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Gaetan Barette vows to end auxiliary fees by mid-January Extra fees limited to \$15 for transport of blood samples,

\$5 for transport of all other biological samples



Health Minister Gaétan Barrette said Quebecers are already paying for all their medical fees as citizens, so the government will put an end to extra fees.

Health Minister Gaétan Barrette has announced an end to auxiliary fees patients pay at the doctor's office. The announcement came during a Wednesday afternoon news conference, but more details are expected September 28. The changes are scheduled to come into effect mid-January 2017.

"This illustrates our commitment to the accessibility of our healthcare network," Barrette said. "Insured services that are offered to Quebecers will not lead to supplementary fees passed on to the people who already pay for them as citizens," he said. Barrette said in future, the only extra fee that the doctors' office will be allowed to charge will be for the transport of biological samples from a private clinic or specialist, to a maximum of \$15 for a blood sample and \$5 for all other kinds of samples.

#### Will it be enforced?

Paul Brunet from the Council for the Protection of Patients is also skeptical about doctors "submitting to the law of the land." "We will believe it when we see it," Brunet said.

#### What will be paid for, what won't

A patient who needs a doctor to fill out and sign a form – for example, for the SAAQ, the province's automobile insurance board, or for a future employer – would still be expected to pay \$40 to \$80. Quebec's health insurance board pays the doctor for a medical exam, but not for that doctor's time to fill out and sign the paperwork.

Examples of fees which are expected to be abolished include:

- •Eye drops: \$20 to \$300.
- •Inserting an IUD: \$125 to \$200.
- •Instruments and medication for a colonoscopy: \$500.

The complete document outlining what the ban on auxiliary fees will cover when it is released on September 28.



**Tony Clemente is ready** 

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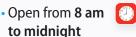
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#### 'Notte In Bianco' raises \$350,000 for children's mental health

Guzzo family welcomes more than 350 guests to popular event

MARTIN C. BARRY

As Tom Waits once wrote in a song, "Tonight a little rain never hurt anyone."

For the first time perhaps since the Guzzo family first starting holding their memorable Notte In Bianco fundraisers nine years ago, a little rain did indeed fall last week at their home in Terrebonne north of Montreal, although careful planning assured that no one got wet.

#### Children's mental health

Known for their chain of Montreal-area multi-screen movie theatres, Vincent and Maria Guzzo raise \$350,000 each year for good causes. For the past few years, the cause has been groundbreaking research into children's mental health problems in conjunction with McGill University, the Jewish General Hospital and the Shriners Hospital.

Every year, up to 400 guests pay \$1,000 a ticket to take part in an event which is now regarded as a must on the Montreal social circuit. White is considered 'de rigueur' for the Notte In Bianco dress code. This is partly a tradition the Guzzos decided to bring back to Montreal from Long Island, NY where they've spent many summers and where a longstanding tradition is the holding of dress-white social events.

Among the invitees to this year's fundraiser on Sept. 8 was Canadian film production legend Mel Hoppenheim. And after many years of coming out to support Notte In Bianco, former late night talk show host Sonia Benezra was back again for the 2016 version, along with her agent Barry Garber.

#### **Music by Wilson Phillips**

The evening's special musical guest was Wilson Phillips, an all-female vocal group consisting of Carnie Wilson, Wendy Wilson and Chynna Phillips. It can be said that the three have music in their genes, since Carnie and Wendy are the daughters of Beach Boys co-founder Brian Wilson, while Chynna is the daughter of Michelle Philipps, the co-founder of the Mamas & the Papas.

Starting last year, the Guzzos decided to redirect the family's charitable energies to support children's mental health research. One of the aims is to get children to write books for other children while sharing their experiences through the exploration of life lessons. Mental health experts estimate that two out of five children struggle with mental-health related issues.

#### Philanthropic efforts

As part of their philanthropy, the Guzzo family financed the imaging unit in the Jewish



Vince and Maria Guzzo, seen here with their children, hold Notte In Bianco for the benefit of children's mental health research.

General's Pavilion K emergency department, the new critical care wing at the hospital. The unit features high-tech, dedicated radiology and tomography rooms. The imaging unit was created to better accommodate patients from the emergency department and to provide a more functional work environment for health professionals.

The unit reduces test wait times for patients in the emergency department, thus shortening the radiology department's waiting list for patients from external clinics. Prior to the opening of the new imaging unit, 60 per cent of the available time at the JGH's radiology department was being used by the emergency department, resulting in a very long waiting list for patients from external clinics.





mer talk show host Sonia Benezra.



A very popular addition at the 2016 Notte In Bianco was an oyster bar.

#### Cinémas Guzzo to open new movie theatres in 2017

Independent chain eyes first expansion in 11 years

After proceeding somewhat cautiously with its movie theatre investments in Quebec for the past 11 years, Cinémas Guzzo plans to open several new venues in the greater Montreal region at the beginning and towards the end of next year.

"We are opening 12 new screens in St-Jeansur-Richelieu in the spring of 2017," Vince Guzzo, executive vice-president of the company, said in an interview with Newsfirst Multimedia. As well, Cinémas Guzzo will be opening a multi-screen theatre in the North Shore community of Sainte-Thérèse for Christmas 2017. "And then there are a few others we haven't been able to announce yet," he added.

#### No new venues since 2005

According to Guzzo, the company hasn't opened a new venue since 2005, although he suggested that he can't wait to get back into the fray of things.

"I'm going back to work," said Guzzo, who appears fitter and trimmer lately, while admitting he recently shed a hundred pounds exercising and working out regularly.

As for the company's longstanding plans to build a new theatre in Laval on the west side of Autoroute 13, Guzzo said, "That's our secret one, that when we start digging we'll announce. I've announced it too many times and then I got stuck with the city. So this time I said I'm not announcing anything until we've actually got the permit and we're digging."



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# IMF chief wants Canada's economic policies to 'go viral'



While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has a reputation as a "viral" politician for his mastery of social media, International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde says she wants his economic policies to be the next thing that spreads like wildfire.

"I really very much hope that Canadian economic policies can actually go viral," Lagarde said in the foyer of the House of Commons after meeting with Trudeau on Tuesday. "And that this energy and this passion for openness can be sufficiently contaminating, including for the European Union."

The IMF head said economic growth has been "too slow for too long" and the IMF advocates a "three-pronged approach" from governments trying to kick-start the global economy.

She said the Trudeau government is following that approach with monetary, financial and structural reforms that will mobilize the resources of the state to increase growth.

#### An endorsement for CETA

Lagarde also expressed support for CETA, the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement, which is still in the complex process of ratification.

The trade agreement is expected to remove 98 per cent of EU tariffs on a wide range of Canadian products, with reciprocal reductions in Canadian tariffs. "Given that this trade agreement seems to be a very reasonable, very sensible and a very good deal between the partners, I would hope very much that it can be completed, agreed, put to bed and implemented."

CETA was negotiated by the previous Conservative government resulting in an agreement in principle in 2013, but the deal has yet to be signed. Since taking office, the Liberals have advocated for the "gold-plated" trade deal. They also negotiated amendments to the investor protection provisions of the previous deal in February.

A signing ceremony has been planned for October in Brussels contingent on a positive vote in the European Parliament, but the deal still faces significant opposition in Germany and some other EU member countries.

#### 'A little bird'

Lagarde also applauded Trudeau's commitment to gender parity in his cabinet and in Canada's international representation, teasing the prime minister about an upcoming appointment to the IMF board.

"A little bird actually told me that of the  $24\,$ 

chairs of the IMF, the Canadian chair — as of beginning of November — might be one of the very few, if not only, chairs occupied by a woman," Lagarde said at the end of her prepared statement. "I don't know if that little bird is right, but I very much hope it's the case." Lagarde then turned to Trudeau and asked if the little bird was right.

"Yes," a smiling Trudeau answered.

The meeting was a followup to a meeting between the IMF head and Trudeau earlier this month at the G20 summit in Hangzhou, China.

#### **NEB disarray**

While Trudeau was basking in Lagarde's praise for his economic policy, he also faced questions about whether his government can get approval for what is seen by many as a key economic priority: a pipeline to carry Alberta oil.

The National Energy Board panel that was reviewing TransCanada's Energy East proposal resigned en masse last week after protests interrupted hearings in Montreal.

"It's up to a process that quite rightly shouldn't be about politics and should be about what's right for Canadians, what's right for our future," Trudeau said. Trudeau repeated that the previous government was a "cheerleader" for projects rather than being a "referee," which kept projects from getting the necessary public support for approval. As for whether his government supported the proposed Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline through B.C. or any specific route, Trudeau would not commit. "There's always going to be speculation by one side or the other about what we might do," he said. "But what we've actually said is we have a rigorous process by which these decisions will be made in a way that reassures Canadians that we're doing the right things for growth and for jobs, while we do the right things for the

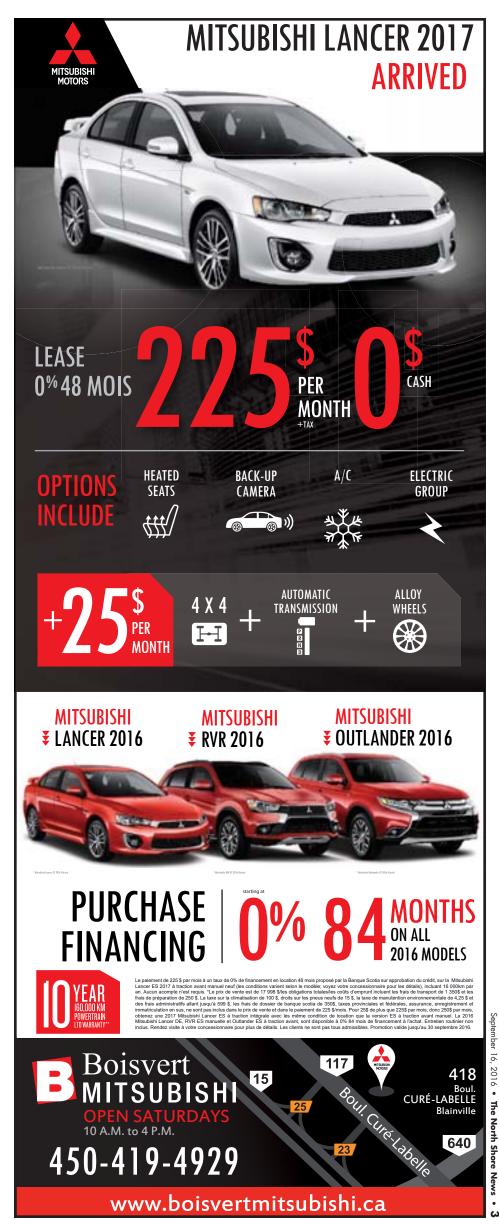
#### Threat of global economic collapse over for now: Lagarde

International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde said Thursday that the threat of financial collapse in the global economy appears to have eased. But she warned that developed economies still need to follow through on financial reforms and debt reduction.

"We stopped the collapse. We should avoid the relapse. And it's not time to relax," she said in a press conference on her outlook for 2013.

Lagarde said that big economic powers, including the U.S. and European countries, had taken important steps to shore up their financial systems but have a lot of work left to do. She warned against a waning commitment to regulate the financial sector, despite the severe problems that began with the collapse of U.S. financial institutions in 2008.

She said that reforms have been delayed and diluted, and she worries that banks are pushing back against necessary reforms. In Europe, Lagarde said she sees a lot of progress on reform. She said the European Union has a lot of new tools to deal with financial crisis. She added that the EU still has work to do on its banking union in order to prevent future problems



## Opinion & Editoria Canada must stand on guard against Stolen Valor Although there are nearly two months to the U.S. where a movement is underway to service medal, a Canadian peacekeeping tioning of certain badges and medals, and he should also have been wearing a sash.

go until Canadians gather again for the country's annual commemoration of the heroic deeds of our war veterans, it might be good to deal now with a related issue serious enough to not be treated superficially or raised only in the context of Remembrance Day.

While the case of fake Canadian Forces soldier Franck Gervais has left behind a sour taste following a Remembrance Day incident in Ottawa two years ago when he was caught impersonating a war veteran, it would seem at least that his behaviour is more the exception than the rule in this country.

That isn't so easily said of the situation in

expose and upbraid anyone caught dressing without due right in the uniforms of that country's armed forces, or improperly wearing the decorations and medals awarded to combat

Regarding Franck Gervais, some background information on him is in order. In the nation's capital on Remembrance Day 2014, Gervais, who had dressed himself to look somewhat like Robert De Niro in a scene from the film The Deer Hunter, got nailed while attending the federal government's main Remembrance Day event at the National War Cenotaph.

Wearing a medal for bravery, a special

medal, a NATO medal for service in Kosovo and a Canadian Forces decoration for 12 years service – none of which were rightfully his – he was then approached by a network television reporter. In an interview broadcast nationwide, Gervais identified himself as a Canadian Forces

With a fair bit of attention focused on him at that point, legitimate members of the Canadian Forces began to notice details in his attire which seemed out of sync, including the fact he was wearing dark glasses and his beard didn't fit protocol. As well, according to reports at the time, the beret wasn't right, nor was the posishould also have been wearing a sash.

Although Gervais was sentenced to 12 months of probation more than a year ago and had to undergo a process of sensitization to the ordeals of real Canadian Forces soldiers, the disclosure of his actions has shed light on a phenomenon which has become all too common in the U.S., and which could also eventually catch on in Canada since trends generally don't respect borders.

Stolen Valor is the name of a 1998 non-fiction book by retired U.S. Army veteran B.G. Burkett. It explored a number of issues about the low regard accorded to Vietnam war veterans. More notably, however, it first brought to the public's attention the existence of pretend combat veterans dressing the part by wearing medals and ribbons they never earned.

The book since then has become a sort of bible for an entire movement devoted to exposing fake soldiers, while its title has become a catch-phrase to describe the impact that imposters have on the integrity of those who took active part in combat and were officially recognized for it. What makes the issues raised by Stolen Valor increasingly pertinent is that it has become easier now, in the age of the Internet, for anyone wishing to pose as a combat veteran to do so through numerous resources and sites found on the World Wide Web.

In the U.S., where some veterans have reacted by publicly exposing imposters, videos posted on YouTube reveal a number of the toy soldiers to be pathetic wannabes sporting haphazardly placed medals and resembling, perhaps more than anything, vest-wearing Wal-Mart door greeters or service club members. While seemingly harmless, it's definitely not the sort of image you'd want projected towards an unsuspecting citizen who might not know the difference between a real veteran and a fake.

However, in other more serious cases, armed forces imposters have been known to brazenly claim perks and benefits that only true veterans are entitled to. In the most serious instances, they have tried to use false claims of military service or combat honours to boost support from voters for political gain.

Stolen valor renders the personal sacrifice of veterans meaningless and contributes to a degraded public perception of our armed forces, on which we all depend when they are needed. While here in Canada we have yet to see another case as notorious as that of Franck Gervais, we should be prepared for future instances and ready at the same time to defend the valor of the country's true veterans.

- Martin C. Barry -

#### Canada has more doctors and health specialists than ever

But we don't have ways to evaluate whether increasing the specialist workforce is always the best investment of our healthcare dollars

As important and trusted gatekeepers to the health-care system, physicians are nevertheless a crucial component of health costs, as the total number of physicians, the volume of health services they provide and the cost per service come together.

While governments have focused on reducing or holding physician fees steady as a cost control measure, health-care spending is also affected by the number of physicians and the number of services each provides to patients.

Provinces are trying to rein in their health-care spending and rising costs for doctors remains a key concern.

Is it the right emphasis?

Yes - and no.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has released data that shows physicians in Canada received \$25 billion in gross clinical payments in 2015 up from \$24.1 billion the previous year, an increase of 3.7 per cent. This rate of growth is down from nearly six per cent the year before, suggesting some restraint.

That's good news from a cost control perspective.

We also seem to have more doctors than ever. For Canadians waiting for care, that sounds like good news, too.

For the ninth year in a row, the number of Canadian physicians per capita has grown.

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We had 82,000 doctors in 2015 - up from 79,905 in 2014. Canada has had yearly physician increases of more than two per cent since 2007, with hikes of more than four per cent in 2009 and 2011 and a rise of about 2.6 per cent in 2015.

We have gone from an era of perceived physician shortages to one of relatively more abundance. Total physicians per 100,000 population went from 192 in 2007 to 228 in 2015. At the same time, the average gross payment per physician in 2015 remained virtually unchanged at \$339,000 nationally.

But looking deeper, there is a worrisome

A C.D. Howe report similarly notes that while there has been a recent decline in real per capita provincial government health spending, total physician costs have continued to rise.

But the report points out that spending is also affected by physician composition - particularly specialists. Adding one specialist per 1,000 persons was associated with an additional \$720 in real per capita provincial health spending - no small amount.

The number of specialists per Canadian has almost doubled since 1981.

In 1981, the average number of specialist physicians per 1,000 persons across Canada was 0.6 and grew to 1.1 by 2013 - an increase of nearly one-half a specialist per 1,000 persons. This near doubling is therefore associated with a \$295 increase in real per capita provincial health spending (1997 dollars), which grew from \$1,415 per person in 1981 to a 2015 forecast of \$2,447 per person. Again, that's no insignificant cost.

Specialist physician numbers are expected to grow more, given increased medical school enrolment.

Is this such a bad thing?

More health specialists per person should mean better health care, even if we have to spend more.

The problem is, we don't have measures to evaluate whether increasing the specialist workforce is always the best investment of our health-care dollars

Public debate highlights spending and the political tug of war between medical associations and health ministries. Missing is any discussion of effectiveness of services and how that can be measured.

For example, a national, clinician-led campaign in partnership with the Canadian Medical Association, called Choosing Wisely Canada, suggests a number of diagnostic tests and services may be unnecessary and even cause unnecessary harm.

If spending more on physicians provides greater value as measured by improvements in health outcomes, then that is a good thing. But if we are spending more money on diagnostic tests and procedures that don't improve health, then that is not such a good thing.

Without appropriate measurement of health-care outcomes, we can't know if cost control measures affect the quality of care. Provincial governments and physicians must work together on evidence-based evaluation of the effectiveness of health-care services. Only then can we know if our money is well spent.

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#### Conservative leadership hopeful downplays 'Canadian values

Deciding 'good' or 'bad' Canadians 'unworkable and undesirable,' says Tony Clement

**MARTIN C. BARRY** 

While campaigning last week in Quebec for the leadership of the Conservative Party, longtime Conservative stalwart Tony Clement appeared to back away from rival leadership candidate Kellie Leitch's recent statements that Canada should start screening newly-arriving immigrants for "Canadian values."

#### **Would focus on security**

"I think quite frankly that focusing government's time and attention and resources on having some bureaucrats somewhere deciding whether someone might be a good Canadian or a bad Canadian in the future is probably unworkable and undesirable," said Clement, while adding that he would be elaborating his position in a national security policy to be released in a few days time.

"I'm going to define my campaign by my policies," he said. "The Conservative Party of Canada has to be pro-Canadian values, of course, but we also have to be pro-immigration, pro-national security and pro-jobs. So these are my focus as someone who wants to be leader."

#### An immigrant himself

Clement, who was born in England and immigrated to Canada with his parents when he was four years old, said the experience left him with the impression that almost all immigrants come here with peaceful intentions while seeking to become part of Canadian society.

"What I wanted to do was to be part of the fabric of Canadian society and I think that's what most immigrants want," he said. "They want to be successful here for themselves, for their kids, for their grandkids. I think that approach is what every immigrant aspires to, and that's what I can represent as the leader of the Conservative Party and as a future prime minister."

Walls figure prominently these days in political rhetoric, be it in Europe where a barrier is now being erected along the cliffs of Calais in France to prevent immigrants from crossing the channel to Britain, or in the U.S. where Donald Trump has long promised a wall along the country's southern border to stem the flow of illegal immigrants from

#### 'We're pro-national security'

Asked where he stands with regard to such extreme responses, Clement cited the Conservative Party's longstanding pro-immigration record. "But at the same time we're pro-national security," he pointed out. "So to the extent that there are people who want to tear down our values, tear down our civilization, want to wreak violence in our society, that's where our focus should be – to prevent them from doing so."

On another issue, the country's economy, Clement is critical of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government for failing badly especially with regards to rising national jobless rates. "We're in the midst right now of what I call

the Trudeau jobs recession," said Clement, a former Minister of Industry and Treasury Board President in several Conservative governments.

#### Trudeau's lost jobs record

"The last two months of job numbers indicate that we've lost 100,000 full-time jobs in this country, despite Mr. Trudeau's policies: his tax and spend policies, driving us into deficit, misspending on critical infrastructure priorities. These indicate that his plans are not working. So over the next weeks and months I will be outlining a better economic strategy for Canada which involves lower taxes, innovation, more startups and more creative activity. I believe that's our path forward."

Commenting on Prime Minister Trudeau's recent completion of a mission to China, Clement said he didn't see any major problems with it, but took exception to Trudeau's handling of the overlapping issues of economic interests and human rights. "When it comes to China, we have values we want to express to them on human rights issues, for instance, and Mr. Trudeau did do that," he said. "I want to give him the acknowledgement that he did raise human rights.

#### Safeguarding Canadian interests

"But when it comes to the interests of the country, I do worry that in his headlong dash to make nice to the Chinese leadership, our economic interests will not be protected," he added. "That's something I'm going to be watching very closely. If the Chinese want to make investments in this country that's fine. But they have to be on our terms, on the terms of our national interest. China has to protect Canadian investments on their soil through the rule of law, and these are the kinds of issues that have to be nailed down before we can have a very good commercial relationship with

As a former provincial and federal health minister, Clement said he is not pledging any radical changes in the federal government's constitutionally guaranteed role in defining public health care in Canada. "One of the things the federal government can do is to promote innovation in our health care system," he said, adding that this might consist of helping the provinces develop new models of health care management and delivery "that puts the patient first. Those are the kinds of things that I want to have a dialogue with the provinces on."

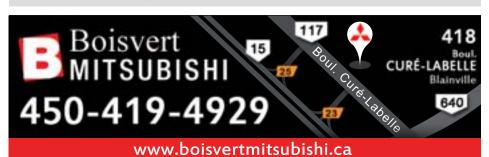
#### Supported by Housakos

During the interview at the Mirage New York restaurant on Saint-Martin Blvd., Clement, whose father was a Greek Cypriot, was accompanied by Conservative Senator Leo Housakos who is supporting his candidacy. "Experience has value," Housakos said, explaining his support.

"I thought it was imperative that we have a leader of the official opposition in Canada who is experienced, responsible and with a proven track record making in government. Mr. Clement has done that at the federal and provincial levels."



From the left, Sen. Leo Housakos, businessman Nick Tsatas and Conservative Party leadership candidate Tony Clement.



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#### Town announces winners of 2016 'Rosemère in Bloom'

Local beautification competition still popular after 28 years



During the ceremony, a cheque for \$2,565 raised by the Secret Gardens Tour was presented by the mayor and council to officials and supporters from Les Petits Plaisirs, an organization helping the region's families with a disabled child.

MARTIN C. BARRY

The names of the winners of the 2016 edition of the Rosemère in Bloom competition were announced during a special ceremony held on Sept. 7 at Rosemère town hall. This year again, Rosemèrites responded in large numbers with landscapes of outstanding quality.

#### **Automatic registration**

Rosemère in Bloom is an annual competition where all Rosemère properties are automatically registered in general categories. Residents can also register, free of charge, in special categories. Volunteer judges crisscrossed Rosemère's territory as a whole between July 2 and 31 to determine the winners.

"This competition has been a tradition in Rosemère for 28 years now," said Mayor Madeleine Leduc, while adding: "This summer activity is highly anticipated by Rosemèrites and attests to our residents' commitment to beautifying their town and preserving its country flavour."

#### **The Grand Winners**

Categories in which all Rosemère properties were automatically registered are: Front in Bloom, Cosy Corner, Native Garden (new this year), Unique Tree and Majestic Tree. The grand winners in these categories, all sectors combined, are: Front in Bloom: 274 Du Bocage Street, Cosy Corner: 289 Willowtree Street West, Native Garden: 306 Westward Street, Unique Tree: 348 Golfridge Street (Tulip tree), Majestic Tree: 435 Northcote Street (Red oak). In the commercial class, winners in the Front



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### 2016 'Rosemère in Bloom'

in Bloom category are: In the Labelle Blvd. sector: Rosemère Golf Club. In the Grande-Côte and Others sector: Meubles Château Napoléon. Special categories requiring registration were Environmental Action, Vegetable Garden and Backyard. The winners are: Environmental Action: 248 Paradis Street (edible garden), Vegetable Garden: no registrations, Backyard, 0 to 9,999 ft.2: 231 André-Gilles-Lauzon Street, Backyard, 10,000 to 19,999 ft.2: 237 St-Laurent Street, Backyard, over 20,000 ft.2: 492 De l'Érablière Street (special mention: Flower Garden) and 268 De Rosemère Street (special mention: Alpine Garden).

#### **Streets in Bloom winners**

Finally, in each of the Town's six sectors, the 2016 Streets in Bloom are: Sector 1: Du Jardin-Des-Tourelles Sector 2: Gilmour, Sector 3: Des Plaines, Sector 4: Northcote, Sector 5: Des Alises, Sector 6: Carolyn-Owens. Mayor Madeleine Leduc thanked all the volunteer judges entrusted with the careful task of crisscrossing the territory throughout the month of July, looking for the most outstanding landscapes.

She also noted the generosity of the thirteen property owners who opened their magnificent gardens to the public for the Secret Gardens Tour, the second facet of Rosemère in Bloom held on July 10. The population had been invited to discover true horticultural gems on these private properties opened to the general public on this day only. A total of \$2,565 was raised by the sale of tickets to this event, an amount that was donated, in its entirety, to Les Petits

Pediatric Foot Problems



The owners of 274 du Bocage, seen here with Rosemère Mayor Madeleine Leduc, were among the 2016 Rosemère in Bloom Grand Winners.

Plaisirs, an organization helping the region's families with a disabled child.

#### New organic waste pick-up

In other news from Rosemère, as of Sept. 12 the town has begun implementing organic waste pick-ups in all residential, commercial and institutional sectors currently served by municipal waste collection services. This initia-

tive seeks to significantly reduce the volume of domestic waste in landfills and convert organic waste into compost.

For citizens who missed the information session held in August, a second session was held on Sept. 20 at the Memorial Community Centre (202 Grande-Côte). During the course of this information session, residents had the

opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns with regards to this new collection.

In addition, for the benefit of English-speaking residents, English copies of the presentation were available that evening, and questions were answered in English as needed. For additional information, citizens are invited to go to the town's website at www.ville.rosemere.qc.ca or call 450 621-3500, ext. 3300.



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## Caisse's light-rail project threatens to disrupt Deux-Montagnes Uncertainty over possible expropriations and street closings



Prior to the September Deux-Montagnes city council meeting, a special recognition ceremony to highlight the exceptional work of specific firefighters from the Intermunicipal Deux-Montagnes/Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac Fire Safety Service took place.



The Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec's ambitious \$5.5 billion plan to give the Montreal region an electrified light-rail train network by the year 2020 is generating fallout in the City of Deux-Montagnes where some of the project's infrastructure work may end up disrupting the lives of residents.

#### **Expropriations pending**

During question period at the Sept. 8 city council meeting, Catherine David, who owns a residence on du Lac Blvd., said that she and other property owners on the street recently received letters from the Caisse de Dépôt informing them that their homes lie within a zoned area where

expropriations could take place in order to accommodate the light-rail train project.

"This is close to my heart, I grew up in Deux-Montagnes, this is difficult for me this evening," said David, visibly shaken up by the prospect that one of the two homes she owns in Deux-Montagnes stands to be demolished to make way for a parking lot. "What I want to know is what this project will do for our citizens here and what the city will be telling us about this project. I'd like to know the support we'll be getting from the city and what impact it's going to have.

#### In the dark about impact

"I still don't understand exactly what they're doing," she continued. "We are nine people in the same area on boulevard du Lac who received the same letter. We're just trying to understand. Yes, this is something personal for me, but it's also personal for the whole city to know what this is going to bring us financially. If this project

brings us in something financially long-term, even if I lose my house, I want to hear from the city what we'll be getting from it."

While Mayor Denis Martin maintained that the city has received relatively little information from the Caisse on the project, David said she attended an information meeting on Aug. 29 where the organizers said they were in weekly contact with the affected municipalities.

Mayor Denis

Martin: "We're

analyzing and trying to

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some of our citizens."

The responded that "the reason we weren't there was that we wanted the citizens to express themselves. If representatives of the city had been there, the people would have turned towards us. I can tell you here in public that there's nothing we can do."

#### 'Repercussions' coming, says mayor



In an interview following the council meeting, the mayor acknowledged that the Caisse's project "will have repercussions on some of our citizens." According to terms of the project, the Caisse de dépôt will be taking over the rail line

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Catherine David is one of at least nine Deux-Montagnes property owners who have been informed that the Caisse de dépôt's high-speed train project may require the expropriation of their homes.

now operated by the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) between Deux-Montagnes and Montreal, with a loop leading to Montreal's international airport in Dorval, and another leading southward to Brossard on Montreal's South Shore.

According to the mayor, three streets in Deux-Montagnes where there currently are level crossings - du Lac Blvd., Henri-Dunant and Deux-Montagnes Blvd. – stand to be significantly impacted as the frequency of the new rail system's high-speed trains will require the closing of the level crossings.

"In the beginning they were looking at closing two or three of those streets, but it would have cut the city in half," he told the North Shore News. "We're analyzing and trying to influence, saying that this is the impact for some of our citizens, especially with regards to circulation."

#### **Ceremony for firemen**

Also at the beginning of the council meeting, a special recognition ceremony to highlight the exceptional work of specific firefighters from the Intermunicipal Deux-Montagnes/Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac Fire Safety Service was held. Mathieu Poulin was taking part in the "Course de la famille de Deux-Montagnes" when he fell gravely ill as he approached the finish line on July 17.

Firefighters on hand to provide first aid during the event took charge of Poulin quickly and efficiently. He expressed his tremendous gratitude at the ceremony to the firefighters who came to his rescue. "Words cannot express how grateful I am," he said. "If you had not been there, I know I would not be here today for my wife and two boys."

#### Also signed the guest book

"We're all here to congratulate our firefighters for their outstanding work," said Mayor Denis Martin. Firefighters honoured at the ceremony were: Ron Hunt, Michel Thibault, Bradley Mills, Philippe Côté, Nicolas L'Espérance, Jean-François Chartrand-D'Aoust, Mathias Béchiau, and Jean-Marc-Hétu. The recognition ceremony ended with a signing of the city's guest book in the presence of the firefighters and their families.

At the end of the council meeting, Mayor Martin announced that Councillor Frédéric Berthiaume (bottom right photo), who was elected under the banner of Team Joannette in 2013 and sat as an independent councillor since the beginning of the current term, has decided to become a member of the mayor's team. He joins Councillor Manon Robitaille, another Joannette candidate, who decided to ally herself with the mayor last year. Everyone on the six-member council is now a member of the mayor's party, which is also known as Deux-Montagnes Autrement.





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#### **GEMINI**

There's confusion in the air, especially at work. A nice family getaway will enable you to recharge your batteries, even if you have the impression that it'll be complicated to organize everything.



#### CANCER

If you suffer from chronic tiredness, you'll benefit from making some small changes in your lifestyle. You may also feel the need to undertake a spiritual practice.



You're in an excellent position to be given a promotion at work. You'll have success where finances are concerned and your investments will perform well despite the economic situation.



#### **VIRGO**

The thought of a big trip will cross your mind. You also have an insatiable thirst for knowledge. Thanks to some extra money coming in, a large-scale project will be organized for you alone or with your family.



You'll get some great news about financing for one of your dreams. You should not neglect your studies if you want to succeed.



#### **SCORPIO**

People are counting on you. They expect you to make a decision, which you may find difficult. Try to gather together as much information as possible in order to avoid disappointing anyone.



#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Working too hard may result in some fluctuations in your weight. A huge business success will force you to take a rest afterwards.



#### CAPRICORN

You will be warmly congratulated for a brilliant achievement. You'll be given an award or a nomination in front of a crowd of cheering people.



#### **AQUARIUS**

You seek the comfort of your home this week. You'll take the opportunity to move some furniture around and you'll be able to clear your mind at the same time.



#### **PISCES**

You'll have lots to say for yourself this week. You manage to lighten the mood in any conflictual situation. Your sense of humour will enable you to establish a good understanding and build harmony between people.

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#### **CROSSWORDS**

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13. Top popper

14. Plot

15. Sleeveless cloak 16. Under lock and

17. Apple juice

19. Pig's abode

20. Dog

21. Tells

24. Wander 29. Native metals

30. Snow White's pal

32. Unlikely 33. In short

35. Cows

37. Arctic covering 39. Antique

**PUZZLE NO. 568** 

43. Farm enclosure

46. Calorie counter 48. Dining nook 50. Accompany

51. Wraps

52. Packs

53. Grunt

**DOWN** 1. Large barrel

3. Sore 4. " -Devil"

5. Male feline

6. Extras 7. Knockout number 41. Art

9. Defrost

10. Target 12. Curbed

13. Warning sign 18. Defy orders 42. Louisiana marsh 20. Box

21. Steal from

22. Mess up

23. Hawaiian hand-

out

25. Stumble

26. Dripped

27. Exist 28. Pro vote

31. Winter drinks

34. Threads

2. Without repetition 36. Safes 38. Tote

39. Certain poems

40. Inventory

8. Aardvarks' tidbits 43. Game played on

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47. Pull along 49. Pro's mate

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#### September 30th

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- •1st Sunday Morning Prayer
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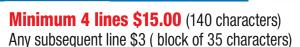
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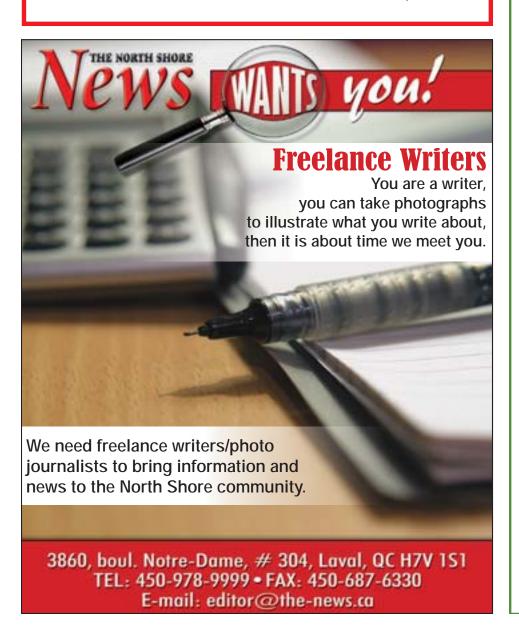
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#### IN MEMORIAM & OBITUARIES



#### **SISTI, Nicoletta 1946 - 2016**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of Nicoletta Sisti, daughter of the late Domenico and Maria Sisti. She passed away on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Laval at the age of 70. She leaves to mourn her brothers and sister Roberto (Joan), Gianfranco

and Sorrentina (Carlo), her nephews and nieces Charles (Shannon), Sarah, Oreste and Claudio, her great-niece Kennedy, as well as many other family members and friends.

#### MURPHY, Philip 1925 - 2016

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Philip Murphy at the age of 91. Philip is now reunited with his dearly departed wife Helen. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather. Philip owned and operated for over 25 years Champlain gas station located in Laval-West. He continued his career as a journeyman at Canadair. On his retirement he followed his passions with woodworking, bowling and his family. He is survived by his six children: Marilyn (Rick), Robert (Dee Dee), Patricia (George), Janet (Alain), John (Maggie), Eddy (Debi), his grandchildren Cheryl, Steven, Christopher, Tristan, Chantal, Michael, Rebecca, Katie, Thomas, Alex, Jacob and Ryan.



#### MALORNI, Michel 1949 - 2016

In Terrebonne, on August 28, 2016 at the age of 67, passed away Michel Malorni, beloved husband of Elizabeth Wynne, devoted father of Dominic (Angela) and Lisa-Marie; cherished grandfather of Alexia, Adamo, Giulio, Dante, Michel and Dayna. He will also be sadly missed

by his brother and sisters Concetta(Davide), Theresa (Jean-Guy), Janet (Pierre), Floria (Vincenzo), Antonio (Josée), Anna (Phil), his brothers-in-law Lew (Roberta), Billy (Patti), nephews and nieces, relatives and friends, and his great friend Jean-Guy.

#### HODHOD, Khalil 1933 - 2016

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Khalil Hodhod at the age of 82 years. Beloved husband of Najat Zoghaib. Predeceased by his brothers Fouad and George and his sister Georgette. Cherished father of Assad (Ann Asfour), Amal (Michel Abdo Chahine), Inaam, Elie, Eliana and Emile (Andie Marzilli). He leaves behind his grand-children and great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his brother Sam, his sister Souad and many relatives and friends.

#### PELLINO, Carmen

Carmen Pellino, 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 10th, 2016, at the Montreal Jewish General Hospital after a long struggle with Parkinsons disease. Carmen is survived by his wife, Madeleine (Boutin) Pellino, by his children from a first marriage, Richard 'Rick' Pellino, Barbara 'Bonnie' Distefano (DJ Distefano) and Michael 'Mickey' Pellino and by his step-children, Ginette St-Onge (Martin Béland) and Carole St-Onge (François Héroux) and by his grandchildren, Natasha Pellino, David Kaplan, Richard 'Ricky' Pellino, Gregory Pellino, Guillaume Brault, Julien Brault, and Vincent Carrier. Carmen was predeceased by his parents, Frederick Pellino and Nancy Morabito, his ex-wife, Lois Boyle and his sister, Angelina 'Jean' Brock.

#### PALLAZO, Doriana 1960 - 2016

It is with a broken heart that we announce the passing of our sister, Doriana. After a long battle with cancer, she died peacefully, surrounded by her family. She leaves to mourn, her life partner, Gerald Boulay, brothers Joe (Johanne), Nick (Nancy), sisters Mary (Angelo), Melina (Peter), nieces and nephews, Norman, David (Christine), Daniella (Joe), Francis (Isabelle), Eva (Nicola), Celia (Frankie), Steven (Christina), Lance (Lorna), great nephew, Angelo, great-nieces, Santina, Vanda, Chelsea and Elisa.

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#### JASON BOURNE

13+ | 2 hrs 03 mins | Action-Thriller



Jason Bourne, now remembering who he truly is, tries to uncover hidden truths about his past.

#### SAUSAGE PARTY

16+ | 1 hr 23 mins | Comedy-Adventure |



Life is good for all the food items that occupy the shelves at the local supermarket. Frank (Seth Rogen) the sausage, Brenda (Kristen Wiig) the hot dog bun, Teresa Taco and Sammy Bagel Jr. (Edward Norton) can't wait to go home with a happy customer. Soon, their world comes crashing down as poor Frank learns the horrifying truth that he will eventually become a meal. After warning his pals about their similar fate, the panicked perishables devise a plan to escape from their human enemies.

#### **NINE LIVES**

G | 1 hr 27 mins | Animation-Comedy |



Tom Brand (Kevin Spacey) is a billionaire whose workaholic lifestyle takes him away from his loving wife Lara and adorable daughter Rebecca. Needing a present for Rebecca's 11th birthday, Brand buys a seemingly harmless cat from a mysterious pet store. Suddenly, a bizarre turn of events traps poor Tom inside the animal's body. The owner of the business tells him that he has one week to reconnect with his family, or live out the rest of his days as a cute and furry feline named Mr. Fuzzypants.

#### SUICIDE SQUAD

G | 2 hrs 03 mins | Adventure |



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#### BEN-HUR

13+ | 2 hrs 21 mins | Action-Adventure |



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