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Selwyn House's oldest living Old Boy, Leonard Schlemm, class of '29, and youngest current student, Justin-Harry Burdman-Castravelli, age 5, cut the ribbon to kick off the school's 100th anniversary celebrations. Photo Charles Montgomery

**12-member field advisory group meets today**

**Martin C. Barry**

After some initial trouble in attracting prospective members from some districts, Westmount city council has now selected the 12 people to serve on the Westmount Park Playing Fields Advisory Group.

During city council's monthly public meeting last Monday evening, Councillor Nicole Forbes said there had been many applicants.

The members are Helen Campbell from District 1, Robert White from District 2, Michael Smith from District 3, Elizabeth Ross from District 4, Victor Lenir from District 5, Aldo Veznaver from District 6, Graham Donnelly from District 7, and Patricia Dumais from District 8.

Other members appointed to the committee were Christina Delaney, principal of Westmount Park School, Annabelle Cumyn from CPE Narnia, Henry Olders from the Westmount Municipal Association, and Jenny Patton from the Westmount Healthy City Project.

The committee is holding its meeting today (Thursday).

According to a statement issued by the City, the Playing Fields Advisory Group is the next step in a collaborative process to finalize design elements for Westmount Park's playing fields. The City says it is part of an ongoing effort by council to find a balanced solution that reflects the views and needs of the entire Westmount community.

Co-chaired by Forbes, the Commissioner of Recreation and Community Events, and Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who represents District 7 on city council, the work group will study the latest design plan of the Westmount Park playing fields and will offer recommendations to council for consideration.

During question period, Mavis Young, a member of Save the Park, a group of Westmount citizens concerned about Westmount Park's future, questioned Mayor Karin Marks about the composition of the new committee.



Co-chair Nicole Forbes. Photo Martin C. Barry

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Marks said some members of the municipal administration will be able to furnish information to the committee. While con-

firming that City employees often sit on advisory committees, she said it is not usually in a voting capacity.

Marks said the committee's specific mandate will be discussed at its first meeting.

"The whole idea is to sit down and clarify that with the people who on the committee," she said. "That's the purpose of having a committee."

It is hoped the committee will be hard at work by mid-December.

"When we meet on Thursday, we will set the parameters then," said Forbes. "Everybody that I've spoken to who is on this committee is looking forward to working on this. Everybody is available or is making themselves available."

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# Local News

## Selwyn House cuts the ribbon on centennial celebration

> Charles Montgomery

On Thursday evening, 92-year-old Leonard Schlemm and 5-year-old Justin-Harry Burdman-Castravelli walked onto the crisp stage of the newly refurbished gymnasium in Selwyn House School's Lucas building. Above them, the ceiling was lined with smooth new wooden panels overlapping in a decorative fashion. Beside them a strong, ornate podium. In front of the pair, a golden ribbon, and on the other side of the ribbon, the gym swelled with hundreds of alumni members, faculty and parents, and a team of student volunteers.

Schlemm, Selwyn's oldest Old Boy, then helped Justin-Harry, the school's youngest current student, guide a large pair of scissors steadily towards the ribbon. Together they cut the ribbon and Selwyn House's Centennial Celebration was officially under way.

"It's very different," said Schlemm comparing the currently polished state of the school to the facility he knew as a member of the class of 1929. "It was just a private house; they took a private house on Sherbrooke Street near Guy Street and used it as a school," said Schlemm. "It had bedrooms and so on, which they just cleared out and we had our classes in there like any rowhouse in the city."

But with the launch of the centennial celebrations, headmaster William Mitchell and

active members of Selwyn House's alumni hope to honour the past and ensure the future of the school.

Mitchell is Selwyn House's seventh headmaster and is honoured to preside over the school's centennial drive, especially since he will be retiring next year.

"Being the headmaster, it doesn't matter if you're the sixth or the seventh, it's a big responsibility — but it's a privilege to have been able to do the job," said Mitchell. "The school has done marvelous things for education and educating young men for 99 years now and I anticipate that it will be doing it for many more years, if not centuries."

Along with a new book, Selwyn House School: Celebrating 100 Years, which was unveiled at Thursdays' Founders Day/Centennial launch, and monthly events over the next year, the school will be holding a capital campaign to put Selwyn's endowment into the country's top five.

Ted Claxton, a member of the campaign cabinet, and a Selwyn graduate, said that by the spring they would like to raise the endowment from its current level, around \$4 million, to about \$20 million.

The major events during the Centennial Celebration will be a Latin Nights gala in

April, a golf tournament in May, and a conference, as part of the homecoming weekend in October of next year.

According to Mitchell, the gala and the golf tournament will be bigger and better than any of those usually held by the school.

Ellen Pinchuk also took home the school's

top honour of service to the school, the Speirs Medal, at Founders Day. She was the school's lively art teacher for 25 years, and she had some solid advice for Mitchell.

"I know it's probably hard for you to believe right now, but there is life after Selwyn House — and it's good," said Pinchuk.



Selwyn House Middle School Director Carol Manning (left) and Old Boy Ted Claxton, class of '73, present Ellen Pinchuk with the Speirs Medal, the school's highest honour, dedicated to individuals who have made lasting contributions of service. Photo: Charles Montgomery

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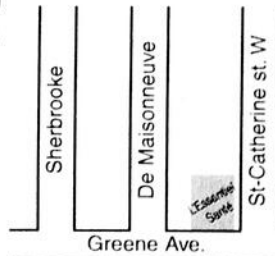
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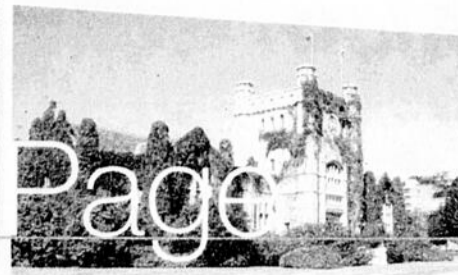
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Pour la session d'hiver, des places sont encore disponibles dans plusieurs activités de sport et loisirs, incluant les programmes tels Jouer au cinéma, Danse moderne, Danse jazz, et Création d'albums de photos. Consultez notre site Web pour accéder à la liste complète des activités ainsi que les modalités d'inscription. Info : 514 989-5353. ♡



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## DATES À RETENIR

### En cours

Floralies d'automne  
Conservatoire

### Jusqu'au 15 décembre

Échange franco-canadien de  
patchwork/courtepointe  
La galerie du Victoria Hall

### Le 30 novembre - 19 h

Les vendredis du cinéma  
*In My Country*  
Bibliothèque

### Le 2 décembre - 15 h

Les dimanches des Amis  
*Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*  
Bibliothèque

### Le 17 décembre - 20 h

Séance générale du conseil  
Hôtel de ville

## Illumination des chandelles de la Hanoukah

La Ville de Westmount, le Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom et la Congrégation Shaar Hashomayim désire inviter toute la communauté à la cérémonie d'illumination des chandelles de la Hanoukah à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount le 5 décembre à 16 h 30. Joignez-vous à nous par la suite à la synagogue Shaar Hashomayim, 450, rue Kensington, pour des activités traditionnelles. Info : 514 989-5265.

## La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter en exposition spéciale l'échange franco-canadien de patchwork / courtepointe qui vise à promouvoir les relations entre les courtepointières passionnées de la région des Laurentides au Québec et celles du Languedoc-Roussillon en France. Cinquante femmes au total ont produit chacune une œuvre originale. Cette exposition aura lieu du 22 novembre au 15 décembre 2007. Info : 514 989-5226. ♡



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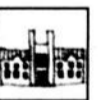
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Flu Vaccine Clinics

The CLSC Métro is offering free Influenza vaccines for eligible residents in Westmount. The clinic will take place on Friday, December 7 at Victoria Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. for babies and children. Info: CLSC Métro at 514 934-0354.

### Chanukah Celebration

The City of Westmount, Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and Congregation Shaar Hashomayim invite the entire Westmount community to the Chanukah Candle Lighting on Wednesday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. After the lighting, everyone will head to the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim synagogue at

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### Ongoing

Fall Flower Show  
Conservatory

### Until December 15

Franco-Canadian Quilting Challenge  
Gallery at Victoria Hall

### November 30 - 7 p.m.

Film Fridays  
*In My Country*  
Library

### December 2 - 3 p.m.

Sundays with Friends  
*Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*  
Library

### December 17 - 8 p.m.

General Council Meeting  
City Hall

450 Kensington for Chanukah activities, music and treats. Info : 514 989-5265.

## Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present a special exhibition featuring the Franco-Canadian Quilting Challenge promoting friendship between quilters from the Laurentian region of Quebec and the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France. Fifty women in total have taken part in this exchange and each produced an original quilt. The exhibition will run from November 22 to December 15, 2007. Info: 514 989-5226. ♡



## LIBRARY

### Sundays with Friends

#### Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Experience the laughter, tears and joy of *A Christmas Carol* with this performance by John D. Huston developed from Dickens' own annotated script on December 2 at 3 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library. Tickets: \$10 on sale at the Library. Info: 514 989-5386. ♡

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# A decade of musical excellence

> Nav Pall

The Westmount Youth Orchestra is 10 years old — and to celebrate the occasion an anniversary gala and concert will be held this Sunday, Dec. 2 at the downtown Mount Royal Center.

Chaired by Brian and Mila Mulrone, co-chaired by Gérard Charlebois and hosted by Ben Mulrone, the event will feature the vocal talents of baritone Russell Braun

The evening is a benefit for the development of the WYO's programs. Festivities will start at 5 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by a silent auction of pieces by

renowned Canadian artists such as Joe Fafard, Michael Smith and Lorraine Simms, as well as jewelry and gifts.

At 7 p.m., the WYO will perform a concert of operatic excerpts featuring noted baritone Russell Braun and soprano Tracy Smith Bessette, under the baton of artistic director and conductor Scott Gabriel.

"This is the first time we've done anything of this scale, and anything of this type either," Gabriel said of the gala event. "It's very much for fundraising, for building up community involvement with the orchestra."

Proceeds from the gala will assist the orchestra in organizing more tours similar to last summer's memorable trip to Europe.

"We'll be hoping to go organize another tour for 2010" said Gabriel "A lot of time is put in by parent volunteers and myself. Three years should be enough time to get everything together."

The WYO includes two string ensembles — junior and intermediate — as well as the senior symphony orchestra, together comprising about 100 young musicians from every corner of Greater Montreal. All have been practicing for the past several weeks in anticipation of Sunday's event.

"[The European tour] was a big undertaking and generated a lot of enthusiasm that has carried through into this year," said Gabriel. "Basically, what's made this year big for us is the gala coming up."

Advance reservations are required for this special anniversary event. Ticket purchase forms can be downloaded from [www.ojw.ca](http://www.ojw.ca) or



Scott Gabriel conducts the WYO rehearsal at McGill University last weekend. Photo: Nav Pall



Practicing for Sunday's fundraising gala. Photo: Nav Pall

obtained by calling Christine at 450-973-1652. If available, tickets for the concert will be sold at the door. Prices are \$75 for two adult concert tickets (sold by the pair only) and \$20 per student ticket. Tickets for the entire event — cocktail, auction and concert — are \$150 each.



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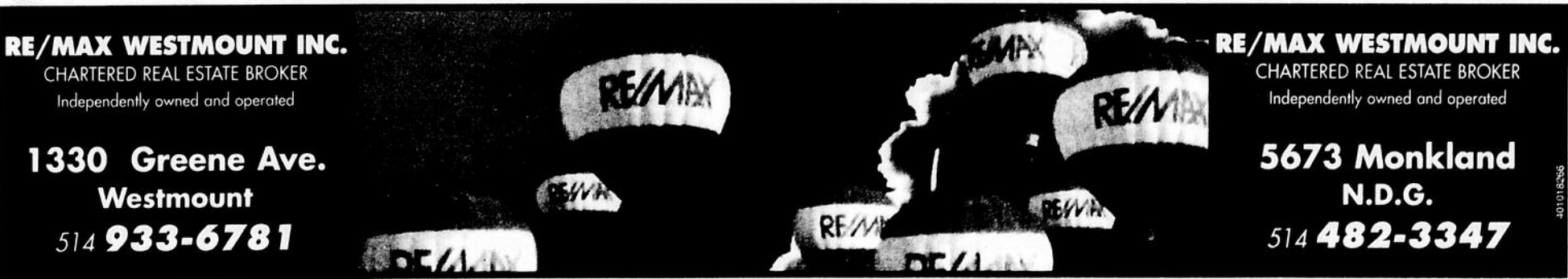
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# Opinion

## Education is an expensive privilege

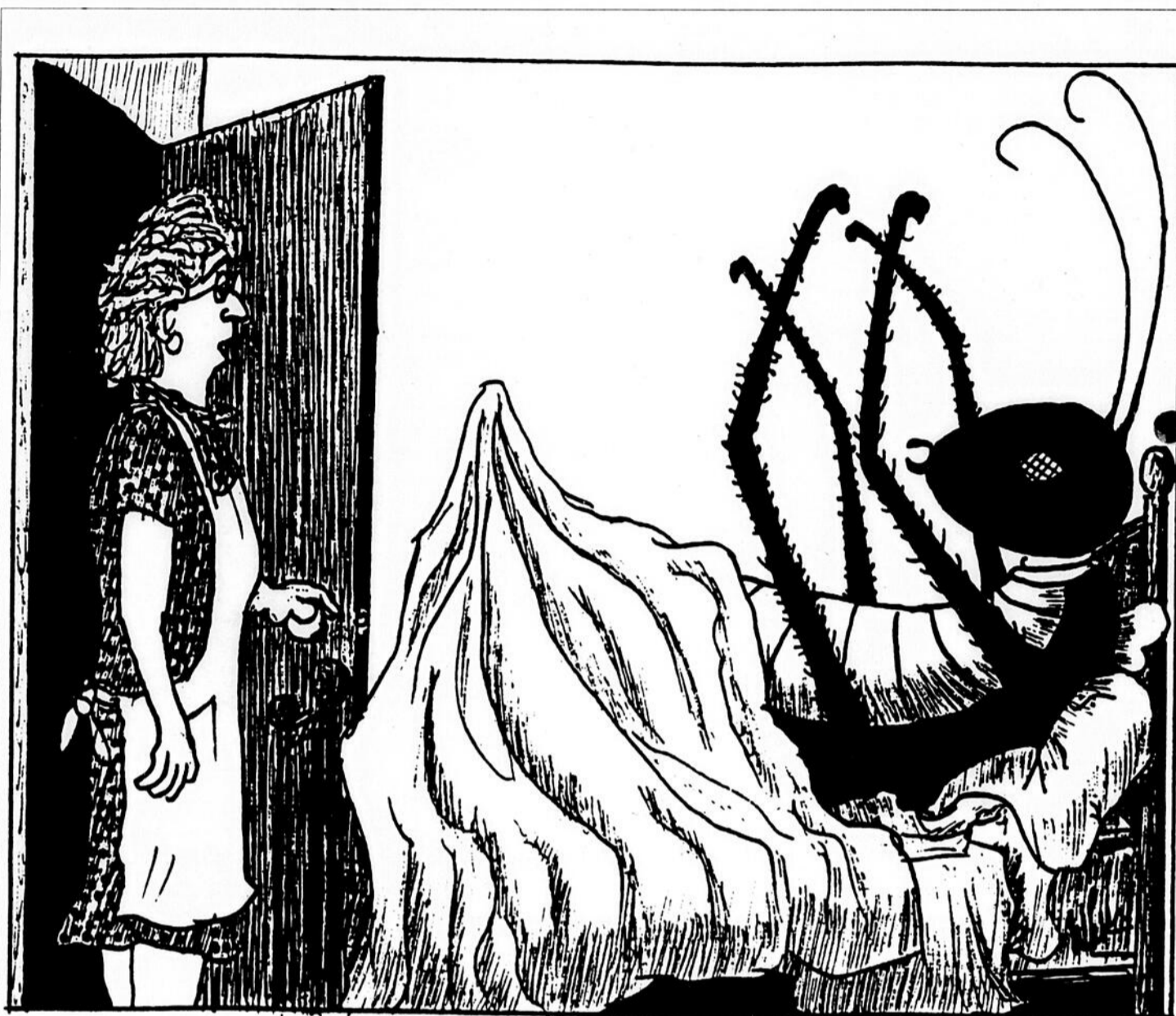
They have been marching in the streets, blowing horns and carrying placards, and in some cases they have even tried to boycott their own classes. But while Quebec's post-secondary students are receiving a valuable hands-on education in the mechanics of demonstrating, the very reason behind their loud protests is betraying their efforts as an ill-advised exercise in futility.

It is all very well and fine to protest any proposed rise in tuition fees. Nobody wants to pay more for anything; that's not only human nature, it's the basis of our very way of life and what drives our economy. But in Quebec, where CEGEP is practically free and university tuition rates are so relatively low that Montreal is a veritable Mecca for thousands of students from the across the country and abroad, this fortunate situation should be celebrated by students — not condemned in angry demonstrations.

Yes, the provincial government plans to raise tuition fees, and yes, local students are likely to pay more for the privilege of going to university. But, in all fairness to the government, the hikes will be spread out over a period of time and will only be raised to bring Quebec closer to the national average. Montreal will still be descended upon by legions of students at the end of each summer, and they will still be contributing to the local economy. McGill will still be considered the Harvard of Canada, and Université de Montréal will retain its lofty reputation around the world. The downside to the whole thing is that struggling students will have to work a bit harder to meet their payments at the registrar's office.

In an ideal world, access to higher education would be everyone's right, not a privilege reserved only for those with the means to pay for it. Unfortunately, this is far from an ideal world, and the only way to meet constantly rising expenses is to charge more at the source — the students themselves.

Anyone in the rest of Canada or the United States would be understandably outraged if they happened to see TV news footage of students demonstrating in the streets of Montreal. Their university expenses are much, much higher, and yet they don't complain. They accept the reality and simply work the extra hours required to meet their expenses. On the other hand, our privileged students are seen as ungracious and spoilt, protesting against something that most others would gladly have. This is an embarrassing image — one which we should not be projecting outside the province.



"Serves you right for reading Kafka so close to bedtime!"

### LETTERS to the editor

#### Who owns the park?

To the editor:

Re "Save the Park's ...very strong sense of ownership" (Mayor Marks, Nov. 15): Have you noticed the trees along Westmount Park bicycle path lately — how old and frail they are looking? They've overheard people asking whose property they are on. In their ignorance, they assumed it belonged to the school-children who play there all the time.

Here's a simple experiment: As you walk by, just think — you don't have to say anything — 'clear cut', 'timber yard', or 'death row', and watch their reaction. If there's no wind, take your Geiger counter. This is the question

everyone's asking: Who owns the park, and can they do anything they like with it?"

David Fielding  
Academy Road

#### Beware this dangerous intersection

To the editor:

The new traffic lights at the intersection of Ste. Catherine, Dorchester and Clarke have certainly speeded things up. They have eliminated a delay eastbound on Dorchester by switching to green at the same time as the Ste. Catherine light, but in another respect they may have speeded things up a bit too much.

If you're headed west on Dorchester and want to turn left onto Ste. Catherine, you very often find yourself on a collision course with cars speeding south on Clarke, headed straight for eastbound Dorchester. I've seen three near misses myself and I don't doubt they're a common occurrence.

There is a flashing green light for cars intending to turn left onto Ste. Catherine. It blocks the southbound traffic on Clarke with a red light, but it comes at the end of the cycle. If it came at the beginning, things would be a whole lot safer, with fewer near misses and collisions, and much of the speeding traffic on Clarke would be forced to slow down.

Matthew Cope  
Somerville Avenue

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**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
November 18, 1982

LONG-TIME LIBRARIAN: "From the moment I was allowed to cross Sherbrooke Street by myself, I used to sit and read in the corner of the children's library," says Norah Bryant, retiring chief librarian of the Westmount Public Library. The old children's library has since been converted to offices and Mrs. Bryant adds, "Now I sit in the same room — just in a different position." After 20 years as chief librarian, Mrs. Bryant will retire officially in January."

**Thirty-Five Years Ago**  
November 23, 1972

STRUGGLING SCHOOL: "St. Leo's Academy will remain open for the 1973-74 school year. Miss Monique Lessard, the principal, gave this assurance this week in the face of declining enrolment which caused many

parents and friends of the school to fear that the local institution might be forced to close its doors, leaving Westmount without a French Catholic school. The administration has recommended that the academy continue to operate although only 25 per cent of its space would be in use."

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
November 23, 1962

GLOW IN THE DARK: "You can see a Westmount traffic officer for three blocks. Someone said they look like Christmas trees but with their fluorescent coats, car lights make them stand out like glow worms. The new reversible apparel fills two functions. The policeman wears the black side out when he is on beat duty. The fluorescent side of the coat, cap and mitts are plainly visible for motorists."

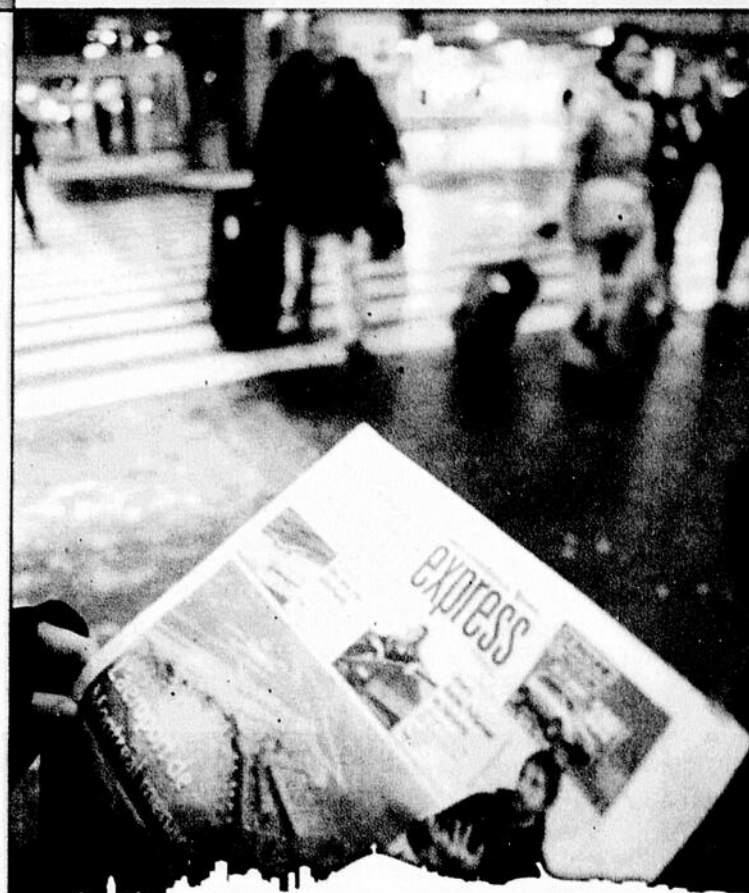
**Fifty-Five Years Ago**  
November 21, 1952

HOCKEY HOPES: "Not since the days when such famous names as the Patrick Brothers, Art Ross and Russ McConnell wielded a stick on Westmount rinks has the city been so hockey conscious. A revision is planned by Rocky Rockwell, recreation supervisor, who has formed the Westmount Municipal hockey league this year which he hopes 'will put the district back on the hockey map.' Already the league boasts 225 young players with a total of 19 teams consisting of peewee, bantam, midget and juvenile."

ACTUALITES

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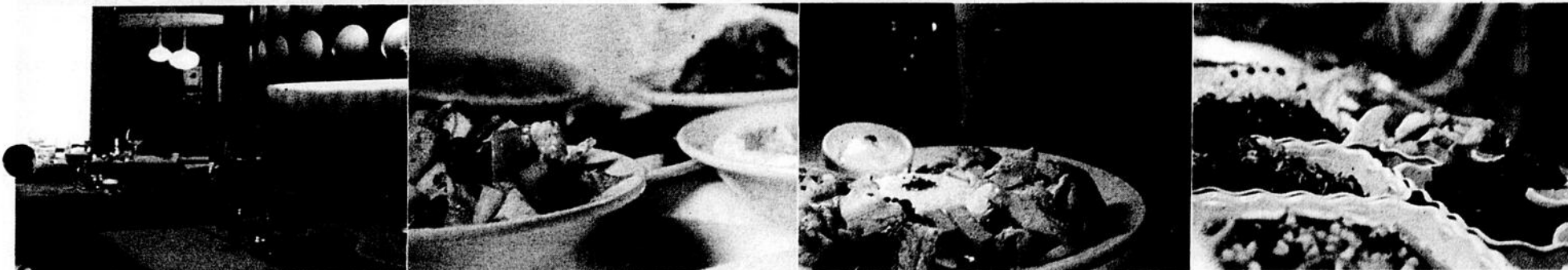
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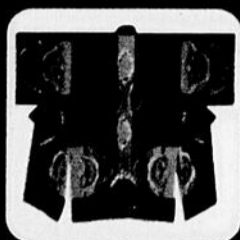
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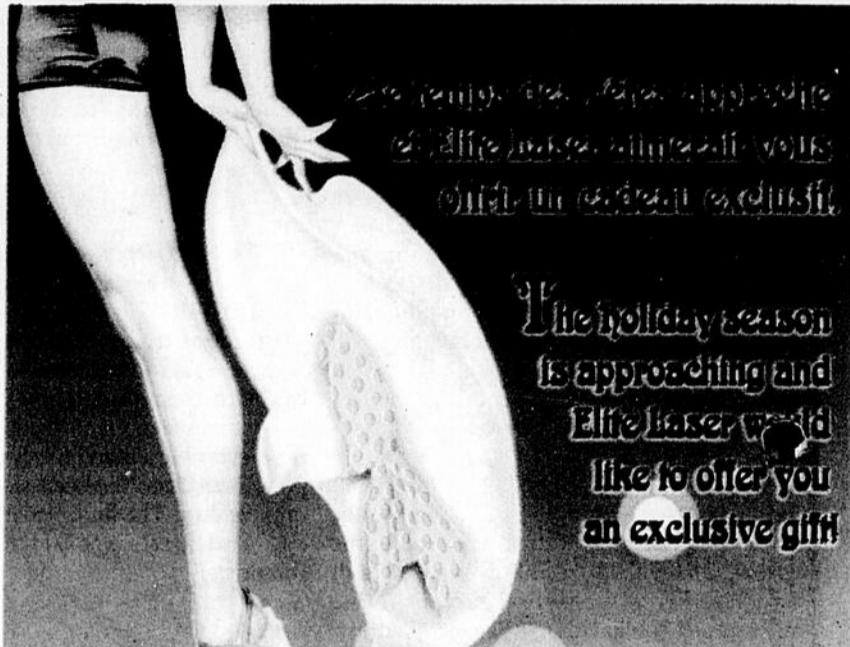
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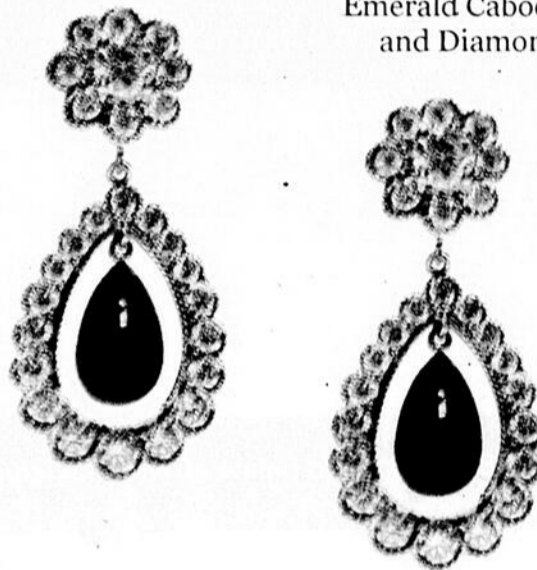
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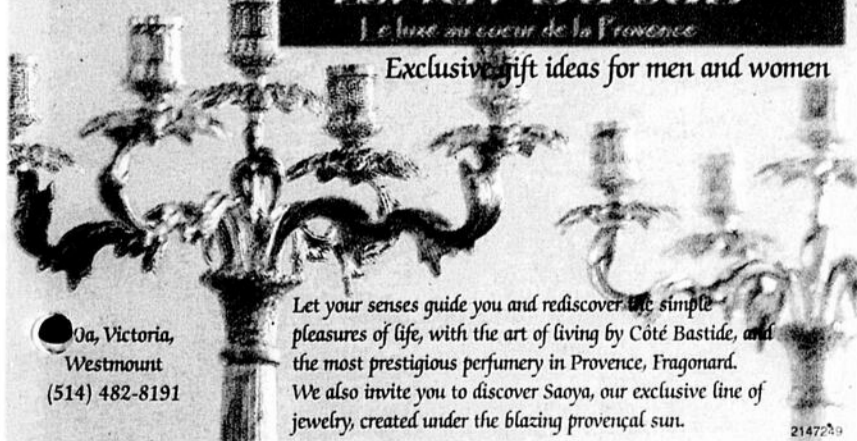
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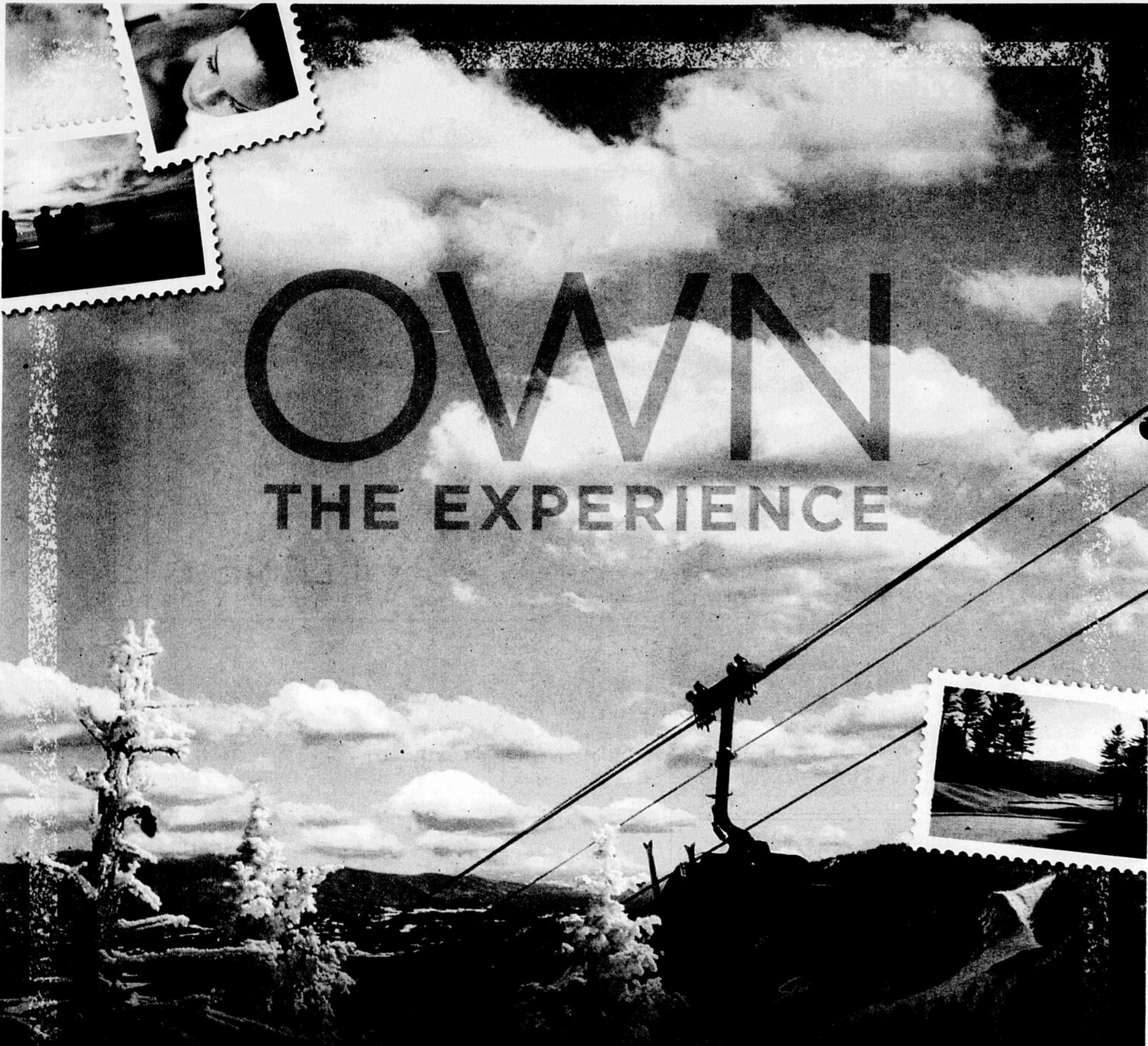
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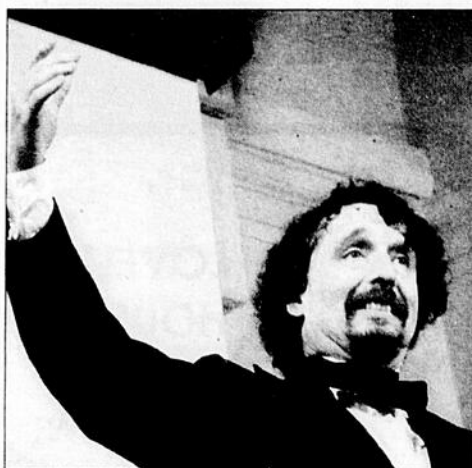
"I would ask that you imagine you are with a small group of friends, assembled to hear a tale told."

With these words, Charles Dickens would begin a public reading to an audience in the Victorian age. On Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., actor John D. Huston will give a one-man presentation of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* at the Westmount Library, a performance based on Dickens's own reading of his classic text.

"It's a dramatisation, rather than a reading or re-enactment," said Wilfred de Freitas, who worked with the Friends of the Westmount Library to bring Huston's show to Westmount. "What he's done is re-created Dickens's own performance of *A Christmas Carol*. He's had specially constructed a facsimile of Dickens' desk, he dresses like Dickens, and gives a recitation of the Christmas Carol, complete with all the voices, physically contorting himself when necessary to give somebody's physical appearances. And he does the whole thing from memory. Absolutely incredible."

Huston has been performing his one-man show for over 11 years, with 300 performances to his credit. He has presented it to sold-out crowds at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Last year, he performed his version of *A Christmas Carol* at the Atwater Library.

"He's a very theatrical person," observed de Freitas. "Very expressive. And very knowledgeable." After one of Huston's performances, Dickens's great-grandson, who also per-



John D. Huston performing as Dickens last year at the Atwater Library. Photo: Martin C. Barry

forms his ancestor's texts, approached Huston to ask if he was related to the family.

Dickens wrote and published *A Christmas Carol* in 1843, one year after he passed through Montreal during a tour of North America. While in Montreal, Dickens took part in an amateur theatrical performance at the Theatre Royal, where Bonsecours Market now stands. In 1853, Dickens began giving staged readings of his work to large audiences, editing down *A Christmas Carol* so that the whole of the story could be told in one evening, and travelling around England, Scotland, and even North America. Huston has based his performance on what can be reconstructed of Dickens's own edited text and presentation of *A Christmas*

*Carol*, down to the period costume and the facsimile desk.

"I have no hesitation in recommending it," said de Freitas. "It's especially great for kids. Last year a friend brought four of them, and they were transfixed." What makes Huston's show outstanding, said de Freitas, is simply "the performance. It's in the telling."

Huston has made an audio recording of his performance, interspersed with a capella

Christmas carols. Copies of these CDs will be on sale at the show. Huston will also be performing *A Christmas Carol* at a venue in St. Lambert later on Dec. 2. More information on John D. Huston is available at his web site, [www.dickensperformer.ca](http://www.dickensperformer.ca).

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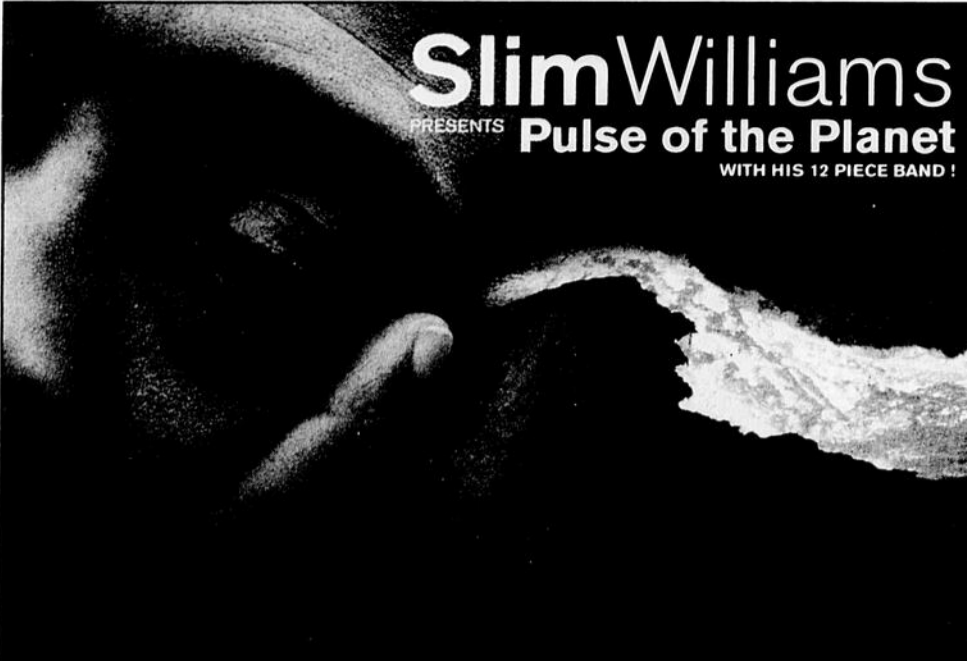
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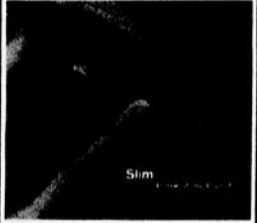


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*New book chronicles the careers of skiing Wurtele twins*

> Wayne Larsen

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Their story is a fascinating one, filled with challenge and accomplishment, but until now much of it has been preserved only through faded newspaper clippings and old photographs in family albums. But with the aptly titled *No Limits*, author Byron Rempel has put everything together in a thick, comprehensive book that celebrates the twins' eventful lives.

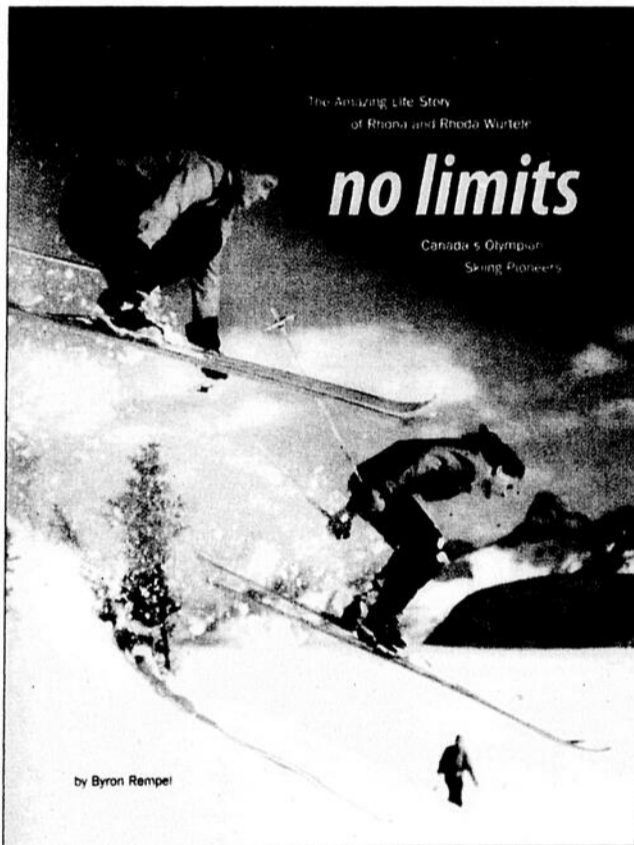
In his breezy narrative, generously illustrated by everything from formal photos to posters and publications, Rempel deftly traces the Wurteles' rise to prominence and chronicles their subsequent lives as the mothers of equally accomplished children.

The reader follows the twins from their childhood on Upper Lansdowne Avenue in a very young, undeveloped Westmount where "fox and pheasants still ran across front lawns," right through to the present day where at 85 they are widely recognized as living legends — goodwill

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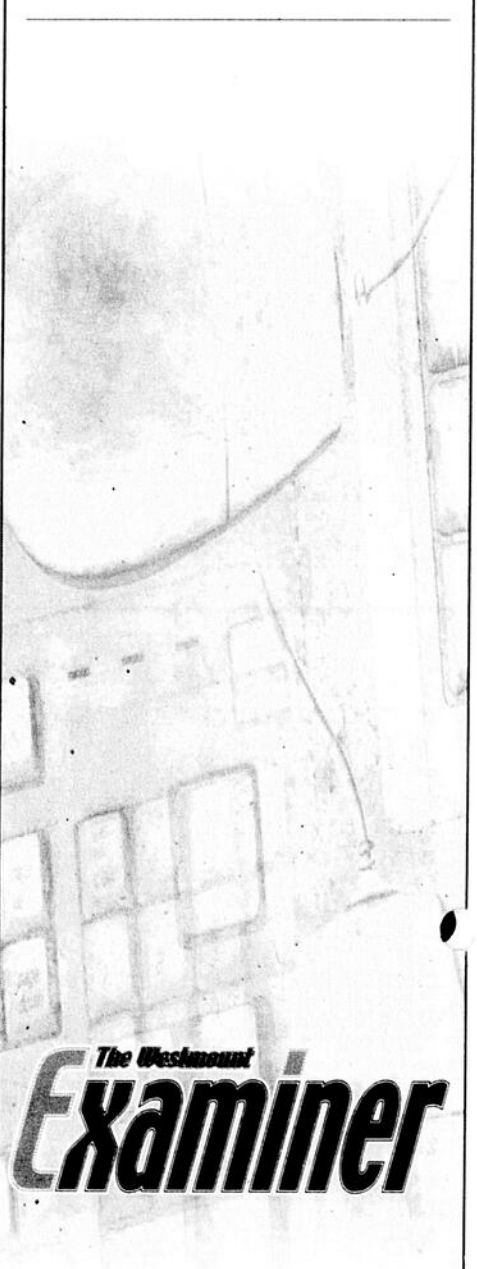
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# Bulletin Board

## Thursday, Nov. 29

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents puppeteer Hélène Charland performing Mishka L'ourson de Noel in French at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 to 5. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Info: 514-931-2304.

The Westmount Healthy City Project breakfast meetings continue with 'An ABC of Green Building for a Sustainable Community' with LEED expert Emmanuel Cosgrove from 8:15 to 9 a.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. Free admission. Info: 514-935 6983.

## Friday, Nov. 30

Film Fridays at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W., presents In My Country, directed by John Boorman, at 7 p.m. This unforgettable film takes place in South Africa and charts the unfathomable depths of human cruelty and the redeeming power of forgiveness and love. Please register for this event at the main circulation desk. Age: 13+. Info: 514-989-5386.

The Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents "Wine and Waterglasses: Celebrations of Saint Andrew's Day in Montreal in the 19th Century" with guest speaker Heather McNabb, at 12:30 p.m. Free admission. All welcome. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 ext. 203.

## Sunday, Dec. 2

Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol will be presented by John D. Huston at 3 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574

Sherbrooke St. W. Tickets are \$10 and are now on sale at the Library. Info: 514-989-5300.

## Monday, Dec. 3

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents the bilingual event Captain Catalyst - Physics of Light & Colour at 4:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Info: 514-931-2304.

Fundraiser Cookbook Launch in aid of St. Margaret's Day Centre, 'Lest We Forget: A Treasury of International Recipes Handed Down from Grandmothers Around the World' 11 a.m. at 50 Hillside Ave. Info: 514-933-2922.

The Visual Arts Centre presents the lecture 'Willbur Reaser at Carrollcroft: Art in Stanstead, Quebec 1905-1913' by art historian Robert Colby at 6 p.m. in the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave. Admission is \$5. Info: 514-488-9558.

## Wednesday, Dec. 5

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, Temple-Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and the city of Westmount invite you and your students, parents, faculty and staff to join us in a unique Chanukah Teach-In from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. This event is open to everyone and we look forward to welcoming friends from all backgrounds, faiths and religions.

The Atwater Author Reading Series presents Stephen Henighan, who will read from his new book of stories A Grave in the Air at 7 p.m. in the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave.

(at Tupper). Free admission. Everyone welcome. Coffee will be served. Info: Tanya Mayhew at tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca or 514-935-7344 ext. 203.

## Thursday, Dec 6

The Visual Arts Centre School of Art / McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., presents a poetry and prose reading featuring Clayton Bailey, Katia Grubisic, Anne Cimon, Janet Pasternak, Peter Richardson, Maria Turner and Louise Dessertine. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reading at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. Info: 514-488-9558.

## Sunday, Dec. 9

The Montreal McGill Suzuki Group, directed by Dr. Alfred Garson and accompanied by Yoko Sayeki, holds its annual Christmas-Hannukah concert at 4 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke Street at Roslyn Avenue. The program will feature works by Bach, Handel and Telemann, as well as traditional Christmas and Hannukah music. Free admission. All welcome.

## Thursday, Dec. 13

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series winds up with guest speaker Ruth Allan-Rigby, who will give the presentation 'Alice Lighthall (1891-1991): A Beloved Westmounter' at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Admission is free to WHA members, \$5 at the door for non-members. Info: 514-932-6688.

## Friday, Dec. 14

The Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. (at Tupper) presents A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas, featuring Barrie Baldaro, at 12:30 p.m. Free admission. Everyone welcome. Coffee will be served and members of the audience are welcome to bring their own lunch. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 ext. 203.

## Ongoing

Contactivity Centre's Annual Christmas Mini-bazaars will be held each Monday and Wednesday from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve Boul. W., corner of Lansdowne Avenue. Unique hand-knitted goods, handcrafted items, gift baskets and more. Info: Ginny Thomas at 514-932-2326.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., presents the special exhibition Quilts from the France-Quebec Challenge, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 15. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Info: 514-989-5226.

Tumbling Tots playgroup at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$3.50 per child per morning. Info: 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

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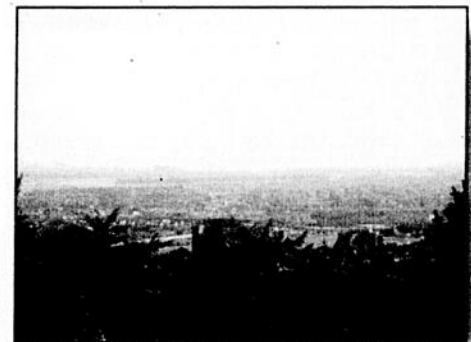
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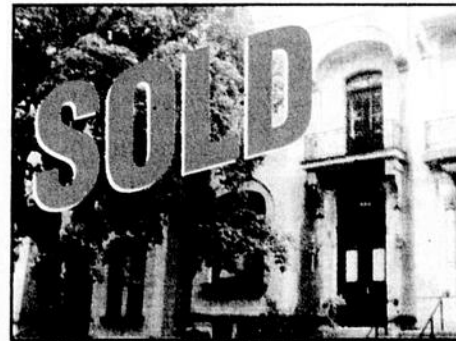
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