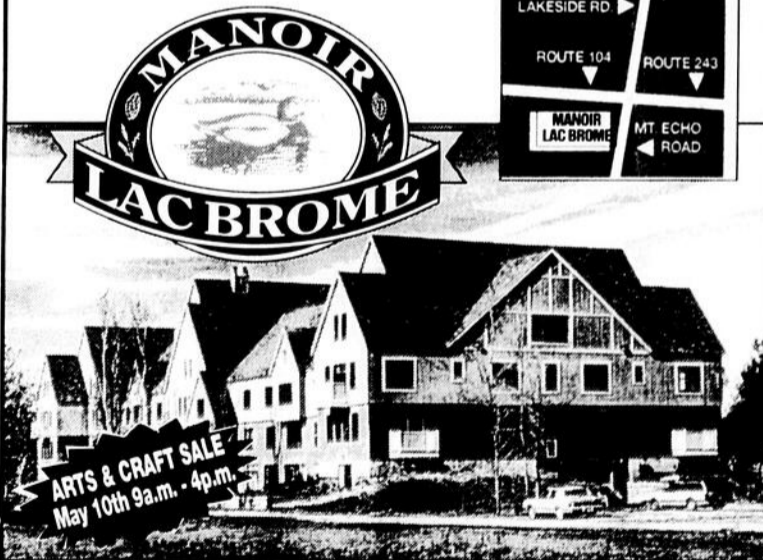
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### Singing lessons

Westmount High School guidance counsellor Karen Allen looks like the real thing as sings her heart out at Monday's annual music gala, which featured students, teachers and parents from the school. The event was organized by music teacher Penny Lewis.

## Catch a Breath of Scotland at WHS

Scottish vaudevillian comedian Ronnie Coburn will bring his "Breath of Scotland" show to Westmount High School once again this Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. Coburn and his troupe will entertain the audience of regulars and neophytes with a fast moving variety show of traditional and not-so-traditional Scottish medleys, comedy, Highland dances,

pipes and drums, and sentiments. The Montreal Branch of the Black Watch Association and the Westmount High School Alumnae Association will again sponsor this 31st evening of the annual event.

"Because of the long standing relationship between the Black Watch and its Breath of Scotland production, the Alumnae is spon-

soring the fundraising event for the third year," explains Alumnae president Virginia Bostock. "A portion of the profits from the show will go to St. Anne's Military Hospital in St. Anne's."

Coburn, who hails from Dundee, Scotland, is a Scottish television and stage personality. Tickets at the door are \$17.

— Marylin Vanderstey

## Key to choosing physiotherapist

You took advantage of the warm and beautiful weekend to clean some of the weeds from your garden and now your neck is sore and stiff. At afternoon tea, with your best friend, you received the suggestion to see a physiotherapist.

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Before addressing those questions, I would like to clarify what physiotherapy really is.

Physiotherapy is a field which deals with the human musculo-skeletal system. Simply put, the muscles and the bones.

Still confused? You probably are not the only one. Unfortunately the term physiotherapy has not been regulated by the government. Anyone can claim to offer physiotherapy services and therefore the type of services offered may vary greatly. Some practitioners are qualified while others are not. How do you decide?

The best way to be certain you are receiving regulated physiotherapy services is to choose a physiotherapist.

A physiotherapist is a practitioner of physiotherapy who is regulated by the *Ordre des Physiothérapeutes du Québec*.

Well...  
Over 60  
By Elianna Pappas



This provincial regulating body ensures that the physiotherapist practitioner is qualified and that he or she follows the rules outlined by the order. The Order has one key goal in mind. It is there to protect the public and to give you security that your physiotherapist practitioner is qualified to offer his or her services.

Be aware: a therapist is not obliged to be a member of the Order. You can determine if a therapist is a member of the order in two ways: he or she will have the abbreviation "pht." after his name; and most importantly, only a member can use the reserved title of physiotherapist.

If you are not sure if the therapist you are interested in is a member of the Order, you can call the following number: L'Ordre des physiothérapeutes du Québec: (514) 351-2770, or 1-800-361-2001.

This article was written on behalf of the Contactivity Centre for seniors.

## Pinkerton Flowers Ltd. and McKenna Côte des Neiges A New WESTSIDE STORY

In a merger of interests which could very well leave two of Quebec and Canada's oldest and most respected florists smelling like roses, McKenna Côte des Neiges has recently merged with Pinkerton Flowers Ltd. of 5127 Sherbrooke St. West.

Mary McKenna and company have come out of the difficult retail climate, and joined their 146 year old family-owned florist business with Pinkerton's. It is a move to greener pastures for both.

"We have the operations in place to improve all facets of customer service and support," says Peter Pinkerton.

McKenna Côte des Neiges keeps their name, logo and telephone number (931-5557) and the same friendly staff, led by Mary and Brigid McKenna. They are now located at Pinkerton's on Sherbrooke West.

"McKenna Côte des Neiges has an illustrious name of long standing and respect in floriculture, a name I was bought up respecting and the tradition must be continued."

The Pinkerton and McKenna union will now fully serve the entire greater Montréal area including the West Island, Laval and South Shore.

"From start to finish our operations are fully computerized and our fleet of delivery vans are all radio equipped. This enables us to provide unparalleled service throughout the city and around the world, all at a very reasonable cost to the customer", emphasizes Pinkerton.

Their forefathers were never ones to let the grass grow under their feet.

In 1851 Patrick McKenna, Mary's great great grandfather, was given a parcel of land as a wedding gift. The gardener began a flourishing fruit and vegetable business on his Côte des Neiges tract.

The green thumb he had brought from Ireland led him to floriculture and he began growing and selling flowers for the ladies of Westmount.

By 1903 Peter Pinkerton's grandfather in Rosemère, Québec was turning his summer hobby and passion for cultivating flowers into a business. R.T. Pinkerton began his greenhouses selling mainly gladioli to other nurserymen and florists. The Pinkerton greenhouses continued to grow, by the 1950's they owned the largest greenhouse operation in Québec.

Today Pinkerton's ranks in the top 100 of the Florist Transworld Delivery Ass. (FTD) out of more than 60,000 florists worldwide.

Both companies have won numerous awards for design and excellence of decoration, including this year's Consumer Choice Award and the Eastern Canada Orchid Society Annual Award.

Mary McKenna adds "I'm thrilled with this unique opportunity to continue to provide our many Westmount and area customers and friends with the same time-honored McKenna tradition of service and quality".



**Fire calls**



From the fire hall

**Monday, April 21**

12:10 a.m. 222 Melville: Smoke detector set off due to burnt bagels in toaster.  
 11:07 a.m. 4687 Westmount: Report of strong smell of stripping solution turned out to be floors being refinished next door.  
 11:58 a.m. Rear of 4217 Dorchester: Gas leaking from garbage truck.  
 1:29 p.m. 323 Grosvenor: Basement flooded by water leaking through foundation; Water Vac and sump pump used to suck up the water.  
 2:15 p.m. 319 Grosvenor: Basement flooded by water leaking through foundation; Water Vac and sump pump used to suck up the water.  
 2:33 p.m. 324 Grosvenor: Basement flooded by water leaking through foundation; Water Vac and sump pump used to suck up the water.  
 6:02 p.m. 444 Argyle: Small amount of flooding due to leak in pipe; water was shut off and owner advised to call a plumber.  
 6:27 p.m. 319 Grosvenor: Small amount of water leaking through foundation; cleaned up by resident.  
 8:33 p.m. 43 Windsor: Hot water pipe burst; slight amount of water damage to ceiling and basement bathroom; owner advised to call plumber.

**Tuesday, April 22**

10:26 a.m. Wood and Sherbrooke: 78-year-old woman fell and broke her nose; she was taken to Royal Victoria Hospital.  
 12:18 p.m. 4333 Sherbrooke: 65-year-old man fell, suffering abrasion to nose; he refused transport to the hospital.  
 1:07 p.m. Opposite of 454 Elm: Report of fire on a roof; rim of roofers' tar pot had caught fire but was quickly extinguished by the workmen; all was in order.  
 1:32 p.m. 435 Elm: Electrical wire down; Westmount Light & Power responded but told owner the wire was connected to the home's entrance mast and the owner would have to call an electrician to do the repairs.

**Wednesday, April 23**

9:47 a.m. 2300 Tupper: Cancelled en route.  
 5:34 p.m. Clarke and St. Catherine: 63-year-old man whose car overturned during a motor vehicle collision; only injury he suffered was a fairly deep

laceration to his left wrist; the injury was treated on the scene and he refused transport to hospital.  
 7:34 p.m. Front of 4500 St. Catherine: 46-year-old woman fell and suffered pain to her back; taken to Montreal General Hospital.  
 8:31 p.m. 250 Clarke: 77-year-old woman with mild chest pains; she was taken to Verdun General Hospital.

**Thursday, April 24**

6:34 a.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve: Cancelled en route.  
 12:38 p.m. 4626 Sherbrooke: Alarm activated due to surge in sprinkler system; repairman had been called in.  
 12:51 p.m. 4585 Sherbrooke: 79-year-old diabetic woman who passed out while swimming at the YMCA pool; she was given orange juice and fruit, and felt better; refused transport to hospital; husband came to pick her up.  
 3:45 p.m. 4880 Westmount: elderly woman with chest pains taken to St. Mary's Hospital.  
 6:57 p.m. 4501 Sherbrooke: Water leaking from holding tank in elevator set off alarm; resident advised to call repairman.  
 7:34 p.m. 101 Côte St. Antoine: 32-year-old man suffered ankle injury playing volleyball.  
 8:32 p.m. 250 Clarke: 79-year-old man with chest pains; taken to Montreal General Hospital.

**Friday, April 25**

4:06 a.m. 124 Claudioboye: 65-year-old man with chest pains; taken to Montreal General Hospital.  
 5:43 a.m. 4860 de Maisonneuve: 90-year-old man with diabetic problems; taken to Montreal General Hospital.  
 1:15 p.m. Front of 4150 Sherbrooke: Collision involving two cars and an MUCTC handicapped bus; four victims were all placed on backboards and were fitted with neck collars as a precaution; a 20-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man were taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital; 48-year-old man and 41-year-old man were taken to Montreal General Hospital.  
 10:13 p.m. Staynor Park: Fire in garbage can caused by a burnt plastic container; fire extinguished before firemen arrived.

**Saturday, April 26**

12:40 a.m. 655 Lansdowne: man with chest pains taken to Jewish General Hospital.  
 12:05 p.m. 4216 Dorchester: 23-year-old man with respiratory problems; taken to the Montreal General Hospital.  
 2:31 p.m. 4740 The Boulevard: Smoke in basement due to delayed ignition on oil furnace; owner advised to call a repairman.  
 5:22 p.m. 4435 Sherbrooke: Resident locked out of apartment; firemen used ladder to gain entry.

6:39 p.m. 5 Park Place: Alarm accidentally set off by burnt food.

**Sunday, April 27**

2:48 a.m. Corner Tupper and Atwater: Garbage can on fire; extinguished by Urgences Santé technicians.

5:29 a.m. 4350 Sherbrooke: man with respiratory problems taken to Montreal General Hospital.

9:11 a.m. 356 Côte St. Antoine: 84-year-old woman whose car struck a house; she suffered pain to her right forearm and lacerations to both knees;

she was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

3:36 p.m. Front of 4342 Sherbrooke: 71-year-old woman fell, injured left hip; taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

6:24 p.m. 4430 St. Catherine: Cancelled en route.

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# Fines for false alarms policy brought in by MUC police dept.

(Continued from page 1) have to keep their systems in good condition. False alarms keep the officers busy when they could be doing other interventions."

The MUCPD estimates 95 per cent of the 75,000 alarm calls it answered last year were unwarranted. Starting this month it intends to start recuperating some of the money it spends responding to these calls by sending bills for "service charges" in the mail.

The story of Peter and the Wolf will soon bear a hefty price tag. Warnings will be issued on the first call, followed by a bill of \$55

the second time around. That rises to \$85 on the third call. Crying wolf four times will cost \$110 in addition, and the boys in blue will no longer show up at the door.

Since November 1992, police have been keeping count of the number of false alarms. If four are accumulated in a 365-day period, services to the address are suspended. The fee system will start its tallies at zero, Bergeron said.

"If there are no traces of a break-in, it will be considered a false alarm," she said. She said residential alarms are sometimes set off by vibrations when a homeowner

pulls into the garage or due to poor maintenance or even weather.

Westmount's Fire Brigade responds to all exterior alarms, says assistant-director of the Protective Services department. "We don't know if it's a fire alarm or a burglar alarm until we get there," Barry Coates said. "If it's a burglar alarm we turn it over to the police." The Fire Department keeps down the number of unwarranted alarms by investigating the cause, often a defective device, rather than imposing fines. However, fire alarm systems are regulated by permits, unlike secu-

rity systems which can be installed by private companies.

In addition to fees of up to \$220 for false burglar alarms, businesses will be charged for the needless or accidental use of hold-up buttons. Those false alarms soon will cost the companies from \$250 to \$500, but services won't be suspended.

For information, call 280-SAGA.

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He had arrived from Europe in 1783 from Bavaria, where his family were makers of musical instruments and young John Jacob landed, so the legend goes, five pounds in his pocket and a small assortment of flutes and clarinets. By the time he died, in 1848, he had become the richest man in America, leaving an estate worth \$20 million.

Astor was born in the small Bavarian town of Waldorf, where his Huguenot ancestors had settled after fleeing France in the 16th century. It was a background he shared with Simon Clarke's wife, Ann Waldorf, and when their son John was 18 and eager to enter the fur trade he travelled to New York and was taken under Astor's wing as a favoured employee.

After years with the Astor enterprises John Clarke left, loaded with expensive gifts, including a diamond brooch, diamond studs, a cane encrusted with jewels and a portrait of himself commissioned by Astor for John's family.

John Clarke went on to become Chief Factor for the Hudson Bay Company after its merger with the

**Know Your Westmount**  
By Aline Gubbay



North West Company, and it was during a visit to a Hudson Bay outpost that he fell in love with and married Sapphira Spence, beautiful daughter of a Scottish father and an Indian mother.

The marriage was happy but brief. John brought Sapphira home to his family, who welcomed her warmly. But just months after her arrival she died.

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Simon Clarke died in 1832, aged 84. He, too, was buried in what had become known as the Clarke family cemetery, at the summit of Clarke Ave. The ground was consecrated as such by the Rt. Rev. George Jehoshaphat Mountain, Anglican Bishop of Quebec.

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# Unity saga similar in Montreal West

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that they are for or against the resolution." Bercovitz said he is waiting to hear both sides of the issue.

Residents may be asking themselves if this is really the answer to a bigger question, Councillor Tom Thompson suggested.

"I think people are wondering if this is really a means to an end or just an end in itself," he commented. "And yet it is frustrating when there is no hand coming out from Quebec or anywhere to help, and an absence of action on the part of the MNA and representatives in Ottawa."

Mayor Peter Trent has said that while the resolution might feel satisfying on the surface, it oversteps municipal responsibilities, and will only be interpreted by the media as a move towards partition.

Undaunted, Margo pointed out that a recalcitrant council in Montreal West was won over by a show of citizen support earlier this year. Montreal West city commissioner Ed Manis, who was instrumental in pushing the resolution there, has been invited to speak at tonight's meeting.

"They have a similar population, and had a similar reaction from council, but the people prevailed," Margo said.

The success of the campaign in Montreal West appears to have led to a formula used by many unity groups in the larger coalition, like the one in Westmount. However the tactics used by the coalition are too aggressive, according to town commissioner Howard Barza.

"They should realize that intimidation and pushing people's backs to the wall is not the

way to go about this," he said. "Frankly, I was peeved that the home phone numbers of town commissioners in Montreal West appeared on the flyers given out to every citizen. I am very accessible. But I did not want my wife to be disturbed at home with calls about this."

It felt like such an invasion of privacy that Barza, a lawyer, said he considered taking legal action.

Meetings in Montreal West turned ugly last December, and a watered-down version of the resolution that steered clear of partition was adopted two months ago after "a lot of reconciling and mediating," Barza said.

"I abhor the idea of partition," he said. "It reinforces the impression of crazy anglos who don't give a damn about Quebec. I want to stay in Quebec and in Canada."

The resolution proposed here is not calling for partition, Margo argued, but it does demand a stronger statement than its Montreal West counterpart. The Westmount resolution demands that "the Government of Canada take immediate and unequivocal action to protect and defend the constitutional and political rights of our residents to remain Canadian." Margo said it is not antagonistic, and does not call for a separate referendum for Westmount, as was done in Côte St. Luc.

Other supporters aren't worried about the wording. "What it says specifically doesn't matter as much as the general tone," said Allen Nutik, a Westmount Square resident. "What the separatists do to us is antagonistic. All we are doing is saving ourselves."

## Crash at Elm, Sherbrooke

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into the car's passenger side. Police would not say if excessive speed was to blame. The front right wheel of the van was torn off by the collision. The driver of the Chrysler, along with a 20-year-old female passenger from St. Henri, were taken to hospital. The driver suffered a cut over his right eye, while the passenger was complaining of pain to her right side and neck. The van driver and the man in the Acura both said they had pain to the back and neck. Both were taken to hospital.

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# Rugby, football grow by leaps and bounds with young women

By BOB OLIVER

Since its inception in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association curriculum eight years ago, the two fastest growing sports, surprisingly, have been girls touch football and girls rugby.

"The girls love it," GMAA director Joanne Macdonald says. "Touch football seems to be attracting girls who aren't even involved in other sports. This year there are 21 teams competing at the high-school level compared to only 12 boys teams."

"At the juvenile level, there are more girls rugby teams than boys teams."

**Very physical**

What is the fascination with a couple of sports that have traditionally been considered a man's game? "Because rugby is physical, people have the impression that girls don't like to play a contact sport and that's inaccurate," Macdonald explains.

"The thing that people have to understand is the girls are fairly balanced in size and stature and they aren't playing against boys. They're playing against other girls."

"Touch football is a freerunning, fabulous game and the girls have really taken to it."

A prime example of girls involvement was demonstrated on

Monday afternoon when Villa Maria and St. George's eagerly braved five-degree temperatures and a steady downpour to play their second league game of the year.

Villa Maria came out on top 26-0, getting touchdowns from Carla Lipscombe, Julia Pennimpede and two from Rachel Tangalin.

"It's fun and it's a great workout," said St. George's Fern Breslaw given the unsung task of rushing the Villa Maria quarterback. "And as a rusher it's very important not to let the quarterback get around you."

From the opposite side of the rusher, Villa Maria quarterback Carla Lipscombe enjoys her role.

"It's a nerve-racking position with an immense amount of pressure because the game is in my hands," she said. "But I like the feeling because I enjoy the responsibility of being a quarterback."

Along with St. George's, Villa Maria and Trafalgar, local schools that help make up the three-division, 21-team girls touch football league include Sacred Heart, Lower Canada College, The Study and Centennial Academy.

Westmount High School and Royal West compete in the midget girls rugby league. Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's, Royal West and Sacred Heart schools play in the juvenile girls rugby league.

# Ravens crew looking good

By BOB OLIVER

As an integral part of the oldest rugby club in North America, Westmount Ravens public relations and recruiter Pat VanDerWalde takes nothing for granted in keeping the tradition alive.

For the past eight months he and his staff have been working hard to promote the sport and make 1997 a banner season.

"This club got its start in 1876 under the name the Montreal Scottish and for the past 120 years Westmount has participated at the top calibre of rugby, winning championships at both the Division I and II levels," VanDerWalde said. "It's our responsibility to keep a proud tradition going."

Since the first week in February the Ravens have been conducting indoor training sessions which has enabled them to enhance their Division II senior team and create a new Division IV club with 45 new recruits.

"It's going to be a very challenging year but at the same time a very promising year," said VanDerWalde, whose Division II team plays its opening game at Westmount Park against Beaconsfield on May 17 at 3 p.m. "With a mixture of veteran players and new players we plan on making the playoffs this year and moving up to Division I next season."

Along with veteran players Steve Robb, Jonathan Albright, Marcus Asselin, Jonathan Gatehouse, Steve Granger, Ian Auchenuck,



Ravens rugby squads are gearing up for big things in 1997.

David Bensadoun and Westmount president Phil Silgrist, VanDerWalde has managed to recruit a pair of experienced Englishman who'll be wearing Raven uniforms this season. With four years' experience playing junior rugby in England, VanDerWalde says the "twin Brit brothers" Ahmed and Mohamed Abdulai will be a major asset.

The Ravens' Division IV team will be playing in the lowest level of the Quebec Rugby Football League, but according to VanDerWalde, it's a good start. Their opening game at Westmount Park will be against the Montreal Irish on May 10, at 1:30 p.m.

VanDerWalde says the Westmount organization has high

hopes the freshman Raven contingent will also make the divisional playoffs in their inaugural season.

Due to a large turnout this year, the Ravens will take part in a series of tournaments.

The team will host an exhibition game against a team from New York in July to promote rugby awareness. VanDerWalde told THE EXAMINER the Ravens plan on netting between \$500 and \$1,000, which will be donated to the Children's Wish Foundation of the Montreal Children's Hospital. He says the Ravens have approximately four social events and parties planned for the 1997 season.

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