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Ann Page stands next to some memorabilia from past work with Dramatis Personae. Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Westmount theatre mentor on the road to Toronto

By SUSAN GRAY
The Examiner

Westmount theatre lovers would have been hard put to miss Ann Page's involvement in Westmount's theatre scene over the last seven years. Her troupe Dramatis Personae was everywhere – performing Dylan Thomas's *Under Milkwood* while wandering through Victoria Hall, reading poetry in Westmount Park, doing theatre in the library.

But next week, this 59-year-old theatre veteran and former Westmount resident, who has practised her craft in Montreal for almost 30 years, is

leaving the city for brighter theatrical horizons. Page and her husband, actor and multi-media artist Aron Tager, are moving to Toronto because "the theatre work there is so much more interesting, much more alive and vibrant."

Another reason the couple are pulling up stakes is the vitality of Toronto's fine arts scene, which is important for Tager's own fine-arts career.

The impish-looking Page is one of those fortunate people who decided what she wanted to be at a young age and has never wavered from that decision. A child in her native England during the

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Preserving our history

Westmount train station
may be declared a heritage
site this summer

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Suspect charged with 10 robberies

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

A man arrested in connection with a Westmount bank robbery last week has been charged with a total of 10 armed robberies, including several in Montreal and Westmount over the last four months.

According to Const. Paul Vidal of Montreal Urban Community Police headquarters, Patrick Malcolm MacInnis, 28, of Toronto, is being charged with robberies beginning on Dec. 9, 1993 and ending with the heist at the Canada Trust branch on Greene Avenue on the evening of March 30. He says MacInnis's exact address is not known.

According to Const. Jean-Marc

Grégoire of MUC Station 23, police arrested MacInnis soon after the most recent robbery, Grégoire said. It was the second time in two weeks that the Canada Trust had been robbed, he added.

In last week's robbery, the suspect fled from the branch with about \$1,000 in cash, going south on Greene Avenue. Police spotted a man, matching a bank teller's description of the suspect, in an alley between Bruce and Columbia avenues minutes later.

They approached him at Dorchester Boulevard and Bruce Avenue with weapons drawn and ordered him to stop, Grégoire said. After arresting him, a search revealed a knife, but no gun. They also found a bag of money in his coat.

Examiner nominated for best weekly in Quebec

The Westmount Examiner has been nominated for seven Quebec Community Newspaper Awards, including best overall newspaper and best sports section.

Examiner columnist Kathleen Hugessen was one of three nominated in the best column category. Hugessen is a past winner of best column award from the Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

Reporter Lauren Sweeney was nominated for two awards:

best news story – for a piece on the firing of Westmount's librarian; and for best investigative story – for a story about a hospital that wouldn't ban smoking.

Photographer Owen Egan was nominated for best news photo – for a shot of a union protest; and for best photo essay – for "family day."

The winners will be announced at the QCNA annual convention in May.

Resident injured as fire destroys home on Church Hill

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Investigators in Westmount suspect a portable heater started a blaze that destroyed a home at 38 Church Hill Friday night, causing at least half a million dollars in damage.

Investigator and fire prevention captain Barry Coates said the 110-volt heater in a basement front room is suspected to have caused the fire because it was found next to a roll-out bed.

"We didn't find a malfunction," he said.

The fire will likely be ruled accidental.

Coates added that he and the insurance companies are

continuing to investigate the fire, which caused \$300,000 in damages to the property and \$200,000 to the contents of the home.

The homeowner had apparently been watching television, then left to go to the kitchen to get something to eat, Coates said. The man was then burned when he came back and opened the basement door.

Westmount firefighters were called at 9:03 p.m. and arrived to find the occupant, Clifford Powell, in the driveway with burns to his body, and flames shooting out of windows at the front of the house. Urgences Santé transported Powell to Montreal General Hospital.

Firefighters brought the fire under

control within 10 minutes after the call and extinguished it two-and-a-half hours later.

Fire chief J.R. Adams said Tuesday that the result could have been much worse because the blaze was deeply rooted in the building.

"It was a good stop, because it could have been a lot more; the fire was heavily involved when we got there," Adams said, praising firefighters and other protection officials for their work in controlling and putting out the blaze.

All cities involved in the mutual aid program attended the fire except Montreal. Côte St. Luc, Outremont, Hampstead and TMR helped fight the blaze, while St.

Laurent covered the station. Fire protection officials closed off streets, including Côte St. Antoine and Kensington.

Also on the scene were Adams, assistant fire director Michael Boychuk, the civil protection unit, the city mechanic and fire captain Coates.

The local firefighters entered the house through the front door and windows to attack the blaze inside, while Côte St. Luc firefighters fought it at the rear. Outremont firefighters attacked the fire on the second floor.

Firefighters also checked to make sure the fire didn't spread to the house next door. They also shut gas mains and asked Gaz

Metropolitain to come to the scene.

The fire department declared the blaze out at 10:20 p.m.

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Compiled by
YVONNE LEBLANC
Today, April 7

Galerie Barbara Silverberg; Recent Works on Paper - A solo show of Sue Rusk's work. Vernissage April 7, 6 to 9 p.m. Exhibit continues through April 30. 1336 Greene Ave. Info: 932-3987.

Dawson College; Poet Sharon Olds will read from her work. April 7, 6 p.m. Room 5B.16.

3040 Sherbrooke St. West. Info: 931-8731.
The McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre; Presents the annual student exhibition. Vernissage April 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. continues until April 16. Info: 488-9558.

Friday, April 8

Rotary Club of Westmount, Directors' meeting, 7 a.m. Manoir activity room.

Saturday, April 9

Visual Arts Centre; Open House, April 9, 2 to 5 p.m. Teachers will conduct demonstrations and offer information as well as run an advice clinic to help students choose the courses most appropriate for them. 350 Victoria. Info: 488-9558.

Sunday, April 10

Selwyn House School: Book Fair, 20 dealers selling used and rare books. April 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 95 Côte St. Antoine Road. Admission \$1. Info: 935-9581.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom; presents: Let's play Jeopardy - Jewish Style, 11 a.m. Info: 937-3575.

The Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim's tea at 1:30 p.m. presents Rona Maisel, coordinator of volunteer services for the elderly and Edythe Frank, volunteer, on "Jewish Support Services for the Elderly. \$2.50 members, \$3 others. No reservations needed. All welcome.

Leisure Institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, offering a course in Beginners II "Play of the Hand", learn how to plan and play out a bridge hand from A to Z. on April 12, 1 p.m. for eight weeks. Info: 937-9471, ext. 124.

Monday, April 11

Montreal Camera Club, Sixth

Nature Competition - Slides; "Nature 2" by Marc Pepin. 7:30 p.m. Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. Please use rear entrance.

Tuesday, April 12

Dawson College; Photographer Daniel Wiener will give a lecture and show slides in amphitheatre 4C.1 of Dawson College at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Book Lovers Forum II - Robert Adams will review Aunt Julia and The Script Writer by Mario Vargas Llosa. 9:30 a.m., coffee, 10 a.m. lecture. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Info: 937-3575.

Sisterhood of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. power lunch at noon followed by book review by librarian Kathy Diamond of *To Be a Jewish Woman* by Lisa Aiken and *The Voice of Sarah: Feminine Spirituality & Traditional Judaism* by Tamar Frankiel.

Babysitting available if requested. Cost for lecture, \$5. All welcome. 937-9471, ext. 139.

COMING UP

Westmount Recreation Department: Adult classes in dance, music, drama classes will present "Just Slightly North or Broadway". April 15, 7:30 p.m. Westmount High School. \$3.

Donations wanted for the Rotary annual auction and garage sale in the Westmount Arena May 13 and 14. Call 935-3344 to arrange pick up.

The Women's Art Society of Montreal exhibition. Galerie Walter Klinkhoff, 1200 Sherbrooke St. West. April 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Continues until April 22. Info: 697-9486.

Community Calendar is a list of happenings in Westmount. Please mail announcements to The Westmount Examiner, 210 Victoria Street, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 2M4 or Fax: 484-6028.



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Westmount Park to lose classes, programs under new 'poverty map'

Funds for full-time kindergarten, one pre-K class to be cut

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Programs and classes offered under a special scheme for poorer schools are slated to be cut at Westmount Park Elementary this fall.

This follows a redrawing of the Montreal Island "poverty map," the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal announced last week.

The change will mean a reduction in funding for full-day kindergarten and half-day pre-kindergarten classes now offered at the school, which until earlier this month was classified among the PSBGM's poorest.

As well, nutrition programs run at the school may be cut back.

Westmount Park principal Paul Saunders was to meet yesterday with PSBGM officials to discuss the changes.

Funding traditionally provided by the board for one full-time kindergarten class is not affected by the reclassification, according to Felix Méloul, a regional director who presented a report on the changes at a PSBGM meeting last week.

However Westmount Park will lose one of its three half-day pre-K classes, Méloul said Tuesday, adding that the other full-time kindergarten offerings will be reduced to half days.

Under what is called the Plan Pagé (brought in by former education minister Michel Pagé), funds

were allocated for half-day "pre-K," full-day kindergarten (instead of half-day classes), as well as nutrition programs and after-school homework monitors at Montreal's poorest schools, Méloul said.

But with the recent redrawing of the poverty map using 1991 census figures, Westmount Park has been bumped up from Category 1 (the poorest student population) to Category 2. There are six categories in all.

Thus the school will lose the benefits that came with getting additional funding through Plan Pagé, Méloul said.

In an interview last week, Westmount's representative on the PSBGM, Joan Rothman, said Westmount Park only marginally rates for the change in classification. She also noted that kids are being bused in to the school from all over.

The map was redrawn and schools reclassified based on the postal codes of the children attending each of the schools on the island.

AQ hosts forum for Montreal mayoral candidates at Dawson

Alliance Quebec Montreal Region Chapter will hold the Annual General Meeting on April 17, 2 p.m. at Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke St. West.

The evening will feature a panel of Candidates for Mayor of

Reclassification of the school coincides with an announced cut in the board's funding from the School Council of the Island of Montreal.

At the board meeting last week, Rothman suggested the PSBGM explore working co-operatively with outside groups to maintain programs that may be lost.

Méloul said it's not so much a case of Westmount Park students coming from wealthier neighbourhoods, but of children at other schools being poorer based on 1991 census figures.

In redrawing the map the school council took into account the number of families living under the poverty line; the number of single-parent families headed by the mother; the number of families where the mother has fewer than nine years' schooling; and, the number of families where the father has not worked for 18 months.

The schools were then compared to each other, Méloul said.

Montreal to be moderated by CJAD's Trudie Mason. The topic for discussion will be The Role of English-speaking Montrealers - today and tomorrow. For more information, please call Elizabeth at 875-2771.

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Tightened anti-pesticide bylaw okayed by council

'The emphasis will now be on education, not penalties'

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Westmount joined a small but growing group of Quebec municipalities when it moved this week to strictly regulate the use of pesticides within its borders.

A tightened version of the pesticide control bylaw first presented last month was passed unanimously by city council Tuesday, with a pledge that a public education campaign will be implemented immediately.

The bylaw will prohibit the rou-

ne application of pesticides to private and public property.

However a general application will be allowed to fight an infestation of weeds or bugs, providing that a permit is obtained from the city.

Restricted applications of pesticides to small areas (less than 20 square metres in the final draft) or small trees (less than 1.5 metres in height) will still be allowed without a permit.

Directed for the most part at lawn-care contractors, the bylaw

contains rules for the notification of neighbours and the posting of warning signs, as well as general safety precautions, and restrictions on weather conditions under which a pesticide can be applied.

"The initial emphasis will be placed on education as opposed to penalties," councillor Herbert Bercovitz said, adding that the city plans to hire a part-time inspector this summer to do spot checks, and to work with residents and contractors to offer advice on alternatives to pesticides.

"It should make for the most harmonious implementation of

the bylaw possible," he said.

Enforcing the bylaw will be the responsibility of Westmount Public Security and city inspectors.

While the initial emphasis is on education, fines for violating the bylaw can be steep: for a second offence by a homeowner fines can go as high as \$2,000, and for a contractor \$4,000.

Bercovitz, the councillor responsible for environmental matters, said 18 of 31 suggestions for improvements to the bylaw were incorporated into the final draft.

That draft is the result of a long process in which there was

tremendous input, in an effort to replace an old bylaw that was inadequate, councillor John Lehnert said.

"It's been a very laborious exercise, but you have to listen to the people" in drafting new legislation, he said.

Mayor Peter Trent is expected to send a letter to residents addressing the new pesticides restrictions.

At the council meeting Trent made a point of thanking local environmentalist Esther Goldenberg and members of the Pesticides Task Force for their work on the bylaw.

Public works to distribute recycling program flyers

Westmount Public Works employees will be getting ready this week to distribute updated information leaflets detailing what is and isn't acceptable for collection in the blue box program.

The leaflets will be distributed to residents door-to-door, said public works director Fred Caluori. Milk and juice cartons were accepted last week.

The Westmount Municipal Association says it's about time this was done. WMA member Tom Thompson said he likes the idea of more public education about the program.

"We're very pleased because we've been talking about it for a long time," Thompson said Tuesday. The WMA was concerned the city wasn't making the extra effort to encourage citizens to participate, he said.

Still leading

The changes still mean Westmount is the leader in this kind of community activity recycling, he added.

About 89 per cent of residents polled who have access to recycling take advantage of it, he added, citing a recent WMA survey on the topic.

So far, materials that can be put out for collection include newspapers, magazines, fine paper, envelopes, flat or corrugated cardboard, bottles and jars in clear and colour-

red glass, aluminum and tin cans, pans and pie plates, plastic food and drink containers, detergent and shampoo bottles.

Residents can also bring to the Westmount depots, batteries - lead-acid, alkaline, lithium and NiCad - to the yellow box at corporation yard, arena or Stanton St. fire station, and used clothing to containers at corporation yard or across from Westmount arena.

Unacceptable items are food contaminated paper and cardboard, paper towels and tissues, disposable diapers, light bulbs, window panes, crystal, mirrors, porcelain, china or ceramics. Other unacceptables are aluminum foil, toys or appliances, plastic bags, cellophane, toys or appliances.

Hazardous Waste

Westmount's hazardous waste collection will be held April 29 in the Victoria Hall parking lot, instead of at the municipal yards, councillor Herbert Bercovitz said at the council meeting Monday night.

Bercovitz said the city made the change at the urging of its Healthy Cities committee and added that the new location should be more convenient.

-Caroline Kutschke



A breath of spring

Barbara Strike and five-year-old Allen Cyril of Pierrefonds enjoy Westmount's spectacular flower exhibit in the greenhouse next to Victoria Hall. The show may not last beyond the weekend if cool weather favorable to the flowers heats up. The greenhouse is open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

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STATION 23 LOG
By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Search on for missing girl

Police Jeunesse officers of the MUC police at Station 23 are searching for a 16-year-old resident of the Youth Horizons Centre

d'Accueil after she failed to return in the evening April 2.

The girl, who has no previous history of failing to return to the centre, claimed when she left that she was visiting a friend on Crescent Avenue. A search at the address later revealed no one.

Woman mugged

Two men mugged a 48-year-old Montreal woman at the corner of Sherbrooke and Elm streets at 11 p.m. April 4, stealing her wallet, keys and some cash.

According to police, the men rushed the victim from behind and struck her on the head, knocking her to the ground and breaking her glasses. They fled to the alley behind the building at 4100 Sherbrooke, where the victim heard a car start. She couldn't identify the suspects except to say they were male and in their twenties. One had blond hair and wore jeans.

Shoplifting at Alexis Nihon

MUC police arrested a 31-year-old woman from Côte St. Luc at the Zellers department store in the Alexis Nihon plaza March 28 in connection with the theft of \$53 worth of jewelry. The woman is due in Westmount municipal court May 18.

A March 29 arrest of a 35-year-old suspect with no fixed address for shoplifting turned up two outstanding arrest warrants for the man for similar charges in Montreal and Westmount.

Police arrested the suspect at the IGA in Alexis Nihon after security guards stopped him in connection with the theft of \$50 worth of cheese. Police were bringing him to the station when he suddenly appeared to stop breathing.

The man was taken to Reddy Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Maisonneuve Hospital, where he said he lived,

for treatment of kidney disease. He was later released from police custody after promising to appear in court in June.

Ex-employee suspected of fraud

Police are investigating 24 incidents of fraud involving \$9,000 in cheques by an employee of a business on St. Catherine Street during 1993 and 1994.

The business owner noticed the fraud when he started preparing the 1993 income tax returns. The suspect, no longer an employee, is under investigation by the MUC police fraud squad.

House broken into while owners slept

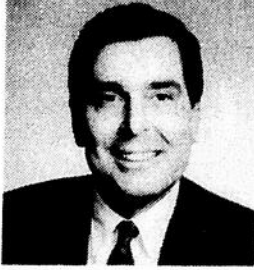
Burglars broke into a home on Upper Belmont during the night March 29 and made off with goods while the owners were sleeping on the second floor.

The suspects, who broke in through the garage, stole a suede coat, a video camera, three 35mm cameras, a watch, a pocket watch and some jewelry. The break-in caused \$525 in damage.

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Decision on heritage status for station expected by summer

Architect fears for condition of building

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The Westmount train station may be named a heritage site by summer, but for at least one architect, it may be too late.

The Canadian Pacific-owned station, along with at least ten others in Quebec, is being considered in a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada project ending in spring, executive secretary Larry Friend said recently. Federal Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy is expected to announce the list this summer.

Westmount architect Michael Fish is skeptical that the station will be named, however, and fears it could end up being demolished anyway because of its condition.

"It is a heritage site," said Fish, once a vocal activist for the station's preservation, in an interview Friday.

"It's been a heritage site so often, I suspect it's more window dressing to persuade people who can do something to do something."

"If anything, it's a negative event," he added, admitting he is discouraged by the station's state and the apparent disinterest.

"It should be put up for bids for people to take and use."

Although in perfect shape a few years ago, Fish said the station is "seriously deteriorated," because it's been empty for so long.

Humidity, the building's emptiness and pressure from passing seasons could eventually cause the interior walls to disintegrate, he explained.

"Somebody should be chosen who will respect the building."

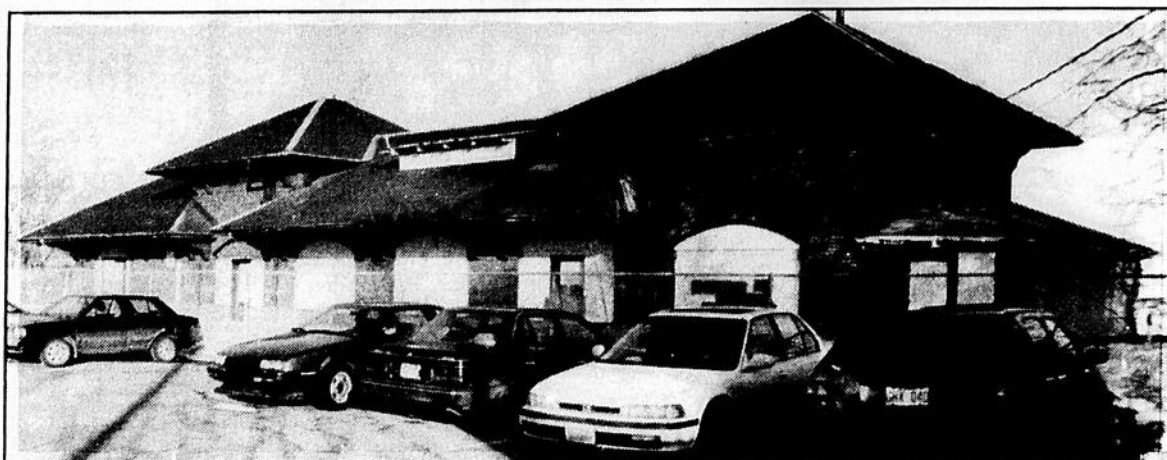
A station on the Heritage List is protected by a "pretty strong piece of legislation," known as the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act, according to Friend. Any railway company planning to alter or dispose of the designated station owned by it or under its control must give public notice first.

Violation of the preservation law could cost the railway up to a million dollars, he said.

CP rail has been remarkable in the whole process, because designating their properties as heritage sites is somewhat of an imposition, he added.

As for becoming a heritage site, Friend said a station may not be architecturally significant but could have a particular association with the community or railway.

"It's all a matter of weighing factors. Every rail station eligible



The Westmount train station may be designated as a federal heritage site this summer.

Photo by CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

will be considered, but obviously they will prioritize what stations are generating high and active expressions of interest."

What place the station has in the community is considered, he said, citing an example where a station

The Board, which advises the minister on historical matters, includes historians, archivists and professionals in the heritage field. According to Friend, they decide based on historical, architectural and environmental criteria, such as whether the station is historically significant for the railway or the development of the community, if it is architecturally significant, both in aesthetics and function, and if its setting is still significant.

is used on the letterhead of a town in Ontario.

"So obviously, it's important."

Fish, who wrote about four proposals a few years ago for various groups, despaired of inaction on saving the station.

People fought "valiantly" for 20 years to save the station, he said but proposals from arts groups, churches and junior league groups and himself among others, were always turned down by the city.

"When non-profit groups like that make a proposal it's important to take them on, because otherwise they tend to disappear from sight," Fish said.

"The problem isn't that it isn't economically or practically feasi-

ble, it's the city who won't let it be used for anything."

The parking lot there now has also likely depreciated the land, Fish added. "It sort of upsets me to go by it every day."

According to Westmount director-general Bruce St. Louis however, "the whole issue of the station and the site are under active review."

The city and CP are still studying a possible development project for the 16 acres of empty land south of the station that would also affect the station's property, St. Louis added.

CP offered to sell the station for \$1 in 1989 and not much has happened since, he said.

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Equality Party chances in election all but gone

Last week, another nail was driven into the coffin of the Equality Party - a coffin that already seemed fairly securely shut.

The announcement by Gordon Atkinson that he will sit as an independent leaves Neil Cameron as the only EP member in the National Assembly - leaving the caucus as a shell of the "once-mighty" unit of four it was in the heady days following the '89 election.

For a so-called "one-issue" party, the EP certainly has more than its share of internal dissension.

The party's inclination towards self destruction seems to be more of a problem for it than either the Liberals or the Parti Québécois are.

And with the apparent demise of the party's electoral prospects, anglophone Quebecers are preparing once again to hand their vote to the Liberals - the party they love to hate. But most English-speaking Quebecers just don't see an alternative if they want Quebec to stay in Canada.

They won't vote for the PQ and the atmosphere of protest present in '89 that led to the EP's success is just not there now. People are just too concerned about what the PQ will do with a majority government. They know now that the Liberals don't have four seats to spare if they are going to win. They're not going to take a chance on "wasting" their votes

on a party that will be lucky to elect anyone this time.

But the Liberals are having their own problems these days. The announcement that Claude Ryan won't seek re-election is a blow, even though he is a highly visible member of a relatively unpopular government.

With the loss of Ryan, Robert Bourassa and several other high-profile cabinet ministers, the Liberals are in big trouble. Because so much of their support is on the island of Montreal they have to get well over 50 per cent of the popular vote to have any chance of winning.

The election of the PQ would be bad for all Quebecers, but it goes without saying that federalists will pay a higher price in a PQ victory. This means that federalists are in a corner. They can't really afford to support a third party, at least not the EP anyway, without hurting the Liberals.

Now that could be done in the last election because there was little chance of a PQ win then. It was time to teach the government a lesson and show them that people weren't going to be taken for granted anymore.

Only temporary.

Once again we have to hold our noses and vote Liberal.

For those who might have supported the EP, the opportunity to abandon them is getting easier all the time.

Craig McKee

You Say

Liberals ignore human rights in East Timor

Canada backed a United Nations human rights committee motion in March 1993 censuring Indonesia for its violations in East Timor. The record indicates that an estimated 200,000 East Timorese, about one-third of the population, have died from killings, disease and starvation as Indonesian troops razed entire villages, burned fields, slaughtered animals and murdered political activists in retaliation for supporting independence and the right to observe a Christian faith.

This repression continues today. What is Canada's response to the dictatorial Indonesian regime? We support it with millions of dollars from Canadian taxpayers and permit human rights concerns to be overshadowed by an emphasis on promoting trade and investment.

An example of this hypocrisy in action is a project in Montreal financed by the Canadian International Development Agency and McGill University. Canadian taxpayers are paying the bill to bring Indonesian civil servants to Canada and provide them with a free university education, in Islamic Studies, at the Master's and Doctorate level.

our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Being in power

In recent weeks, I have been asked by many constituents what it is like being in government. My answer is that there is definitely more responsibility.

But with the responsibility, there is also the opportunity to influence government policies. The best illustration I can provide is my work as chair of the Industry Committee.

As the committee began its hearings into small-business financing, I found myself chairing two or three public hearings a week, chairing Steering Committee meetings and working with research staff.

I often found myself reading and writing late into the night and early morning.

There are 15 MPs on the committee, nine Liberals and three members each from the Bloc Québécois and the Reform Party.

There are also a number of associate members. I've been trying to keep the members happy by developing individual relationships with them and by building a strong research team to support the committee's work.

In addition to the one researcher assigned to the committee by the Library of

Parliament, I have enlisted the services of one of the library's top economists and I have hired a consultant with experience in small-business financing.

Coincidentally, I have initiated a search for a research director.

Keeping in touch with cabinet ministers most directly interested in our study is another element critical to the success of our work. Both Finance Minister Paul Martin and Industry Minister John Manley have been co-operative.

In our first three weeks of meetings, we heard from departmental officials, academics and from persons who run small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The initial hearings allowed us to identify the issues and put a human face on them. We then had to decide what to do next and it became apparent to me that the committee itself and our audience needed a compass.

So I asked our researchers to prepare a discussion paper outlining the issues we have identified, referring to some of the testimony, and posing questions for which we are seeking answers.

With committee approval, the discussion paper should be released next week.

The paper should result in a much more focused discussion and in a better report. Given other demands on the committee's time, i.e. for legislation and the study of estimates, we have at best four weeks for continued hearings this spring.

We plan to table a report in the House in June.

our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Elimination, not escalation

Escalation. That word, coined in the Vietnam era, is a back-formation from escalator. "Escalade" was doing the job nicely for centuries, but U.S. wordsmiths felt "escalate" was trendier, I suppose.

Last week, I tried to show why the gun lobby was resisting a ban on handguns and assault rifles for civilian use.

They are worried that, once the public got those weapons banned, the next target would be shotguns and rifles.

Escalation, in other words. And if they were then totally shorn of firepower, gun lovers ask - with a mixture of paranoia and bravado - how would citizens defend themselves against an overweening State, drunk with power?

Well, I don't think most Canadians would support a ban on all guns, including hunting rifles. Although I'm not a hunter, I don't see how a bullet bringing down a deer is any more reprehensible an act than having it clubbed in an abattoir - as long as it doesn't upset the equilibrium of nature.

But handguns and assault rifles aren't accurate enough to be used in killing beasts. They have one purpose - to kill

humans. So do daggers. Now, I'm a bit of a magpie. Somewhere along the way, I acquired a dagger - a 1937 Luftwaffe officer's ceremonial dagger.

With its elegant bone and aluminum hilt, it is malevolently arresting. And evil. So should daggers be illegal, too? No. the danger of handguns is their action - at-a-distance. You can kill others - and yourself - with a slight squeeze of the trigger. 24,000 people did it last year in the U.S.

And a gun in the house is far more likely to kill family members than intruders. I can understand why people collect militaria. Flintlocks and pepperbox revolvers are fascinating objects, but modern pistols are dangerous once stolen.

And stolen guns by definition are used by criminals. I also think that rifles and shotguns should be registered. Right now, Firearms Acquisition Certificates are issued to a user, regardless of the number of weapons he owns.

In other words, it's as if we required a licence to drive, but did not require vehicles to have registration papers. And instead of the current "restricted weapon" status for handgun and military assault rifles, they should be illegal.

The real losers in all this would be men who use pistols for target practice, or who collect handguns or machine guns as a hobby. But surely they can sublimate their passion for marksmanship or history into kindred activities? It's a small price to pay.

Surely there are other countries more deserving of our limited aid capacity in this period of cutbacks and financial restraint.

I urge your readers to contact their elected representatives to bring an end to this flagrant abuse of Canadian aid and to demand that all future aid programs be linked to the human rights record of the recipient country.

André Escaravage
5010 Sherbrooke Street West
WESTMOUNT

Even the professor had to be imported for this special program at McGill. Our tax dollars are used to educate representatives of a repressive regime and there isn't a Liberal minister or Member of Parliament with enough guts to stand up and call for an immediate end to the program.

As a parent with two sons in university, I am appalled that we must bear the financial burden for the education, transportation and living expenses of these Indonesian civil servants in Montreal.

The Westmount Examiner

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-Five years ago
April 8, 1949

WESTMOUNT CADETS: A few years prior to World War II, an active group of former officers of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service got together to discuss how to get young boys interested in aviation.

They figured the only logical way to obtain recruits for the auxiliary squadron of the R.C.A.F. operating in Westmount was to form a cadet squadron. But war broke out and the auxiliary squadron became an active squadron.

Representations were made to the government at Ottawa, especially through the late Walter A. Merrill, K.C., who made many visits to that city. The outcome was the authorization to form what was to become No. 1 Westmount Squadron, Air Cadets of Canada.

Thirty-five years ago
April 10, 1959

FIRE THREATENS SANCTUARY: Fire broke out at the Temple Emmanuel, at Sherbrooke Street and Wood Avenue when sparks from the oxyacetylene torch of steel-worker Pierre Goulet ignited the combustible plywood wall. Goulet was working on the steel frame of a new sanctuary, replacing the 50-year-old edifice which burned to the ground in December 1957.

Twenty-five years ago
April 10, 1969

POLITICIANS ON THE PAYROLL: The City of Westmount have "hired" seven additional employees that week, retroactive to Jan. 1, at the annual cost of almost \$19,000. Most have been working for the city for some time without pay; they are the mayor and the six aldermen. There was some reluctance on the part of the salons to end a tradition of free public service by citizens elected to city council.

Ten years ago
April 5, 1984

SPRING FEVER: "That was good entertainment," said Alderman Joan Rothman at that week's city council meeting. A dry, 28-item agenda was laced along the way with lively discussion and questions on topics ranging from pornography, parking bicycles in the park, and picking up after dogs.

One year ago
April 8, 1993

WESTMOUNT AFTER DARK: It was a scary few minutes for people caught in the Westmount Square tunnel when the lights went out in the afternoon. "One woman was screaming hysterically," said another who called *The Examiner* to complain no emergency power was supplied. "She had to be led out by a man using a lighter."

Westmount Square administrator Brenda Salmon said the blackout occurred at 3:30 p.m. when a consultant inadvertently pulled the circuit breaker marked "Metro" thinking it was for the area occupied by the former Metro-Richelieu store. It was 20 minutes before the power was restored, she said.

INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS PESTICIDE BYLAW TOO COMPLICATED
— People can't figure out square footage



What would childhood be without sticks?

They can be quite useful in any number of situations

I am constantly amazed at the ability of children to improvise. This is never so obvious to me as when my sons are faced with a demoralizing absence of things they consider essential - Nintendo, Lego, games, toys, television and a myriad of entertainments for in- and outdoor use.

Left to their own devices, they always seem to find a stick. Sticks can decorate sand castles, can be ridden like horses, can be stood on for an all-important wobble during conversations with peers. Sticks can be guns, swords, jousting lances, spears.

Sticks can be used for writing in the snow, for drawing in the mud, for smacking the heads off dandelions, for twirling up spiders' webs. Sticks can be used as canes, crutches or as walking sticks. I remember summer vacations spent on the beach in the Mar-itimes.

The sand was strewn with driftwood and with less attractive leavings of the sea. Sometimes, swimming and exploration done, we would find ourselves at loose ends.

We invented a game. Naturally, it required a stick. It was, when you come right down to it, baseball. My sister and I were the hitters, choosing our sticks with care - it was in our best interest.

My brother was the pitcher and his missiles were anything, preferably very smelly, he found on the shore - sun-warmed skulpin or jellyfish

corpses. He swore he wasn't aiming at us. Sticks can come from trees, shrubs, snow fences, broken brooms and dozens of other sources.

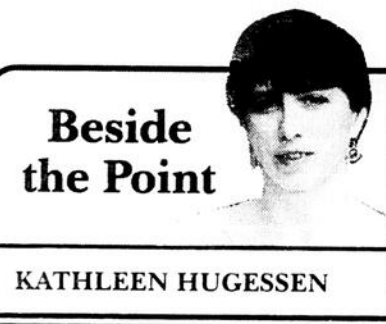
They can be very big, verging on the log; or very small, verging on the twig. They can be straight, smooth, bumpy or bent. Sticks can be of materials other than wood, such as metal or plastic. They can be made of wax.

I sat two rows behind my sons and several other choirboys on Saturday evening. As long-time choir members and with some additional training, the group had been prepared for their First Communion. The service at which this was to take place begins with the church in darkness.

Members of the congregation are each provided with a simple slender white candle to be lit during the proceedings. I, at least, was holding an unlit candle.

My children, on the other hand, held sticks. Sitting demurely in their pew didn't last long. Action began with a predictable bout of sword play. It all took place in virtual silence - these are, after all, choirboys. The inappropriateness of war games in the front pew was pointed out to them.

So the tapers became drumsticks, then conductors' batons. The service began. I was interested to note that, once the candles were lit, they were candles. They had ceased to be sticks. About midway through the service, the church's lights came on in a blaze and the tapers were extinguished.

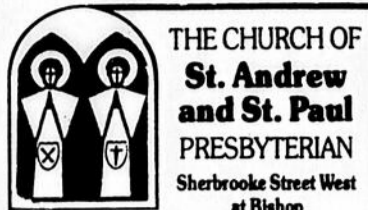


I braced myself. Candle had reverted to stick. They actually turned out, now they were no longer needed to be bendable breakable sticks. Through a judicious series of microfractures, one of the boys managed to create an almost perfect white wax semicircle.

Another crumbled the wax from the middle of his to create a Teenage Mutant Turtle weapon - those two wooden sticks joined by a chain called nunchucks. In this case, it was two wax sticks joined by a wick. It was amazing to watch.

The boys were paying attention to the service. They followed the words, they never missed a beat, but their hands were busy with their sticks. "What do you suppose children do in countries where there are no sticks?" a friend asked when I told her about it.

She'd just told me, a faraway look in her eyes, about all the things she'd done with sticks as a child. I have to admit, I can't imagine. I simply can't create a scenario of children and no sticks.



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Shahrit 8:45 a.m.
Sidra Shemini
Leviticus: 9:1-11:47; II Samuel 6:1-7:17
Rosh Hodesh Iyar will occur on Monday,
April 11th and Tuesday, April 12th
Mincha at 7:00 p.m. followed by Seudah Shlishit
and Pirke Avot session and Maariv.
Havdalah 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 10th
Shahrit 8:45 a.m.
Mincha-Maariv 7:35 p.m.

Monday-Friday April 11th-April 15th
Shahrit 7:30 a.m.

Monday-Thursday April 11th-April 14th
Mincha-Maariv 7:35 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 30
7:46 a.m. 475 Côte St. Antoine -
electrical wire down. Light
department notified and contractor
called to repair.
11:03 a.m. 4430 St. Catherine -
First responder for medical
assistance.
12:48 p.m. 644 Murray Hill - fire
alarm activated; investigation
revealed workers installing carpets
set off alarm.
1:30 p.m. 528 Mt. Pleasant -
water leak discovered at several
locations in the street; notified
Montreal Waterworks that a water
main was broken in the street.
3:36 p.m. 4574 Sherbrooke -
smell of rotten eggs complaint
from the library. Stink bomb
discovered at entrance to children's
library. Area ventilated.
4:05 p.m. 4873 Westmount Ave.
- First responder call for medical
assistance.

Thursday, March 31
5:41 a.m. 4998 de Maisonneuve -
fire alarm activated by temporary
power loss. Power restored
immediately.
11:46 a.m. 3467 St. Antoine -
call for dumpster on fire,
extinguished source which was
burning crates in dumpster. No
cause found.
1:30 p.m. 5900 Cavendish Blvd,
Côte St. Luc - Code 3 call;
cancelled.
4:25 p.m. 208 St. Catherine -
First responder for medical
assistance.

Friday, April 1

1:12 a.m. 1 Westmount Square -
call for car leaking gas at parking
level of office building garage.
Cause found to be burst gas tank.
Owner notified and car towed for
repaired. Area cleaned.
3:33 p.m. Reddy Memorial
Hospital - all apparatus and Côte.
St. Luc and TMR responded to
fire alarm activated by unidentified
person who set off device on the
third floor. No fire found.
4:10 p.m. 309 Melville - fire
alarm activated by defective
device.
9:03 p.m. 38 Churchill - fire at
single dwelling. All mutual aid

teams responded. Fire under
control within ten minutes of call
and declared out at 10:20 p.m.
(See page 1 for more details.)

Saturday, April 2

2:49 a.m. 633 Murray Hill - fire
alarm activated; false alarm.
2:12 p.m. 434 Elm - activated
burglar alarm. MUC police on
scene, released firefighters.
5:20 p.m. 21 Stanton - First
responder for medical assistance
for man held in police station jail
cell; patient having stress-related
breathing problem.

7:04 p.m. 7925 Kingsley -
Automatic assistance, Code 3;
cancelled.

Sunday, April 3

9:57 a.m. 65 Bruce - First
responder for medical assistance.
11:30 a.m. 4300 de Maisonneuve
- First responder for medical
assistance.
2:40 p.m. Sherbrooke and
Victoria - First responder for
medical assistance.
8:26 p.m. 3197 The Boulevard -
burglar alarm activated. MUC
police on scene released
firefighters.

9:34 p.m. 440 Mt. Stephen - fire
alarm activated by burnt food in
kitchen. Apartment ventilated.

Monday, April 4

1:19 a.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve -
First responder for medical
assistance; not needed on arrival.
1:35 a.m. 21 Stanton - First
responder for medical assistance
for individual having medical
reaction; Urgences Santé on scene,
but their presence not required.
8:51 a.m. Victoria and St.
Catherine intersection - water leak
on street due to broken water
main.

10:06 a.m. 3233 The Boulevard -
fire alarm activated by defective
smoke detector.

1:10 p.m. 4625 St. Catherine -
fire alarm at the Armoury
activated by water leaking through
roof onto heat detectors.

2:21 p.m. 4430 St. Catherine -
First responder for medical
assistance.

6:14 p.m. 8 Grenville -
investigation into complaint of
smell of gas. Cause found to be
sewer gas from drain in the
basement; resident advised to flush
drain.

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Equality courts UN case lawyer to run in Westmount

Party leader Keith Henderson continues to eye West Island riding or N.D.G.

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

A lawyer heading an anglo-rights coalition that plans to appeal to the UN to force Quebec to widen access to English schools, is being courted as a candidate for the Equality Party in Westmount.

Brent Tyler confirmed last week that he has been in discussions with the local riding association about running in the new riding of Westmount-St. Louis in the upcoming provincial election.

"We're talking," Tyler said in an

interview last week. "I'm interested. They're interested."

However there still seem to be other individuals looking to run for the struggling party in Westmount, which would necessitate a run-off.

As of last week the party's leader, Keith Henderson, a Westmount resident, had yet to decide whether he will run on the West Island against Liberal Sam Elkas, or in the N.D.G. slot vacated last week with the departure

of Equality MNA Gordon Atkinson.

Whether or not Tyler runs for the EP, he said he wants to challenge Education Minister Jacques Chagnon, who will run in Westmount-St. Louis in the next election, to a public debate on school access.

Tyler's coalition is made up of about 150 parents whose children have been denied access to English schools.

While Henderson did not name Tyler in a recent interview, he said

the party was looking for a candidate who could "press the right buttons" in a race against the education minister.

After electing four MNAs in the 1989 provincial election, including Richard Holden in Westmount, the Equality Party has sunk to just one member in the National Assembly.

Under Henderson's leadership last year, a number of independents running under the Federal Equality banner fared poorly.



KEITH HENDERSON

Buses rerouted as water main bursts

Buses were rerouted from St. Catherine Street onto Sherbrooke Street Tuesday morning after a water main burst at the corner of St. Catherine and Victoria.

By noon commuters wanting to board the 90, 37 and 63 buses westbound were being redirected to stops on Sherbrooke St., and to a stop at St. Catherine and Glen for eastbound buses.

Residents wanting a detailed update on the detours can call the Montreal Urban Community Transit Corp. at 288-6287.

A spokesman at the city of Montreal water works, which is responsible for the water pipes in Westmount, said there are a lot of broken mains at the moment. Breaks that threaten to flood homes are being dealt with first.

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City in sound financial shape

Operating surplus pegged at \$750,000 for '93

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Westmount collected \$730,000 more from traffic and parking fines last year than it did in 1992, an increase of 40 per cent, according to figures unveiled this week.

That's just one of the highlights of the annual financial figures outlined Tuesday by councillor David Laidley, chairman of the city's finance and administration committee.

The total of more than \$2.5 million in fines exceeded the amount the city had hoped to collect by about \$130,000.

The ticket windfall is one factor that helped Westmount achieve a healthy overall operating surplus of \$758,000 for 1993.

Total revenues were \$50,525,900, while total expenditures amounted to \$49,767,600.

Mayor Peter Trent called it good news that much of the surplus was achieved through spending cuts. He noted that the city now has a sufficient surplus to cover its long-term debt as it comes due, and will soon be into full implementation of a "pay-as-you-go" program for capital works projects.

Among the items Laidley highlighted on the revenues side were transfer duties, which came in well above budget, despite a drop in the number of sales.

Although the number of property sales was down in 1993 — 263 as to compared to 477 in 1992 — revenues from transfer duties exceeded the \$1.1 million budgeted by about \$410,145.

This can be attributed in part to the sale of several large buildings, Laidley said, including 200 Kens-

ington and 250 Clarke, which brought in \$244,500 in transfer duties in total.

In property taxes, the city brought in \$35,000 more than budgeted, even though it increased the amount it set in reserve for property owners contesting their property valuations, from the \$750,000 originally budgeted to more than \$1.6 million.

Payments that the city received from various levels of government in lieu of taxes on government buildings exceeded the budgeted amount by about \$700,000, mostly because of reforms implemented under Municipal Affairs Minister Claude Ryan.

As well, net contributions from the proceeds of the city Light and Power service exceeded the amount budgeted by about \$26,000 for a total of more than \$1.5 million.

On the expenditures side, snowfall exceeded the average in '93, which pushed costs up for labour, contractors and road salt, Laidley said. The total of \$2.4 million for snow removal exceeded the amount budgeted by about \$250,000. (Snowfall was 291 centimetres — 81 above the average.)

The debt financing costs for the city were about five per cent of the total budget, compared to the average of about 15 per cent for municipalities across Montreal island.

"You can thank the people who came before us for their financial conservatism," the mayor said, noting that it's a tradition the current administration is continuing.

The city also spent \$250,000 less on water from the City of Montreal than the \$1.65 million that had been budgeted.

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Thursday, March 31

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Page turns over new leaf in long theatre career

This week's Westmouter

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war, she moved around a great deal with her family, only entering school at the age of 10.

She spent a lot of time with her mother, a one-time actress, during this period, so perhaps it is not surprising that as a six-year-old, Page decided she wanted to follow in her mother's footsteps and never looked back.

As an adolescent, Page, now a mother of four and a grandmother of five, went to a boarding school for actors' children, and later completed her theatrical training at London's prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She began to work on the London stage in her late teens.

Soon after this, however, she got married and gave up her professional career to become a full-time mother. It would take a divorce to get her back into full-time theatre work.

In the second phase of her career, Page's efforts have gone mainly into directing and teaching theatre. In the early '80s, she and Bill Radwan opened a theatre school, which was housed for several years in a performance space downtown.

Recently, she has been more

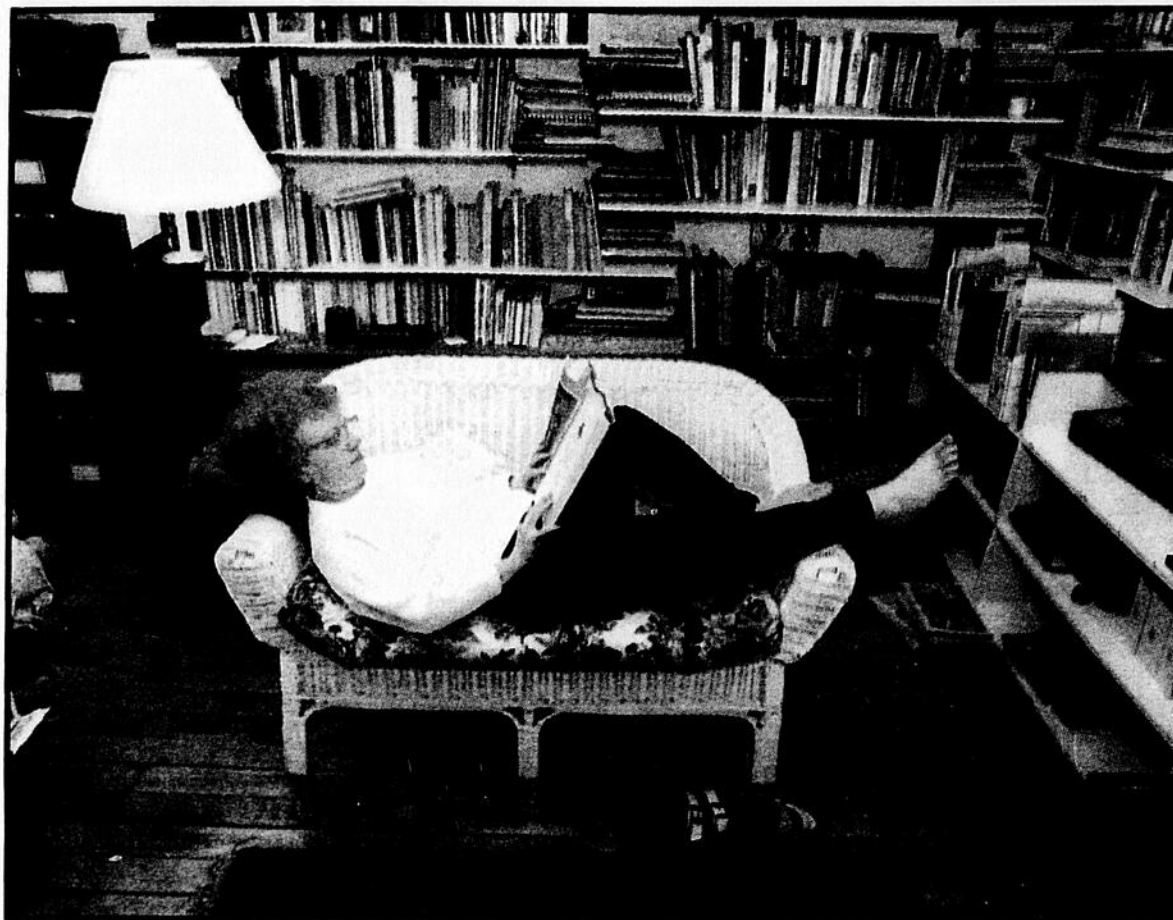
heavily involved in theatre and film acting. Her work in this area has included principal roles in the children's TV series *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* and in the movies *Sweet Killing* and *Breakthrough*, among others. She has also toured across Canada in her own adaptations of writers' works done for the Canadian Cultural Programmes series.

Since she began teaching in Westmount seven years ago, Page has built up a loyal following here.

"There have been some incredible people who stayed with me the whole time," she notes, "people who were game to do anything."

The "anything" to which Page refers has included the serious - historically-based, multimedia collective creations (including *The Sacred Land*, about three founding Westmount families), and the unusual - performing a Colleen Curran play in the Westmount Library's reading room, with the actors working in and around the audience throughout the show.

As a director, Page has focused her energies on the aesthetic rather than the commercial, often per-



Page gets comfortable at home doing one of the things she loves most: reading.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

forming in small, intimate spaces.

What is crucial for her is that the performance "be a living, organic business.

"When it stops being warm and organic, when we get into audience and actors, I find that very uninteresting."

It's not hard to see that working in Westmount has been an important part of her life; Page's sadness

at leaving Montreal is due mainly to having to leave her Westmount troupe.

Some of the loyal students she will miss are Westmouters Amy Rosenthal, Richard Lock, Claire Sherwood and Kieron O'Connor. She has also appreciated Westmount audiences who were "very rewarding too. We've had some really good support, people who

come back again and again to see everything."

Doubtless Westmount will miss Ann Page at least as much as she will miss it.

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Prices, volume up in December real estate transactions

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Both the price and volume of real estate transactions increased in the month of December, an analysis of property transfers registered at city hall shows.

Total sales numbered 22. That's up seven transactions over the month of November.

And for the first time in two months a number of properties sold above their Montreal Urban

Community valuation levels.

The total price of the properties sold was \$9,767,500 while the total valuation was \$10,329,700.

The average price was \$443,977. The average valuation was \$469,531.

Markup of average price over average valuation was -5.44 per cent, in other words a markdown of a little more than 5 per cent.

The adjusted average price, reached by removing the two

highest and two lowest prices to counteract extremes, was \$386,583. That's about midway between October's adjusted average price of \$455,230 and November's \$316,800.

The adjusted average valuation in December was \$422,667.

Markup of average price over average valuation was -8.53 per cent. That's much closer than September's figure, when the ad-

justed average markup was -15.7 per cent.

The typical adjusted price in December was \$476,833. This figure is arrived at by applying the adjusted markup to the typical valuation, which the City of Westmount calculates to be \$521,300.

It's notable that four dwellings sold above their MUC valuation levels.

Two of the sales were in the \$1 million range.

The most expensive house sold was **22 Summit Circle** at \$1,250,000.

The least expensive house sold was **226 Redfern**, which went for \$265,000.

A number of condominiums also changed hands in December, the least expensive of which was **200 Lansdowne #807**, which sold for \$220,000.

December real estate transactions

ADDRESS	FROM	TO	VALUATION	PRICE
22 Summit Circle	Annie Kenane	162540 Canada Inc.	\$1,282,200	\$1,250,000
634 Sydenham	Allan Rubin	Drew Samuels Investments Ltd.	\$950,000	\$1,100,000
616 Sydenham	Mary Wells	Erica Steinberg	\$709,100	\$485,000
12 Sunnyside	Investissements du Sanctuaire du Mont Royal	Najeeb Khalid	\$442,300	\$815,000
8 Renfrew	Wendy Olsenberg	Howard Ornstein & Teresa August	\$551,600	\$560,000
4700 Ste. Catherine #308	Soudabeh Hakimi	Elfriede Sorger	\$268,800	\$239,000
4932 & 4932B Sherbrooke	National Trust	Sheilah Fossner	\$577,200	\$520,000
370 Elm	Matthew Esslinger	Lyse Spenard	\$398,400	\$370,000
200 Lansdowne #807	Laurentian Bank	Pinetta Shuster	\$395,700	\$220,000
200 Lansdowne #802	Laurentian Bank	Evelyn Spiegall	\$323,500	\$251,000
549 Lansdowne	Susan Orr	Carol Piibe & Philip Champagne	\$222,200	\$288,000
558 Lansdowne	Gerhard Berghaus & Edith Kraimann	Nicole Lagace & Alexander Tolote	\$459,100	\$388,000
459 Lansdowne	Carol Lupovich	Indrojit Roy & Barbara Boomer	\$405,400	\$330,000
104 & 106 Arlington	Glenn Borbridge Isabella	Thomas Gardner & Nekdar Bederian	\$379,500	\$310,000
386 Roslyn	Alex Newell & Julia Frances Alford	Susan Orr	\$341,900	\$418,000
387 Roslyn	Elizabeth Moore	Gerald Leclerc & Rhonda Greenfeld	\$328,300	\$267,000
744 Upper Roslyn	Herbert Oscar Spindler	Joan Elizabeth Goulter	\$482,200	\$400,000
67 & 69 Stayner	Jacques Lebet	Melvin Weigel & Devon Phillips	\$348,000	\$305,000
226 Redfern	Stephane Chartrand	Carol Lupovich	\$267,300	\$265,000
455 Strathcona	Russell Pardoe	Christian Thibeault & Anna Martin	\$479,100	\$350,000
210 Cote St. Antoine	Louise Wilson	Sidney Dworkin & Yael Haimovici	\$336,700	\$306,500
590 Cote St. Antoine	Howard Ornstein & Teresa August	Mark Haberman & Joanne Ferstman	\$381,200	\$330,000
Totals				
22 properties			\$10,329,700	\$9,767,500
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Ward boundaries redrawn for next city election

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Ward boundaries in Westmount will be adjusted slightly to meet the province's requirements for the 1995 municipal election, city council moved this week.

Properties which were on the south side of Cedar Avenue and The Boulevard are being transferred from Districts 2 and 3 to District 1.

As well, the properties on Argyle and Kensington avenues and the east side of Metcalfe Avenue (between Côte St. Antoine and Sherbrooke Street) are being transferred from District 4 to District 3.

According to the province, the map had to be divided to provide for the greatest possi-

ble "socio-economic homogeneity" among the districts.

As well, each of Westmount's eight districts had to have at least 1,375 electors to a maximum of 1,861 - according to the regulations.

The changes are being made for the most part to bring District 1 into conformity with the provincial regulations.

Westmounters have 15 days from Thursday, April 14, to notify city hall if they object to the proposed changes. If more than 100 objections are received, a public consultation must be held.

District 1 is currently held by councillor Gail Johnson, District 2 by David Laidley, District 3 by Nicolas Matossian, and District 4 by Herbert Bercovitz.

Divers/Cité needs volunteers

Divers/Cité brings together the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, their friends and families to celebrate pride, history and culture in a non-profit parade for 10,000 people to be held in Montreal on July 31.

The official launch of Divers/Cité 1994 takes place on April 10, at 4535 Hotel de Ville. A fund-raising auction of works of art, photographs, gift certificates and various other surprises, begins at 3 p.m., followed by a party and

showing of Viva/Cité at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed the day of the parade for various activities (security/programs/kiosks, etc.) and others are needed now to help organize these activities. For information, contact Divers/Cité at 285-4011.



Mayflower runs aground

A Mayflower delivery truck driver lost control of his vehicle when he was forced to brake suddenly to avoid hitting a car while heading west on Dorchester Blvd. near Ste. Catherine and Clarke last week. The truck jackknifed onto the greenspace next to the road causing minor damage to bushes. No one was injured.

Photo by CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Morin Heights snaps up Westmount pumper truck

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

The Town of Morin Heights is the proud owner of a 1960s vintage pumper truck (refitted in the 1980s) from the City of Westmount, following the acceptance of a tender this week.

The ski resort town bought the fire truck for \$25,000, after a

number of lower bids were rejected earlier this year.

At the same time, Westmount okayed the borrowing of \$467,000 for the purchase of a new 1994 vintage pumper truck to replace the older vehicle.

The city also moved to buy one new Dodge Grand Caravan and three new Dodge Colts.

The van will cost about

\$21,000, while the three cars will cost a total of nearly \$44,000.

Two of the four-door Colts are for the city's public works department, while one is for the building and planning department.

The four-wheel drive Caravan is for Westmount Public Security, and replaces "public security vehicle No. 919," which brought in about \$1,500 in a trade-in.

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Periodical Writers Association of Canada, Writing and Illustrating for Children. A day-long seminar on writing and illustrating picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books for children. April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Room BR205, Bryan Bldg., Loyola Campus, Concordia University. \$40, \$35 for students. Info: 482-1202 or 695-3543.

St. Mary's Hospital Center, Presents: "Are you prepared to care for an aging family member?" April 10, 1 to 3 p.m. St. Mary's Hospital auditorium, 3830 La-combe Avenue. Admission is free. Info: 345-3687.

Golden Age Association, Spring course registration until April 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 5700 Westbury Ave. Room

229/230. Info: 739-4731, local 369.

Montreal Irish Show, CF Cable TV announces the following broadcast dates for the "Irishman of the Year" Breakfast Celebration on CF Cable Channel 9: April 8, 9 p.m., April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Jewish Ethics weekend. Speaker: Dr. Louis Newman. Topic: Can an ancient tradition really solve high-tech ethical problems? April 15 at 50th Raymond Institute. Info: 937-3575.

The Province of Quebec Society For the Protection of Birds, Monthly meeting. Speaker: Richard Sears will speak on the Mingan Islands Cetacian Group - Working to Save the Whales. April 11, 8 p.m. Fraser Hickson Library Auditorium, 4855 Kensington Ave., N.D.G. Info: 481-4847.

The Canadian Zionist Federation, Israel's 4th Independence Day Celebration (Yom Ha'atzmaut). April 10, 8 p.m. Place des Arts. Tickets are \$12. Info: 842-2112.

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CONCERTS

The Radcliffe Choral Society, Christ Church Cathedral (Ste. Catherine & Union Streets). On April 23, 8 p.m., the Harvard Wind Ensemble at Pollack Concert Hall, McGill University and May 8, tenor Arthur Rishi and pianist Kimberly Howe will perform at Montreal's Bonaventure Hilton Hotel (salle Le Portage). Info: 737-1394.

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Westmounter wins award for early childhood education

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The Association of Early Childhood Educators awarded Westmounter and Garderie Narnia director Barbara Kaiser the Bothwell Smith Award for outstanding contribution and dedication to the care and development of young children and to the field of Early Childhood Education - at a Montreal conference last week.

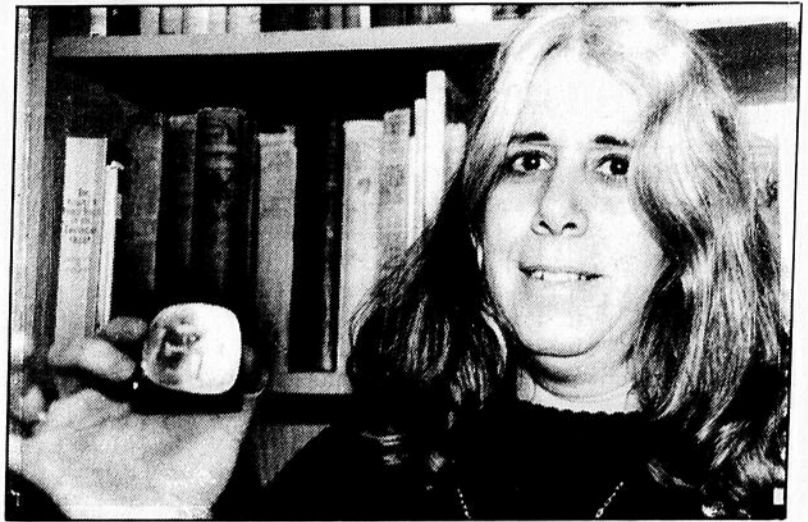
The association is made up of early childhood educators, primary school, CEGEP and university teachers who work or worked in the field.

Kaiser started her day-care career in 1975, when she needed a centre for her first daughter. She ended up starting the first rural day-care centre subsidized in Quebec in La Patrie, in the Eastern Townships. The mother of two started Narnia, Westmount's first daycare 11 years ago when she wanted one she felt comfortable with for her second daughter.

"What's important to me is the non-profit centre," Kaiser said in an interview this week. "I believe strongly in non-profit daycares that require parental involvement. That maintains the quality and good philosophy of daycare."

A good staff is key to creating a quality daycare centre, she added. Long-term staff "leads to another level of teamwork and commitment, that in my opinion evolves into another level of care for children - and that's the bottom line: a daycare is as good as its staff."

Kaiser has taught Early Childhood Education courses at College Marie Victorin and is co-author with Westmounter Judy Rasminsky of *Daycare Handbook: A Parent's Guide to Finding and Keeping Quality Daycare in Canada*. She also writes articles in magazines for professionals in the field, including in *Interaction*, published by the Canadian Childcare Federation.



Garderie Narnia director Barbara Kaiser wins award.

Photo by CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Daycare strike needs to go further: director

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Striking day care workers aren't getting the message across and should use stronger tactics, the director of Garderie Narnia, a non-profit day-care centre in Westmount, says.

"I don't think the strike will be effective," Barbara Kaiser said Monday. "It only will be if every day care closes until they get what they want."

Montreal day-care workers are participating in a series of strikes to pressure the Quebec government to raise their wages. Government representatives have told them to wait until the spring budget.

The strike should make business people more aware of how important day care is, according to Kaiser, and should clarify the link between day care, business and the economy, so businesses will be more willing to accept another tax.

"I think businesses of a certain size should be paying a certain

percentage of their gross salaries to the government so there'd be a daycare tax, so to speak," Kaiser said, adding that if people paid 75 per cent of their salary to day care so that money goes directly to the service, quality could only improve.

"I really can't see why they can't do that."

Day care currently falls under the jurisdiction of Violette Trépanier, Quebec minister responsible for the Status of Women, a situation Kaiser calls "baloney."

Quebec should have a Ministry of Family and day care should fall under that, she said.

"It's not a women's issue... We have nowhere to go and we're not a priority." The problem is further compounded by a financially strapped provincial treasury. But, nevertheless, the strike is worth it, according to Kaiser.

"I firmly believe the (Quebec) government needs to subsidize salaries so costs are not so high for parents," she said.

Higher salaries for workers is an important issue, said the mother of two and founder of two day cares. "Day-care educators are an amazing bunch of people who still put out as much as they can for the safety and care of children," Kaiser said.

The problem is in hiring, she added, citing a 1986 Royal Commission on Childcare and a 1989 U.S. National Childcare Staffing Study that concluded in part that salaries are directly related to quality of care.

There is better selection overall in staffing where wages are higher, she said.

"I think it makes a difference. Workers do work hard to do their best, but there are different levels of best."

Canada also needs a national daycare policy, added Kaiser, who works through the Canadian Childcare Federation and the Canadian Childcare Advocacy Association to convince Ottawa of the need for a national childcare policy and standards. Ottawa

dropped its universal daycare platform two elections ago.

"It's not a financial issue, it's a quality issue," she said. "It's a big problem because it's very expensive and it's difficult to impose standards when some provinces have no training programs and finding qualified staff is difficult."

Kaiser doesn't expect to see any results soon from both federal or provincial governments. While Quebec recently agreed to create 6,000 new day-care spaces, there's a more urgent need to "recognize the quality and field of day care for what it is and the role it plays in society - and the type of people they want taking care of their children."

Kaiser is the co-author of *Daycare Handbook: A Parent's Guide to Finding and Keeping Quality Daycare in Canada* and its translation, *Les Services de Garde pour votre Enfant*.

Bylaw amendment off till May

Westmount city council deferred adopting its Safety and Sanitation in Apartments bylaw amendment until the May monthly meeting, Councillor James Wright said at the April meeting Tuesday. The draft was referred to the Administration and Planning Services Committee for review after a public meeting March 23.

Wright added the committee will also be reviewing the draft bylaw concerning a zoning amendment in District R3 and will submit it for adoption at the May council meeting. The draft was submitted to public consultation at a public meeting the same night.

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PARTICIPATION

City's new management structure helps residents, mayor says

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Westmount's slimmed-down management structure is not only saving the city money, it is reducing the distance between senior-level managers and the residents they serve, Mayor Peter Trent says.

Over the past year the city has cut the number of department heads from 13 to nine, and eliminated a middle-management level between the department heads and

the director-general.

While Trent noted the restructuring is something of a "political hot potato" (it meant the elimination of chief librarian Rosemary Lydon's position last year) he estimated the total savings in salaries on managers and secretaries at more than \$250,000 a year.

Part of that saving comes with the announcement that one of the department heads will take on the additional position of assistant director-general.

Councillor John Bridgman, who recently took on the city's administration commissionership, announced last month that Light and Power director Danny Ponzo will also serve as assistant to Westmount's director-general, Bruce St. Louis. Ponzo started working for the City of Westmount in 1983 as a construction supervisor. Ponzo has since added the title of assistant city clerk.

The city had earlier approved the creation of an assistant-director

general position, Trent said, noting that under the new structure director-general Bruce St. Louis now has nine department heads answering directly to him, rather than two senior managers.

But Trent said it was St. Louis who proposed getting one of the department heads to do double-duty, rather than go ahead with creating the new position.

Trent said the city was not only happy to save the money, but to give a department head some experience in upper management.



New assistant d.g. Ponzo

Council draws up wish list for new infrastructure program

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Westmount will submit an extensive wish list of projects it hopes will be eligible for funding under Ottawa's \$6-billion infrastructure program, it was revealed this week.

These include repairs to roads and sidewalks, replacement of traffic and street lights, sewer repairs, fixing up local tennis courts,

repaving driveways of some public buildings, and refurbishing a number of paths and walkways in the city.

Westmount could undertake about \$3.4 million worth of such smaller projects under the scheme, with two-thirds of the cost, or about \$2.2 million, being shared by Ottawa and Quebec City.

However six major projects being put forward by the city are less likely for funding under the

two-year program, the mayor told councillors this week.

These are the planned construction of a new electrical substation; the possible construction of a new fire station; the possible construction of a sound barrier near the train tracks in the south part of the city; a new building for the Lawn Bowling Green near city hall; as well as the library project and the renovations about to be made at Victoria Hall.

Trent said that despite what doubts he might have about whether governments should be spending money in this way (the scheme was originally proposed by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien as a make-work project), the city administration is obligated to try to secure as much funding as it can.

And he cautioned that just because the projects are on the infrastructure wish list does not mean they are part of the city's immediate plans. A lot hinges on what funding comes through.

Nevertheless, here's a partial list of the smaller projects for which the city hopes to secure two-thirds funding for this year and next:

- reconstruction of Belvedere Rd. (total cost of \$340,000) and Montrose Ave. (Mountain to Murray, \$500,000), and the refurbishing of Sherbrooke St. (Roslyn to Greene, \$600,000);
- a new roof for the Westmount Park Comfort Station (\$47,000);
- a new building at the West-

mount Athletic Grounds (\$70,000);

• reconstruction of Library Drive (\$500,000), and reconstruction of the city hall driveway (\$110,000);

• reconstruction of Mount Pleasant Ave. (St. Sulpice to The Boulevard, \$440,000), Upper Lansdowne (Edgehill to Lansdowne Ridge, \$500,000), and Roslyn Ave. (de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke, \$380,000);

• repairs to paths in Westmount Park (\$15,000), construction of a new path (\$13,000), reconstruction of the Holton steps (\$40,000) Stanton steps (\$9,000), Roslyn steps (\$45,000) and the St. Sulpice steps (\$45,000); and,

• refurbishing of the tennis courts at King George Park (\$30,000), refurbishing and relighting of the junior tennis courts (\$50,000), refurbishing of the tennis courts at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (\$18,000), and the relighting of the Staynor Park tennis courts (\$25,000).



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City workers lose to Chambly in preparation for tourney

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

Later this month the good name of Westmount will be in the hands of the city's workers. But it has nothing to do with politics; it doesn't involve finance or economics and it's not about real estate.

This is a sporting matter. From April 21-23, the Town of Châteauguay will host the annual City Workers Hockey Tournament, involving communities from the surrounding Montreal area and the Eastern Townships.

Along with the prestigious trophy that goes to the winning city, is a five letter word: Pride.

"Every community in the tournament wants to win this thing," said forward, Greg McBain, a Westmount public security worker who spent the last half of 1993 playing hockey in a semi-pro league in Val Gardena, Italy.

"We're representing the city and there's a lot of pride on the line."

Last year in Sherbrooke, Westmount played three games, winning one and losing two in close-fought battles. This year, they're gunning for the top.

The team tuned up for this year's tourney by playing an exhibition game against Chambly, Thursday night at the Westmount arena. It was their first time playing as a unit and the rough edges showed as they fell 8-4.

"A good number of the other teams (including Chambly) have

been together all year either in tournaments or in leagues of their own," said Westmount goaltender Tim Wilson, a public security worker.

"But we don't have a major disadvantage just because we're getting together now as a team. We have good hockey players and believe me, we'll be up and ready for this tourney."

"The talent's there, added forward Dave Lapointe of the recreation department. "We just need a couple more tune up games and we'll be all right."

Westmount has a scheduled rematch encounter in Chambly, April 11.

Last Thursday night, Westmount got a three-goal performance from Denis Proulx, with singles going to McBain and Mike Deegan.

Dave Sedgwick, Derek Alleyne and Rick Caluori had a pair of assists, while Deegan and Alan Cameron chipped in with one each.

After the score being tied at one at the end of the first period, Chambly exploded for four goals in the middle frame to take a commanding 5-1 lead. Westmount outscored the opposition, 4-3, in the final period.

"We really didn't start playing until the third period," said defenceman Wally Schmidt of the Westmount fire department. "In the first and second everybody was waiting for the other guy to take the bull by the horns and we ended



Westmount city worker reaches for the puck in a match against Chambly on Thursday. Photo by PETER McCABE

up with the cow's ass. The first two periods were an utter disappointment."

Mike Moquin, a member of the Chambly squad, who played for the Blues in the Westmount Senior A League, scored his team's final goal. He agrees the City Tournament is a prestigious affair,

but puts the Westmount-Chambly tune up games into perspective.

"We're just warming each other up for the tourney," he said after the 8-4 win. "The top priority of these exhibition games is to have a good clean game, work up a sweat, get used to your teammates on the ice and after the game get

together for a few beers."

A game on the ice followed by a few cold ones on ice. Sounds cool. But once the preliminary exhibition games are done and all the teams meet in Châteauguay, expect the action to warm up considerably.

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MONTREAL

Westmount boys bantam team beats girls all-stars 5-2

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

Hockey, traditionally a sport played by males, has been taking on a new look in recent years as more and more females show an interest in Canada's favourite pastime.

At the Westmount arena on Thursday night, a group of hand-picked 13- to 17-year-old girls battled it out with coach Mike Deegan's boys bantam Panthers of the Westmount Recreational House League.

The Panthers prevailed 5-2 but the score wasn't particularly indicative of the play and the gals gave the fellas an early scare. The girls team opened the scoring at 7:42 and held a 2-1 lead going into the second period. The action consistently went from end to end but after the opening stanza only the Panthers scored, picking up three in the middle frame and one more in the third.

The girls team, coached by Dillard's John Labbe, had a nucleus

of players from the Montreal Metropolitan League, with additions from various other leagues in the surrounding suburban areas.

Panthers forward Jesse Marchant, credited with a third period unassisted effort, says his team wasn't concerned about trailing the girls after the first period.

"No, we weren't too worried," he said after the game. "Everyone was confident it was just a matter of time before we'd come back."

The oldest member of the girls squad was goaltender Nadine Labelle, 17, and the youngest, a 13-year-old dynamo named Karine Bombardier.

The diminutive Bombardier has big plans for the upcoming hockey season. "I want to make the under-17-year-old Quebec (girls) team," she said with confidence, after starring on the LaSalle BB peewee boys team last season.

"If I don't make it, I'll just try again next year."

Coach Labbe said we can bet on her making the team this season.



Anne-Marie Bismuth, the only girl on the Westmount team, battles it out with Karine Bombardier (centre) and another member of the visiting girls team.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Two other players, Christa McDougall, 16, who scored the team's first goal Thursday night,

and Michelle Labbe, who had two assists, also have major hockey goals. Both hope one day to play

in U.S.A.'s elite Women's Ivy League.

They both admit breaking the barriers in a predominately male sport has at times been extremely tough.

"The guys can be rude," says McDougall. "They'll say things like 'What's your phone number baby,' or 'Come on, hit the bitch,' stuff like that."

"Even the coaches will yell, 'are you going to let a girl take the puck from you?'" added Labbe. "But it's okay. It just inspires us to play better."

Teammate Caroline Trudeau, 16, suffered a broken leg this past season playing for the juvenile St. Thomas Knights of the GMAA high school league. She took a heavy check into the boards by a much larger male opponent.

Trudeau shrugs off the assault, saying things took a positive turn when at a Montreal Canadiens practice shortly after the incident, her favourite player - captain Guy Carbonneau - autographed her cast.


Labbe's girls admitted the Panthers, and boys in general, are faster and stronger, leaving them with little choice but to rely on team-play, tactical skills and a more efficient passing game.

Goaltender Labelle says the shots are also quicker and harder than in the girls games. Panther goalie Sean Collins, 14, says he expected a good game but teammate Jonathan Knight didn't expect the girls to be as good as they were.

"They were great skaters and a lot faster than I thought," said Knight. "They were much better than the McGill University (women's) team we beat 6-2 a few weeks ago."

"They played an excellent passing game and a couple of them could really fire that puck," added Collins. "They kept me very busy tonight."

Nick Bell and Pablo Stern-Plaza scored a pair of goals each for the Panthers in the come-from-behind win, while Joe McLean, Patrick Weldon and Anne-Marie Bismuth, the only girl on the team, drew assists.



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