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## A century of cello duets



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## Thousands affected by blackout

Social networking kept residents informed

■ WAYNE LARSEN

As many as 6,000 Westmount households were without power for 10 hours last Wednesday following a major gas leak at the corner of Redfern Avenue and de Maisonneuve Boulevard.

The Montreal Fire Department ordered electricity cut to homes in Westmount's eastern sector as a safety precaution when an underground gas line was broken during roadwork in front of the 4300 de Maisonneuve apartment building. The incident occurred at

about 12:30 p.m., and power was finally restored at 10:30 p.m.

Several buildings in the immediate area were evacuated, including nearby Ecole St-Léon.

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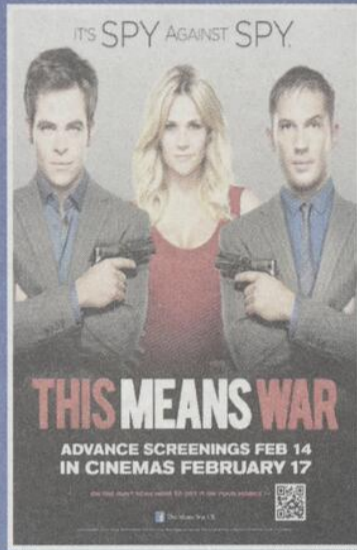


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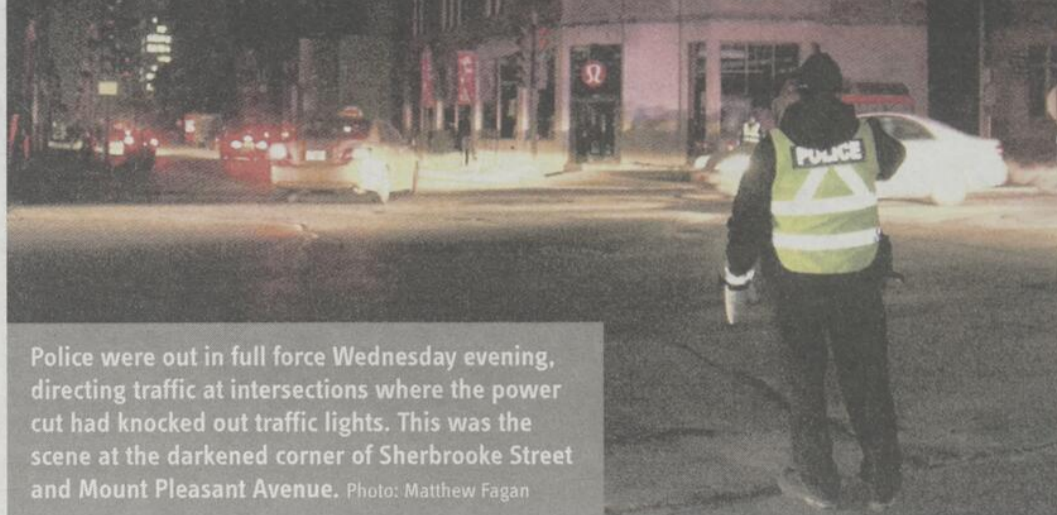
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# Thousands affected by blackout



Police were out in full force Wednesday evening, directing traffic at intersections where the power cut had knocked out traffic lights. This was the scene at the darkened corner of Sherbrooke Street and Mount Pleasant Avenue. Photo: Matthew Fagan

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The City of Westmount set up temporary shelter facilities in Victoria Hall for those who felt they could not stay at home during the blackout. According to Brigitte Stock, the City's Director of Communications, only about 20 residents took up the City's offer of shelter.

For Stock, the day-long incident proved the power of social media. Residents kept each other updated on the latest developments via Twitter and Facebook, which they could access through iPhones and Blackberry devices, as well as battery-powered laptop computers.

"I saw the power of it," said Stock, who began sending out email messages to subscribers of [info@westmount.org](mailto:info@westmount.org) at 3:30 p.m. and continued issuing updates throughout the evening. In many cases subscribers would then relay the latest update to others in the community through Twitter and Facebook.

"The convergence of media was truly amazing," she said. "City Hall, Public Security, Hydro Westmount — everyone was very much present, answering phones and giving out information. At the busiest point we were answering one call per minute."

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# Westmount modernizes waste management policies

*New bylaw comes into effect on April 1*

■ WAYNE LARSEN

From kitchen composting procedures to how to get rid of old electronic devices, the City of Westmount revamped its outdated waste disposal rules last week with the adoption of a new bylaw that reflects contemporary life.

While the existing bylaw included several obsolete sections — including one outlining the proper disposal of ashes — the passing of Bylaw 1425 on Feb. 6 brings Westmount into the 21st century while conforming to region- and province-wide municipal waste management standards.

“Ultimately, this bylaw should help Westmounters and empower them with the information that’s contained in it,” City Councillor Theodora Samiotis said as council adopted the bylaw. “It is my hope that it will help us be more sustainable as citizens and more responsible for our actions in regards to waste management.”

Samiotis also stressed that despite media reports of large fines that came out following the tabling of this bylaw back in October, no changes have been made to the penalties. “As with the previous bylaw, those measures are there to be used only in extreme cases where warnings and other approaches have failed to correct a serious problem,” she said. Bylaw 1425, which goes into effect on April 1, came about when the City had to upgrade its waste disposal program in



City Councillor Theodora Samiotis

order to conform to Montreal Agglomeration standards. At the same time, it was decided to update and redefine several parts of the old bylaw. The annual Christmas tree collection, for example, has been carried out each January for several years, but until now has never been officially covered by a bylaw.

“The City has introduced many new services over the years which were not covered under any bylaw, including collections for batteries, scrap metal, clothing, electronics, hazardous waste and more, not to mention the weekly green bin program for food waste,” said Samiotis, Westmount’s Environment Commissioner. “We are also faced with new conditions as set out in the Agglomeration’s regional waste management master plan concerning how materials are treated this year and in years to come. It was important to modernize the bylaw for both reasons.”

She also indicated that while most of the changes are minor, some rules concerning

the disposal of garden waste have changed significantly.

“I think what’s important for Westmounters, as far as their day-to-day existence goes, is the main change regarding leaf and garden waste, which must now be set out for collection only in rigid containers or in paper bags,” Samiotis said. “Plastic bags will no longer be accepted as of April 1.”

This, she added, gives the City a two-month period to undertake a public information campaign, which will include a pamphlet inserted into all Hydro Westmount bills in March and April.

According to information released by the City last week, “the set out time for the weekly collections has been moved to 8 p.m. on the evening before collection day, providing an approved container is used. This includes recycling, yard waste, organics and garbage in their appropriate containers. Garbage bags not in a closed container may only be placed on the morning of the designated collection day by 7 a.m.”

The full text of Bylaw 1425 is now available on the City of Westmount website ([www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org)) under City Hall, By-Laws.

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**For the Record**  
Wayne Larsen WAYNE.LARSEN@TC.TC

# Only time will tell... indeed!

Opinion pieces that leave the reader hanging with that tired old cliché “only time will tell” are inherently weak, for they don’t make a bold assertion or even a mild prediction about how a situation will turn out.

Taking that safe, lightly travelled road of non-commitment can be fine in some cases, but it always leaves the reader unsatisfied. So I apologize in advance, as that is exactly how this column will end.

Although rare, it’s always easier when a news story ends with a period. But in this case the biggest news of 2012 thus far is being punctuated by a series of question marks and ellipses supplied by the small but very vocal group of residents opposed to the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) project, the construction of which was officially announced last Monday.

Mayor Peter Trent and City Councillor Patrick Martin — the two main champions of this magnificent groundbreaking complex — have projected a very rosy picture of life in the Westmount Park area after the WRC is built. Both financially and ecologically, the WRC is going to be a success, they say. The \$38-million project that was unanimously approved by city council last Monday is seen by its supporters as something that will surely stand for generations as a shining example of how astute budgetary planning and innovative architecture can be combined to create a monumental athletic complex that cannot run over budget any more than, say, a man can have a baby.

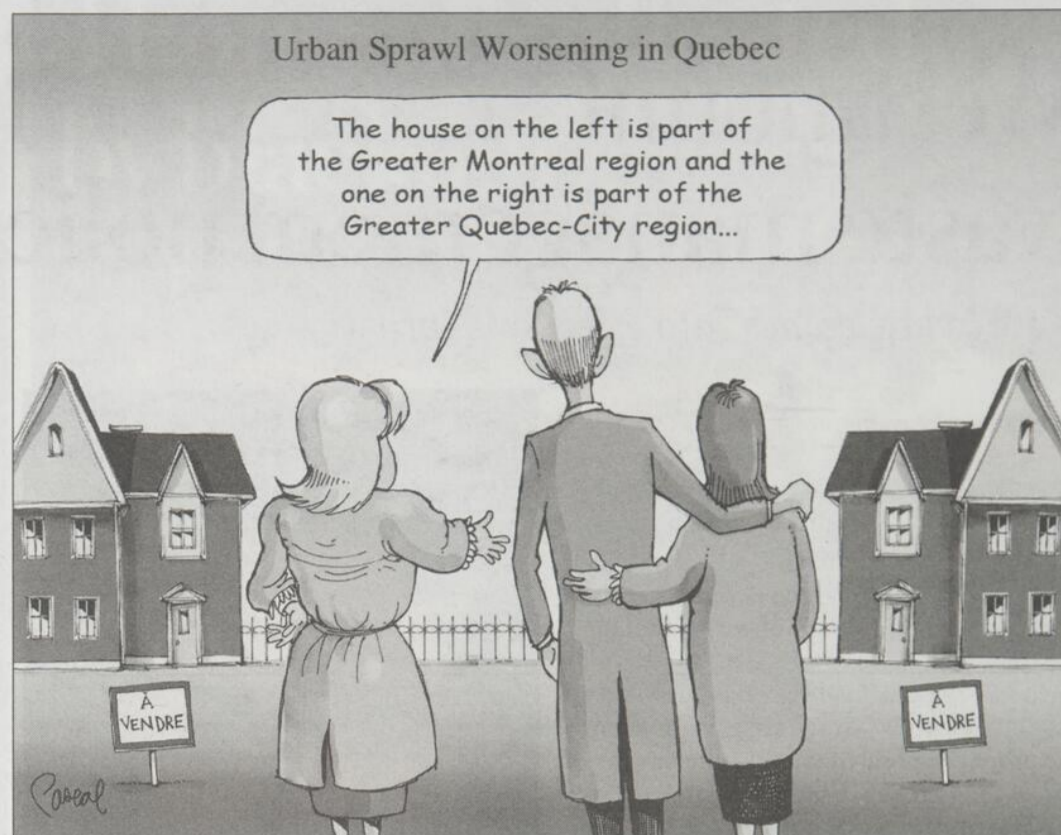
On the other side of the fence, the dozen or so representatives of residents opposed to the project are not ready to throw in the proverbial towel. David Ludmer, the local architect who has parlayed his vehement scepticism of the project into a planned run for mayor in the 2013 municipal election, remains steadfastly convinced that the City is making a grave mistake and that time will prove him right.

The same applies for Patrick Barnard, who successfully fought to prevent the City from installing artificial turf on the Westmount Park playing field across the street from his Melville Avenue home and has since been using similar lobbying tactics to fight the WRC project. His heels remain firmly dug into the natural soil of his beloved park; he attended last Monday’s press event announcing the official launch of

the project as the lone voice of dissent in the room, warning that with this expensive, two underground rink complex the City is “digging itself a hole both physically and financially.”

While it is always wise to be instructed by history, we must also bear in mind that the WRC is no Olympic Stadium, Peter Trent is no Jean Drapeau, and the City of Westmount is a much more efficient and transparent municipal body than the City of Montreal ever was.

Pierre Pomerleau, president of the well-known construction firm that will be carrying out the WRC project, told me last Monday that according to the current schedule, shovels should be in the ground by the end of February, with excavation of the pool and tennis court area taking place from March to June. This,



along with the fact that all the legal requirements are now firmly in place, means there is probably nothing anyone from Save the Park or organizers of the Change Westmount Arena Plan petition can do to stop the project going forward.

The area around Lansdowne and de

Maisonneuve will soon be reverberating with the loud noise of heavy machinery. Will that drown out the voices of the dissenters? Will their warnings eventually prove prescient?

And so, with profound apologies... Only time will tell.

## Letters to the Editor

### Long live the Queen!

To the editor:

I felt all right at the last regular council meeting of the City of Westmount (Feb. 6) well past resolutions — which may well have been Mayor Trent and Councillor Martin’s finest hour.

But at Resolution 8 — “Conference Attendance by Council Members — I began to feel sick. I therefore left the town hall. It was the first time since 1985 that I did not stay to the end. I apologize for that.

I was going to ask, at the second question period, if council was going to send a congratulatory message to Her Majesty the Queen on being on the throne for 60 years.

A film should be made of her long life — but the film star should be British or Canadian (not American, as is the case of the film on Margaret Thatcher). In the same manner, no British actor should play

Ronald Reagan in a film!

Vive la Reine — Long live the Queen!

Gerald Glass  
Metcalf Avenue

### Thank you, Mayor Trent and city council

To the editor:

After our petitioning for some time for holiday street decorations worthy of our city, Westmount has come through with flying colours!

As members of Westmount’s business community, we find the holiday decorations in the Sherbrooke/Victoria and Greene Avenue

sectors to be exceptionally beautiful, and we have received rave reviews from the public as well.

We would like to publicly extend an appreciative “thank you” to Mayor Trent and all of city council for their efforts and enthusiasm in making this happen.

This is just one more reason to remind ourselves what a wonderful city Westmount is to live and work in.

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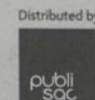
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# Taking a LEED



■ PAUL MARRIOTT  
GREEN VIEWS  
FROM GROSVENOR

Sustainability is a much-used buzzword these days, but Westmount city council made it a central tenet of the official platform following their election in 2009. All departments are supposed to operate with a sustainability checklist as part of their standard operating procedures, following the initiatives put in place by the previous council under the direction of Joshua Wolfe.

Now that Wolfe is no longer employed as Sustainability Officer, it is up to individual departments to carry the mantle, under the direction of Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Commissioner for the Environment. As a member of the Westmount Healthy City Project Environment Committee (HCP/EC), which is ultimately headed by Samiotis, I was encouraged to learn that the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) is going to be designed to be certified to the LEED Gold Standard. Since the original announcement of the project over two years ago, I have consistently asked for this.

With the announcement on Monday, Feb.

6, was the news that the LEED Gold certification will add approximately \$1.5 million to the budget — of which \$1 million is the investment needed to go from “certified” status to “gold.”

Some people will see this as pure cost, neglecting to understand the value this investment brings. With something like the WRC, the full lifecycle costs of the building must be considered. Ice rinks and swimming pools are large consumers of energy. Over the lifetime of the facility, these costs can be significant. If we assume the new WRC lasts as long as the current one, then the extra energy that a non-LEED building would cost would be over \$17 million, assuming an inflation rate of 3 percent. For the duration of the special tax to pay for the project, the savings in energy costs alone more than cover the incremental cost of going for Gold status.

LEED is not just about energy savings, though these are an integral part of the standard. The acronym stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and has 100 possible points allocated in the categories Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality, Innovation in Design and Regional Priority. A LEED

certified building has to achieve between 40 and 49 points, Silver 50-59, Gold 60-79 and the highest rating, Platinum, more than 80 points. Currently there are 17 LEED Platinum projects in Canada, including two in Montreal — the new Air Transat headquarters, as well as the new planetarium. Platinum level is difficult to obtain without going to net-zero energy consumption, something which is virtually impossible for an ice rink.

Important aspects of the LEED standard are in the categories other than Energy. Credit is given for re-using an existing site, rather than developing on virgin land. Other important credits are given for including features that encourage active transportation, such as bike racks and proximity to metro and bus services. Since the WRC is adjacent to the de Maisonneuve bike path, the inclusion of a BIXI station would not only make sense but would gain LEED credit. Minimization of the amount of parking space also gains credit — it will be interesting to see how many of the proposed 67 spaces are actually required. It must be remembered that parking is not only utilized by users of the WRC, but also by its staff — the more the latter can be encouraged to use active transportation, the better. Another interesting feature of the WRC project that

will gain LEED credit is the use of natural lighting. The Lansdowne Avenue façade is all glass, as is the aspect overlooking the swimming pool and these will, together with the Agora, also gain credit.

The Pittsburg Penguins recently opened a \$320 million LEED Gold arena, and Upper Canada College's \$17.5 million dual-rink project is also LEED Gold.

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# Madonna challenges antiquated notions of female sexuality



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TOULA'S TAKE

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When it was announced that Madonna would be performing at the Super Bowl half-time show, I responded with a shrug of the shoulders. I'm neither a fan of football, nor overblown spectacles designed to entertain a crowd full on Budweiser and Buffalo wings by the time the entertainment rolls around.

While I've never been a big fan of her music, I've always appreciated the fact that she's one of the few artists out there who, for 30 years, has consistently been able to reinvent herself and stay relevant. That's no small feat for a pop world so fickle it usually forgets who you are by the time your name has made it to print.

Despite my indifference, I caved and watched the show. It was a solid 12 minutes of fast-paced, perfectly-orchestrated, visually-stunning candy-coated entertainment, thanks in part to Montreal's very own Moment Factory. Being the savvy businesswoman that she is, Madonna played up to her past, by showcasing her old hits, but also promoted her latest silliness, Give Me All Your Luvin', instantly propelling it to the top of the iTunes charts.

"Nicely played, Madge," I thought. Everyone back to watching grown men in tights toss around a pigskin, while polishing off the last of the chilli.

Not so fast.... The tweets (it was estimated, an average of 8,000 of them per second for five minutes) started coming in fast and furious.

"Did you see that old lady gyrating on the dance floor?"

"I am praying there won't be a wardrobe malfunction this time."

"You know that times have changed when Madonna on her knees is no longer fun to watch."

And on and on they went... many of them from friends on Twitter. People I follow and like.

I watched the tweets go by and my indifference for Madonna quickly became indignation on her behalf.

Bruce Springsteen was 59 when he performed at the Super Bowl. Tom Petty, 57. Paul McCartney, a whopping 69. Mick Jagger? No spring chicken either. Madonna, at 53, is ironically one of the youngest performers, and without a doubt, one of the fittest to perform, yet she was vilified for being too old. Notice a theme? All the previous names belong to men.

Ageism, it would appear, is much more permissible and socially acceptable when the target is a woman.

Madonna, who works out two hours a day to maintain her stunning age-defying figure, danced around in five-inch stilettos, did cartwheels, and leapt from a kneeling position to a standing one over and over again, yet many viewers (many who probably wouldn't last ten minutes on a treadmill without calling the paramedics) dared mock her.

"I find whenever someone writes anything about me, my age is right after my name,"

Madonna said in the December 2011 issue of Harper's Bazaar.

"It's almost like they're saying, 'Here she is, but remember she's this age, so she's not that relevant anymore.' Or 'Let's punish her by reminding her and everyone else.' When you put someone's age down, you're limiting them."

"What does any of this matter, apart from the icky burst of mean-spiritedness?" asks Forbes Magazine writer, Liz W. Garzia. "It matters because your wives and daughters and sisters and mothers are going to get older, too. [...] It matters because this ageist mentality translates to the images we send out into the wide world in TV and film, and where we disproportionately prioritize youth we send the



message to our young women that they are relevant only briefly and superficially, like shooting stars. Or like pop stars."

Madonna elaborated on the topic in another interview: "Once you reach a certain age you're not allowed to be adventurous, you're not allowed to be sexual. I mean, is there a rule? Are you supposed to just die?"

Madonna's half-time show brought to the forefront the underlining sexism and ageism that still permeate a world that should — but still doesn't—know any better. In that sense, Madonna at 53 — continuing to refuse to go quietly into the night— is more relevant today than she ever was in her 20's.

## Women's Y holds clothing drive

If you have been thinking about cleaning out your closet, now is the time — the local YWCA has announced that it will be holding a clothing drive from Feb. 20 to March 4.

The Montreal Women's Y needs clothing donations for its Fringues & Cie thrift shop. The non-profit boutique also doubles as a school-to-work program for young women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are having trouble finding work. By participating in the

Fringues & Cie program, these women get professional experience in the retail and customer service sectors. This paid training lasts six months and helps them integrate into the community, both socially and professionally.

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Clothing donations can be made directly at the boutique, 1355 René Lévesque Boul. W. during business hours: Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Deposits can also be made at Women's Y reception desk at all times.

For more information, call 514-866-9941, ext. 515.

# Summit dog owner hopes to solve attack problems

■ JOSEPH CZIKK

The owner of an aggressive Doberman mix says he is more than willing to solve an ongoing issue with his dog that drove a distraught neighbour to seek the help of city council last Monday.

A visibly upset Valérie Morin of Bellevue Avenue stood up at the February meeting and called on the City to do something about the



Reza Zadeh and Tiger Photo: Joseph Czikk

“monster” that has repeatedly attacked her dog.

“Can’t the City do anything to protect us?” Morin pleaded. “I am really sick of walking around Summit terrified that I’m going to have my dog hurt.”

Morin described how an aggressive dog named Tiger has attacked her dog when she walks in the area of Summit Circle. She claimed that Tiger’s owner has refused to muzzle him and, based on two other incidents between the dogs, Tiger “goes for his throat.”

For his part, Tiger’s owner says he is sorry

about the attacks and would like to resolve the situation as soon as possible. “We are willing to do anything, I mean absolutely anything,” said Reza Zadeh of Summit Circle.

Zadeh acknowledged that there was an incident where Tiger jumped on Morin’s dog, but he claims that Morin assured him that her dog was okay.

Westmount Public Security Director David Sedgwick confirmed that the incident took place on Dec. 1, and there were no “evident signs of injury” on Morin’s dog.

While Morin told city council that a Public

Security officer informed her that nothing could be done unless blood was drawn, Sedgwick offered a clarification. “That’s not the case,” he told The Examiner last week. “They may have just said there needs to be some sort of evidence of an attack — either an injury to the dog or an independent witness — some evidence that something took place.”

As for the two other incidents, Zadeh, a 23-year-old McGill student, says a family member was walking Tiger and he regrets that it happened.

Although Zadeh said Tiger is always calm with any other dog or person, Mayor Peter Trent refuted that claim in his response to Morin. “I know for a fact that’s not true because I’ve heard of another dog attacked by that same dog,” Trent said.

Nevertheless, Zadeh claims that when his family met with a Public Security officer they pledged to do anything to solve the issue. This included setting up a time-table so that the two dogs wouldn’t cross paths when they each went for walks.

“Anytime she’s more comfortable with, we’re willing to do so — but we never heard back,” said Zadeh. “We’re very sorry and sad that this happened.”

Zadeh added that he could empathize with Morin, but doesn’t think dogs or their owners should be punished. Last year, he said, Tiger spent five days in an animal hospital after a pit bull bit him — a hospital stay that cost Zadeh about \$4,000. “I didn’t complain about the owner because these are dogs,” he said. “It happens. They are not humans.”



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# Say I do to a green wedding



■ SHELAGH McNALLY

Creating an enviro-friendly wedding is good for Planet Earth but can also make your day unique and meaningful. Here are some easy tips to get you started.

**Minimize travel:** Consider having your ceremony and reception in the same location or close to one another and reduce travel time. Encourage out of town guests to rent hybrid vehicles and stay at a green hotel. Organize a car pool and ask anyone flying to buy carbon offsets or take the train instead.

**Save trees:** Look for recycled, chlorine-free paper printed with vegetable or soy-based inks. Try tree-free paper created from hemp, bamboo or cotton. A fun option is paper embedded with seed — after the wedding guests plant their invite and grow flowers. Lose the envelope and use a postcard invite with a detachable RSVP card on the bottom panel. Put basic info

on the paper invite and more details on a webpage.

**Go vintage:** Wedding dresses are notorious for wasting materials and using man-made tulle and satin. Buy second hand or visit vintage shops for a dress you can get altered. Only buy new from designers creating green and gorgeous gowns from organic cotton, silk and hemp. Break with tradition and buy something you and your bridesmaids will wear again. Have the groom rent a tux rather than buy one.

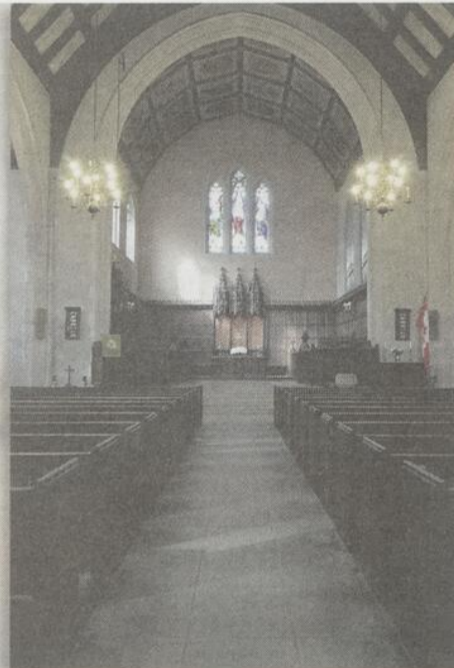
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Happily green ever after: Begin your new life with a green honeymoon. Check into a local green hotel or head to a luxurious eco-resort. If you've blown the budget try a biking or camping honeymoon.

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*S. McNally has been the wedding planner at Westmount Park United Church for the last three years.*



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Case in point is a Westmount senior who was robbed in her apartment lobby last Friday, Feb. 10. After walking home from a shopping trip to the pharmacy in the Alexis Nihon around 1 p.m., she entered her apartment building at 4400 Ste. Catherine St. W. Always courteous, she held the door open for the two young men dressed in office attire who were behind her. Once in, before she went through the second set of doors, they asked her which apartment Dr. Schwartz lives in. As she was explaining she knew no one by that name, she felt something behind her and immediately looked behind and then in her bag. Her wallet was missing.

She started going through her bag and one of the young men asked if that was it, pointing to the wallet on the floor a few feet away. She picked it up, said good-bye and went in. But she felt something was wrong and after picking up her mail, and chatting with a neighbour for about a half hour she finally had a chance to go through her wallet and realized her VISA card was missing. She went through her papers to find the phone number for TD VISA and explained the situation to the operator. She was surprised to learn the two cash advances totaling in excess of \$900 had recently been made at a Bank of Montreal ATM. She was pretty shaken up by the ordeal but was relieved to learn the bank would rescind the charges because the card was stolen.

A phone call to TD VISA confirmed the thieves would have had to use her PIN number at the ATM to access the money, so they must have been watching as she made her payment at the pharmacy, although she did not see or feel them around her. She also did not sense them following her home. But in retrospect she realized she should not have used a bag that was so vulnerable without a zipper or

closing so the wallet would not have been visible and so easy to grab.

Constable Guylaine Julien of police Station 12 corroborated what this woman already knew — she should never use a bag, hand-held or with a shoulder strap, that is not closed with a zipper. In addition, Julien suggests taking only the money or credit card you will need on that trip with you. To make it easier for people, especially vulnerable seniors, who want to carry documents or money or other cards, the Montreal police offer free wallets that hold all that, including a passport, which is worn under clothing attached to a belt or bra. Westmounters can obtain a wallet by going to Station 12 at 21 Stanton St.

For this victim it could have been a lot worse. The thieves could have taken her entire wallet with all her credit cards, health card and cash — or worse yet, punched her in the face to take it.

"I was very lucky," she said as headed out to buy a shoulder bag with a zipper.

## ■ KANPE founder to address WCCM

Dominique Anglade, founder of KANPE — an organization whose mandate is to put an end to the cycle of poverty by encouraging financial independence in Haiti — is bringing her passion to make a difference in the world to the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal this Monday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Anglade, who is a management consultant for McKinsey & Co and president of KANPE, will present the talk 'KANPE — A different Outlook.'

When the earthquake struck in Haiti, it changed Anglade's life in Montreal forever. Her parents, Georges and Mireille Anglade, were the first Canadians confirmed killed in the aftermath of Jan. 12, 2010. They were crushed to death in their family compound in the Mont-Joli neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince. Still upset by her loss and the circumstances in Haiti, in addition to continuing with her successful career, the mother of two launched the foundation within months of the quake to play an integral part in the fight to help Haiti break free from the vicious cycle of poverty.

The public, both men and women, is invited to come hear Anglade's moving story. The cost is free for WCCM members, \$10 for the public. A sandwich lunch is available for \$5 starting at 11:15 a.m. The Canadian Women's Association of Montreal meets monthly at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Boulevard. For more information, phone Carolyn Roper at 514-932-4005 or Bonnie Fletcher 450-458-4105.

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Acclaimed playwright Annabel Soutar, founder of Porte-Parole will host the evening, beginning with a talk from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room MB 2130. At 8 p.m. participants will enjoy the play Theatre... Business: Fill Us In, a student production presented in the newly refurbished D.B. Clarke Theatre in the Hall Building, 1455 de Maisonneuve. Tickets (including a glass of wine, admission to the play and reserved seating) are \$50. RSVP by Feb. 20 at 514-848-2424, ext. 4397. For more information, email or phone Shannon.Gilead@concordia.ca or 514-848-2424, ext. 7030.

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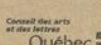
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