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# Celebrating the Bangladeshi / Canadian community at two separate events

*Two separate prominent groups celebrated patriotism to the Bangladeshi community and to Canada this past Sunday, and turnouts paled in comparison to the past*



City Councillor Mary Deros stands proud with members of the community at Howard Park



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It can be considered a theme, really ... a theme for 2020 in and of itself. And it's a common theme and perhaps one that was certainly to be expected when the summer began after Covid-19 swept through our nation and others all over the world. It was known that the events planned for the summer would surely take a hit in terms of attendance, and these Bangladeshi celebrations were obvious evidence and proof of just this.

But unlike other events reported about this week, perhaps the first of two organizations that celebrated the event this past Sunday was a little better prepared as for what to expect. They didn't throw all the bells and whistles into the preparation that they usually do for this event, expecting a small turnout from the get-go.

In the end, it certainly was for the best, but the essence of the event and the celebration was felt regardless, no matter how small it turned out to be.

## Event at Howard Park

I spoke to Jahangir Alam, who was present for the celebration at Howard Park, and he told me that the event was very different in scope than it usually

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# Real Estate in Park Extension during Covid-19 -a surprising look

*Real estate in the community and the reasons why it stands as it does*

PHOTOS: NEWSFIRST / Domenic Marinelli



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Covid19 certainly did a lot of damage and while that is an evident understatement, I'd say it's safe to assume that we all have suffered a tad at the hands of this terrible pandemic. But, there is a silver lining visible from a great distance and perhaps many have benefited from this time of disaster in the end. Of course all of this remains to be seen, but for the time being, things are looking up in the realm of real estate and here's why ...

## As things stand right now

Driving or perhaps walking around Park Ex, one may have noticed many business fronts closed up. Of course we're not talking about at the height of Covid-19, we're talking about right now, as the community, the city, the province, the country and the world try to get back on track amidst a threat of a new wave.

Walking around, you see a lot of store fronts boarded up still with for rent signs. It's enough to make many wonder about the state of the economy, and there is no question that it certainly has taken a hit, but that doesn't seem to be the case for real estate, even in Park Extension.

As it turns out, people seem to be buying and selling at an incredible rate.



Multiple store fronts all over the borough have for rent signs and are boarded up



We spoke to Voula Kottaridis of Royal LePage and asked her about the state of real estate in the community and she had this to say: "One word: crazy."

We'd say that that is sound bite enough to carry our point across, but of course I've got more for you.

## A surge in the market

In Canada, Toronto and Vancouver hold the title for having the busiest and most lucrative markets when it comes to real estate, but apparently, Montréal broke a record of its own just this past July, ranking it a close third at least for a time. Things are still looking up apparently.

Julie Saucier, the president of the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers, told CTV news last month: "Right now the market is really crazy in Montreal. But it's really tough to say: is it because people waited, and now they can go back and sell their house? Or is it really that we're seeing a new trend? What we're trying to see is whether it's that people want to have an office at home, or an extra room where they'll be able to work from home, or is it that I want one of my parents to live with me because I don't want them to go in a CHSLD."

Of course this makes sense, seeing that these are the two or rather two of the more important questions now posed because of Covid-19 ... working

from a home office, or keeping seniors at home, rather than at a home out of fear of the pandemic.

As was reported by CTV, prices rose 46 per cent from last year at the very same time.

## What other experts in the field have to say

And to go along with what Voula Kottaridis told us, summed up in one word, Rosario Calabretta, a real estate professional who's been in the industry for many years (Remax) definitely agrees with what Voula had to say.

He went on to tell us that the reasons for this are

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# Sarker Hope Foundation focuses on Park Extension



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(TLN) The Sarker Hope Foundation, whose primary goal is to create a positive living environment for children who are orphans, is launching a new project with the specific goal of providing assistance to Park Extension residents.

"It is a great honor for us to introduce the new project, which is 'Supporting Parc Extension Residents', by the Sarker Hope Foundation for Parc Extension Residents in Montreal, Canada," said Mustaque Sarker, a well-known Park Extension business owner who is leading the project.

## Subsidies from government

"The project is financed by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund led by Employment and Social Development Canada," he said, while noting that the Canadian Red Cross Society is also making grants available to non-profits across Canada.

According to Sarker, the 'Supporting Parc Extension Residents project' is a comprehensive project that will be implemented in Parc Extension, Montreal, Canada.

## How needs are met

The project's intervention include:

- Transportation and Delivery service;
- Social well-being and mental recovery;
- Children and Youth recreation events and competitions;
- Face Mask distribution and awareness campaign.

"Our initial plan was to arrange a physical

project inception workshop. However, unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this is impossible," said Sarker, adding that those interested should visit the foundation's website to check out the 'Supporting Parc Extension Residents project'.

He said the project's services will be available beginning Wednesday Sept. 9 2020.

## About Sarker Hope Foundation

Sarker Hope Foundation registered in the middle of 2019 in Canada as a non-profit organization and commenced operations to establish orphanages in Ghana, Cambodia and Bangladesh. However, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic disrupted the lives of many and Sarker Hope Foundation-SHF says it recognizes that this is a stressful period for everyone.

Amid these uncertain and challenging times, SHF responded in the short term to keep residents safe and contributed to help prevent the COVID-19 pandemic through several institutions in parc extension Montreal and Bangladesh.

## Meeting people's needs

Since March 2020, more than 3,000 people directly benefited from the foundation's COVID-19 emergency humanitarian response program. Under this program, the foundation distributed safety materials, groceries, food and other necessities.

And the Sarker Family Hope Foundation raised thousands of dollars last Jan. 26 during the organization's first fundraising event at the Palace congress centre in Laval. SHF continues humanitarian response programs to keep residents and communities become more resilient to health safety and other shocks. For more information please contact info@sarkerhopefoundation.org.

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## LEXOPHILIE BILINGUE

“Lexophile” describes those that have a love for words, such  
as “you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish”, or “To write  
with a broken pencil is pointless

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

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toujours dit que j'étais “O” négatif.

Dans sa jeunesse, on surnommait Moïse le beauté Nébreux.  
Quand j'étais dentiste, ma copine était manicure. Au début,  
ça allait très bien, mais elle m'a griffé. Depuis, j'ai une dent  
contre elle.

Quel gâteau est le meilleur? Bien sûr, c'est LeNotre!  
L'épouser fut une hantise, je fus bien possédé!  
D'ailleurs, cette femme avait les yeux croches... aussi!  
Elle était si maladroite, elle n'avait aucune adresse, elle ne m'a  
épousé que pour en changer.

Elle disait avoir une mémoire photographique. Peut-être, mais  
elle ne l'a jamais développée!

Il a fait feu trois fois, il a tire trois mois!

En fuyant la police, il est tombé dans le bac à ciment. Mainte-  
nant, c'est un criminel endurci!

Mon cordonnier est mal chaussé. Ça lui fera les pieds!

Un entrepreneur de pompes funèbres a repris le bureau d'en  
face. Quand on cogne à la porte, il répond : Enterrez!

Le directeur de l'Orchestre symphonique a quitté son poste :  
on lui avait donné de mauvaises notes!

Quatre fillettes vont à la rivière pour s'y baigner : Marie, Fran-  
çoise, Annik et Carole. L'une d'entre elles n'est jamais revenue,  
c'était la p'tite Annik.

J'ai un copain qui se drogue à l'huile de frein. Quand on lui  
dit que c'est mauvais pour la santé, il répond qu'il peut arrêter  
n'importe quand.

## Teachers and students coping and navigating with school opening and coronavirus

The pandemic has cast a questionable future over Quebec  
education and across the country raising a host of questions:  
Is remote learning possible for every school? What roles will  
teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals and parents play?

While the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are affecting  
almost every aspect of life, one area hit particularly hard is Education.

With millions of students learning at home for the first time, it is clear  
that this crisis will have myriad effects on teaching and learning in the  
2020–2021 school year, regardless of when classrooms reopen and what  
type of remote learning practices remain in place.

We are seeing an increasing number of children return to the classroom.  
According to UNICEF, more than 1 billion students were still out of  
school due to nationwide school closures. However, 105 of a total of 134  
countries that had closed, 78 per cent have decided on a date to reopen  
schools. 59 of those 105 countries have already reopened schools or plan  
to open them very soon. Many opened as soon as late August. We've  
seen the same trend in Quebec and throughout Canada.

Our schools in Laval and Greater Montreal are up and running and  
many students were anxious and happy to return to their familiar grounds  
although not knowing what to expect. And many also prefer the online  
learning from home. Seeing their teachers and reuniting with their  
friends was the climax.

Given the difficulty of the situation and variation across the globe,  
countries have been in different stages regarding how and when they  
plan to reopen their schools. These decisions will be made by national  
or state governments, often in discussion with local authorities. Making  
these decisions, the competent authorities at the MEES, Ministry of  
Education and Higher Education, considered the benefits and risks  
across education, public health and socio-economic factors, in the local  
context. Of course, hopefully, the best interest of every child was taken  
into consideration, using the best available evidence. But exactly how  
this looks varies from school to school. And, we're already seeing a  
number of schools in Montreal and Laval already afflicted with students  
and teachers who have contracted the Corona virus. What's coming up  
next is anyone's guess.

Decisions on control measures in schools and school closures and  
openings should be consistent with decisions on other physical distancing  
and public health response measures within the community. Generally,  
schools are not opening in countries as an isolated action, but as part  
as a number of actions related to opening back the country, such as  
reopening factories, public transport, commercial business.

It was crucial that school boards/Service Centres planned ahead and  
looked at what additional measures to put into place to help ensure  
students, teachers and other staff are safe when they returned, and  
communities are confident in sending their students back to school.

Returning to school looks a little different from what parents and  
students were used to before. It's possible that schools may have reopened  
for a period of time and then a decision may be made to close them again  
temporarily, depending on the local context. Because of the evolving  
situation, authorities will need to be flexible and ready to adapt to help  
keep every child safe. Many teachers are worried and are expressing  
major concern fearing upcoming calamity.

Educators have been shouldering an impossible task: to replicate the  
functions of school without an actual school building. And that meant  
thousands of teachers, were isolated at home, having to harness tech-  
nologies new and old to reach and teach every student. Our schools  
have never had to improvise like this. And this may well be a recurring  
situation if the pandemic isn't taken seriously and until the Covid-19  
situation is remedied.

Of course, school re-openings must be consistent with the province's  
overall COVID-19 health response to help protect students, staff, teachers  
and their families. Some of the practical measures that schools have

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# 'I'm not the leak UPAC was looking for,' says Ouellette

## Guy Ouellette hopes his new book blows the lid off UPAC

### Independent MNA still waiting for an apology for his arrest after info leak at UPAC



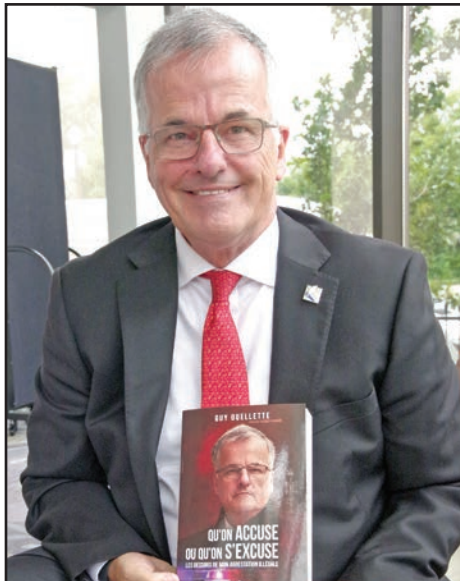
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It's been a while since most people in Quebec heard news from the province's powerful Unité permanente anticorruption – better known as UPAC.

But Laval-area MNA Guy Ouellette, a former Securit  du Qu bec investigator, is drawing the agency back into the spotlight with a new book-length expos , as well as a lawsuit that got underway on the same day as his book launch last week.

#### An arduous task

"Today marks the end of some hard work that



Seen here with his new book, *Qu'on accuse ou qu'on s'excuse: Les Dessous to mon arrestation ill gale*, Laval-area Independent MNA Guy Ouellette says the facts in the book should exonerate him once and for all of all wrongdoing. Photo: Martin C. Barry

started 10 months ago," Ouellette said in an interview with Newsfirst Multimedia during a media and by-invitation event held in his home riding of Chomedey.

Ouellette, who spent a significant part of his three decades in the SQ investigating the Hell's Angels and other criminal motorcycle gangs, says his new 336-page work, *Qu'on accuse ou qu'on*

*s'excuse: Les Dessous to mon arrestation ill gale*, could finally blow the lid over what's left of UPAC.

The book's foreword was written by former National Assembly Speaker Jacques Chagnon, who had previously come vigorously to Ouellette's defence.

#### Facts for BEI inquest

Ouellette said the book focuses primarily on facts, which he hopes will be put to good use by the Bureau des enqu tes ind pendantes (BEI), a Quebec agency that looks into police wrong-doing, to guide them in their investigation of the circumstances that led to Ouellette's arrest by UPAC in October 2017 on suspicion he was involved in a leak of information at UPAC.

Despite the arrest, Ouellette was never charged. First elected as a Quebec Liberal in 2007, Ouellette currently sits as an independent member of the National Assembly. He was expelled from the Quebec Liberal Party caucus shortly before the 2018 election, after news reports claimed he had leaked information about the Liberals to the Coalition Avenir Qu bec, who won the election. Premier Fran ois Legault himself maintained that Ouellette furnished information to the CAQ.

#### Insight into UPAC

"It's insight also," Ouellette added regarding the book, noting that its conclusion raises serious questions as to whether UPAC is needed nine years after the department was created by the then-Liberal government. The other question Ouellette raises, as suggested in the book's main title, is whether he will receive a formal apology from the province's current Premier.

As Ouellette noted, the title, in fact, quotes word-for-word the phrase used by Jacques Chagnon in the National Assembly on Oct. 31 2017, during a response to Ouellette's arrest. At that time, Chagnon said, "An MNA has suffered a serious blow and his reputation has been tarnished. [...] May charges be brought, or may public apologies be made. May he be charged or may apologies be made."

Chagnon's remarks, as well as a unanimous standing ovation Ouellette received from members of all parties in the National Assembly, were viewed as a strong reaction by the province's elected representatives to what they saw as an ominous threat posed by the police towards parliamentarians.

#### 'I'm not the leak,' he says

Regarding the UPAC leak, Ouellette adamantly maintains he was not the source. "I'm not the leak



Independent MNA Guy Ouellette, centre, is seen here with friends and supporters during his book's launch last week. Photo: Martin C. Barry

UPAC was looking for," he said. "I have nothing to reproach myself for." In addition, Ouellette claims that because UPAC wants to safeguard the identity of the actual source, they are refusing, "But they know" the source, he said, while also claiming that some media outlets are also well aware of the source's identity.

Further to this, Ouellette pointed out that in February 2018, when he was called to testify during court proceedings in Quebec City in a

fraud and abuse of power case pending against former Quebec Liberal cabinet minister Nathalie Normandeau, he swore under oath that he neither knew nor was he the leak's source. He makes that specific claim again in his book.

In an added twist, the first court date for a libel suit Ouellette launched two years ago in conjunction with the UPAC arrest, naming the Quebec Solicitor General as defendant, was delayed until the very day of his book launch last week.



Chomedey MNA Guy Ouellette, right, autographs his new book, *Qu'on accuse ou qu'on s'excuse: Les Dessous to mon arrestation ill gale*, for friend and supporter Michel Trudel, president of Mel's Studios and Postproduction. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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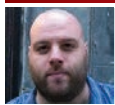
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# Canada Day Celebration in Jean-Talon Park

*A Celebration for Canada and the Bangladeshi Community hit hard by the effects of Covid-19, but a celebration just the same despite a few hiccups along the way*

PHOTOS: NEWSFIRST / Domenic Marinelli



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A definite hit was felt at this year's Canada Day celebration put on by the National Bangladeshi-Canadian Council (NBCC) organization, as a mere few dozen showed up to celebrate. Of course the culprit this year is a familiar one ... Covid-19, and it was seen in the amount of people that showed up to celebrate.

The organization themselves did all they could, as they always do, and City Councilor Mary Deros showed up to support, as she always does, even speaking to the gathered few.

## The state of the park itself

Walking into the park itself, I was overwhelmed by the state of it ... litter was everywhere, everything from broken glass to cigarette butts and even used masks (a common problem these days all over the city). The organization had nothing to do with this of course, but those that take care of the park should have definitely done something about this, many felt and voiced as I spoke to them, asking questions; especially seeing that a party and children would be present, as they evidently were.

There were the common groups of people that usually spend their time in the park that day, circulating and swigging on beer cans here and there and there were police officers on bikes circulating the park on bicycles.

## A fight breaks out amidst the festivities

It was during the festivities that a fight broke out between one of the regulars at the park, one elderly man beating on a younger man with his cane. The police intervened and eventually the argument was handled with only the threat of an arrest, but no actual arrest was made.



**A fight breaks out and police intervene during the festival proceedings**

## The organization's efforts and what went down

BBQ was offered, hot dogs and fresh buns. There were dancers, and speeches were made by those in attendance. Essentially, they tried very hard to live up to the events of the past, but because of the pandemic's stranglehold on society as a whole, the planner's hands were evidently tied and nothing more could have been done to draw a crowd.

I spoke with Monir Hossain, the event planner, and the one who's been at the head of this event for many years and he knew full well what to expect this year. He knew that things wouldn't go off as they usually did, and he stated that he didn't promote the event as he usually did, understanding that the turnout would indeed pale in comparison to the events of the past.

The sense of community was still felt despite the evident hiccups thrown into the works as he tried to have the event go on as best as it could.

Provigo supplied the food and cake for the festivities.

## A message from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau often attended this event before becoming the leader of the country, as Monir said, and this year he sent a statement as he could not attend. It read:

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to this year's multicultural festival in honor of Canada Day, hosted by the National Bangladeshi-Canadian Council (NBCC).

Canada is fortunate to have a significant Bangladeshi Diaspora, which has thrived and greatly contributed to Canadian Society. While this year's Multicultural Canada Festival will be different from those previous, the sense of community, inclusiveness, and unity will never change. We are a nation that derives strength from our diversity, and as we look towards the future, I believe that our openness and our multiculturalism will continue to drive our prosperity.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made planning and hosting events like this one especially difficult, and I would like to thank the NBCC for their hard work in making this year's celebrations possible.

Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable event."

## City Councilor Mary Deros in attendance and other prominent members of the community came to show support as well

Mary Deros was of course there, mingling with



**Mary Deros speaking with happy members of the community—all happy to be celebrating despite constraints**



**Monir Hossain of the NBCC setting up early during the festivities**

members of the community and the crowd. She even gave a speech, warning of a possible second wave to this pandemic and urging safety, as she did all weekend at all events.

Also in attendance was Jatinder Singh Bhandari, the director of the India Canada Association of Montréal. He was there to show support to the community and it's always great to see him. This is

something he does often—a true Park Ex patriot—and he also puts on events of his own across the borough.

In the end, a definite hit was felt due to the turnout, but it shows strength regardless that these men and women put on these multiple events this summer in spite of the pandemic, and we salute them all. *Here's to a better turnout next year.*

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# Politics run deeply in Liberal Gov't House Leader Pablo Rodriguez

## Longtime Honoré-Mercier MP touches base with Newsfirst Multimedia



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Just about any way you measure it, there's no denying that Pablo Rodriguez has come a long way in the 44 years since he first arrived in Canada.

The Liberal MP for Honoré-Mercier and current Leader of the Government in the House of Commons first came to Canada with his parents eight years after a key date in Canadian history.

### Parents fled Argentina

Although Pablo was born in Argentina in 1967 – Canada's "centennial year" – Rodriguez's parents had to flee from that South American country to Canada in 1976 after the military junta ruling Argentina repeatedly jailed and tortured his father who had become active in Argentinian politics.

A graduate of the University of Sherbrooke where he obtained a degree in business administration, Pablo Rodriguez spent an earlier part of his career working in public affairs and the management of international development projects. During this time, he became especially focused on humanitarian causes. As such, he was vice-president of Oxfam Québec during the early 2000s.

### His introduction to politics

Before entering federal politics, Rodriguez underwent an apprenticeship of sorts as an election organizer and political attaché to former Liberal MP for Papineau Pierre Pettigrew, who served from 1996 to 2006 in several of Prime

Minister Jean Chrétien's cabinets.

According to one anecdote, which Pablo Rodriguez confirms, his father cautioned him not to pursue politics as a career. "My father was running for governor, and he was also a lawyer so he was defending people who were accused of speaking against the government," said Rodriguez.

"So he was thrown in jail. He was tortured. They bombed our house. That's why, when we came to Canada, and we could barely survive at first, my dad said, 'You know son, this is a country where there is freedom of opportunity and you can do whatever you want. But please no politics.'

### Out to change the world

"But politics is in my blood, it's in my veins," Rodriguez continued. "You want to change the world. That's why I worked for Oxfam in countries in Africa, South America and Asia: to help people. As for politics, as my father always said, there's no perfect tool to change the world. But politics is the best thing for now. And so here I am."

As Government House Leader in the Commons, Pablo Rodriguez is responsible for planning and managing the Liberal government's legislative program. He described the current difficulties that the government is facing while dealing with issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

### A key role in Liberal gov't

"We're facing this difficult situation in a minority government," he said. "Whatever we do, we have to get the support of another party. As Leader of the Government, the leader is the chief negotiator with the other parties. And remember that right now, during the pandemic, you have to negotiate from your home, from your basement



**'Politics is in my blood, it's in my veins. You want to change the world,' says Rodriguez**  
PHOTO: MARTIN C. BARRY

because you can't go out.

"So you're on the phone fifteen hours a day. This is how I negotiated CERB and other programs – sometimes getting the support of one party, sometimes two, sometimes all the parties. We put in place programs we think have been beneficial to Canadians. Not perfect, but they were necessary."

An avid fan of soccer all his life, Rodriguez continues to play the sport in his spare time as part of a team of MPs from all parties who compete on the field in Ottawa. "Thomas Mulcair has played with us. Stéphane Dion," he said.

"Several ministers and MPs. We play together. We also have ambassadors playing sometimes. And sometimes also journalists."

### As for the future...

Finally, what does the future hold for Pablo Rodriguez? "I don't know," he replied with a laugh. "It's a privilege just to be around the table as a cabinet minister – it's an honour and a privilege – and I give my best and the people will decide. And I am very thankful to be there for the people of Honoré-Mercier and they will decide to keep me on or not."

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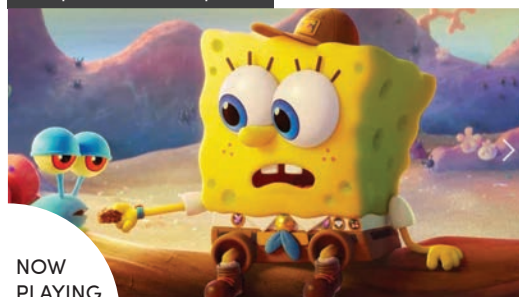


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PLAYING

After learning she's been entrusted to take care of her deceased cousin's children, an architect is torn between focusing on her career and honoring her cousin's wish.

## SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE ON THE RUN

PG | Animation | 1h31



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PLAYING

After SpongeBob's beloved pet snail Gary is snail-napped, he and Patrick embark on an epic adventure to The Lost City of Atlantic City to bring Gary home.

## WW 84-THE IMAX EXPERIENCE

PG-13 | Action, Adventure, Fantasy



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## LET HIM GO

R | Crime, Drama, Thriller



COMING  
SOON

A retired sheriff and his wife, grieving over the death of their son, set out to find their only grandson.



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was. Usually there would have been dancers, singers and much more food than was prepared. This year, as stated earlier in this piece, they were ready for what was to pass, so they decided to make it a small gathering of those that wished to come for the festivities.

Essentially there were a mere few dozen present, but they wanted to gather, said Jahangir to still show a sense of community and a sense of patriotism. In the end, it did show strength in the face of adversity and their presence in the community was still felt despite Covid-19.

City Councilor, Mary Deros was present, as she was present at all three events that were put on over the weekend, and she even spoke a few words to the gathering, urging safety and hopes for seeing everyone again the following year at hopefully a bigger celebration. After her speech, one community member said: "You are part of our family, Mary Deros," at the mic ... a sentiment that many in attendance and across the borough certainly share, as is evident at many of these gatherings.

### Event at Jarry Park

And of course that wasn't all for the day, not for me covering the events and not at all for City Councilor Mary Deros. After the above gathering, I made my way through some pretty heavy traffic and entered Jarry Park. Initially I expected there to be very few people, but the park—the entire expanse—was teeming with people, clusters of folks here and there, some respecting the rules in place because of Covid-19, and some not.

I walked through this multitude of people, not really feeling the effects of Covid-19 on society (many were playing sports and sitting and/or lounging here and there very much without a care, as perhaps it would have been in the years of the recent past), and finally I made it to the second gathering of the day, the second Bangladeshi Celebration, and here I found many more people celebrating than at any other event that weekend. There were multiple barbecues going, the smell of chicken emanating and rising to my nose and high above towards the trees shading the picnic area around the gazebo on the St-Laurent side of the park, and of course there was Mary Deros, once again, speaking with members of the community, and giving freely of her time.

This event was supported financially by entrepreneur and Tim Horton's mogul Nazrul Alam Shanu and his good friend Rashid Khan, a local real estate broker and businessman. In addition to the BBQ, there was a massive amount of Tim Horton's doughnuts and coffee, and the overall feel at this gathering was certainly one of community and family, many enjoying themselves and the essence of the celebration regardless of any constraints put upon them by the pandemic. Many other members of the Bangladeshi Community chipped in to help for this event, volunteering, manning BBQs and handing out drinks.

### Hopes for the future

And in the end, the sentiment shared by one and all at both these events was certainly one of hope, a hope for the future and perhaps a return to the way things were before, especially when it comes to celebrations like this.

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simple: the pandemic, resulting in low interest rates and the fact that there's no inventory for buyers right now ... essentially not enough houses for the amount of buyers out there.

For many of the properties he sells, upon arriving, he'll find as many as up to twenty couples waiting out in front. He also stated: "People are afraid to sell right now, and the houses sell for asking price and often even above." He explained that many offers will come in at once—up to four at a time—and it is then that a bidding war will ensue.

Before the pandemic, houses usually sold within 90 days ... these were houses that didn't sit on the market for a long time ... and today, as things stand, houses sell within ten days. An incredible difference to say the least.

### What of the for rent signs?

We spoke to City Councilor Mary Deros and she said that there isn't a problem, or rather none have been reported to her.

The for rent signs are just a sign that some businesses closed due to the pandemic, yet many that we looked into were closed even before the pandemic got underway, therefore the empty store-fronts seem to be but a mere coincidence.

### The future of real estate in the community

The industry is never the same from one year to the next and it could certainly rise, but remember whatever goes up can also come down, so be prudent out there folks.

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taken include: staggering the start and close of the school day and lunchtimes, reducing class sizes, and ensuring physical distancing inside and outside of the classroom. However, TLN observed students congregated outside school buildings during lunchtime, literally hugging and in close-knit circles. A definite recipe for disaster! What have they not learned? Haven't the parents cautioned their children on their expected behavior?

Moving on, students locally and around the world have shown just how much they want to keep learning. They have persisted with their lessons under difficult circumstances, with the support of their dedicated teachers and parents. But many children will need extra support to catch up on their learning with school re-openings.

Many schools are making plans for catch-up lessons to help bring students back up to speed. This might include starting the year with refresher or remedial courses, after-school programmes or supplemental assignments to be done at home. Given the possibility that many schools may not open full time or for all grades, schools may implement 'blended learning' models, a mix of classroom instruction and remote education, that is, self-study through take home exercises, and online learning.

Understandably, children will be dealing with the stress of the ongoing crisis differently from adults. They need a supportive and nurturing environment with positive responses to questions and expressions of their feelings. Teachers and parents are the primary frontline respondents.

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**BRISSON, Dominique**  
1956 - 2020

At MUHC, in Montreal, on August 26, 2020, passed away at the age of 64, Dominique Brisson, husband of Manon Racine. Besides his wife, he will be sadly missed by his sons Sébastien and Nicolas, his grandchildren Émrick and Ariane, relatives and friends. Due to the current circumstances, the funeral will be celebrated in private.



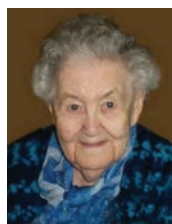
**GEOFFROY KERRIEN, Aline**  
1938 - 2020

In Montreal, on May 2, 2020, at the age of 82, passed away Mrs. Aline Geoffroy, wife of the late André Kerrien. She leaves to mourn her children Annick (Eric), Gwenna (Yannick), Stéphanie (Michel) and Vieng, her grandchildren Léa, Paul, Maelle, Emerick, Rosalie, Rémi and Lucas, her late brother Jean-Guy (Suzanne) and his sister Françoise,



**NADARAJAH, Logeswaran**  
1962 - 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Logeswaran NADARAJAH at the age of 58.



**DUBÉ, Sr. Dorothée**  
1923 - 2020

In Montreal, on July 15, 2020, at the age of 97, in the 75th year of her religious missionary life, passed away Sr. Dorothy Dubé, Missionary Sister of Notre-Dame d'Afrique. Besides her religious sisters, she will be sadly missed by her brother Fernand Dubé (Rosette Veilleux) as well as many nephews and nieces, among others Alain Dubé, Marc Gervais, Claudine Dubé and other relatives and friends.



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Week of **SEPTEMBER 13 TO 19, 2020**

The luckiest signs this week:  
**LIBRA, SCORPIO AND SAGITTARIUS**



## ARIES

It's time to take the bull by the horns and clean up your circle of friends. A few are emotional vampires who will drain your energy this week if you let them.



## TAURUS

If you have young children, you'll need to be more disciplined and lay down some basic rules. A few people around you will need to be handled delicately. There will be tension in the air.



## GEMINI

You'll start to look for opportunities to travel this winter. At work, you'll likely need to deal with people in a language you're not fluent in, which will be challenging.



## CANCER

Getting more exercise and improving your diet is beneficial, and you'll finally start to see encouraging results from your recent lifestyle adjustments. This will help you persevere on your road to self-improvement.



## LEO

A friend will inspire you to go on an adventure. Your search for an adrenaline rush will disrupt your routine and push you out of your comfort zone. You'll feel revitalized by this bold act of bravery.



## VIRGO

You'll need to channel your leadership skills, raise your voice and express your opinions with more authority. Slowly but surely, you'll rise within the company ranks. The boss' chair awaits.



## LIBRA

It won't be long before you give in and go shopping or treat yourself to a little indulgence. Keep in mind that a refreshed wardrobe may help you gain the confidence to step into a new role at work.



## SCORPIO

If there's a rift with a loved one, you'll take as much time as needed to resolve the issue for good. You'll also have the opportunity to brighten up your home's look before winter arrives.



## SAGITTARIUS

A breakdown can happen at any time, so get your car inspected by a mechanic. Your phone and computer might also malfunction. Remember to keep them charged so you won't go without.



## CAPRICORN

Having an active social life can be expensive. You'll need to create a budget if you want to continue to enjoy yourself to the fullest. At work, money will also be a top concern.



## AQUARIUS

You'll be saddled with demanding obligations at work and at home. Patience and perseverance will be needed to overcome fatigue and stress. Fortunately, it'll be worth the effort.



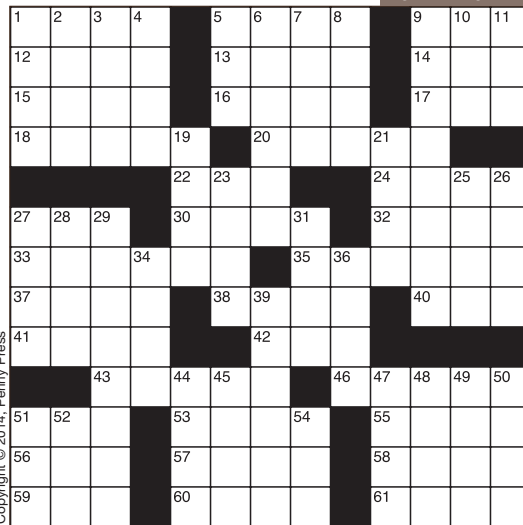
## PISCES

You might experience a few nights of insomnia. Your mind will be active, and you'll need to find ways to burn off excess energy. A gym membership could be just the ticket.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

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### ACROSS

1. Move, as wings
5. Deteriorates
9. Cleopatra's snake
12. Decoy
13. Land unit
14. Roofing goo
15. To the sheltered side
16. Knicks or Raiders
17. Tango number
18. Security officer
20. \_\_\_\_ acid
22. Country hotel
24. Woody's son
27. Sponsors' words
30. Workbench clamp
32. Small cut
33. Canadian province

35. Bond
37. Take apart
38. Something different
40. Craving
41. Like
42. Storm center
43. Legendary stories
46. Tango or waltz
51. So long
53. Thin puff, as of smoke
55. Entire
56. Baseball's Darling
57. Theory
58. Eden dweller
59. Picnic pest
60. Lady's man
61. Salesmen, for short

### DOWN

1. Banner
2. Humdinger
3. Sphere
4. Look closely
5. Mouse's kin
6. Indian and Atlantic
7. London streetcar
8. Big rig
9. Lawyer
10. Cut wood
11. Paid athlete
19. Plunge
21. Poet
23. Kind
25. Italian money, once
26. Unzip
27. Bluish green
28. Basketball shot
29. River deposit
31. \_\_\_\_ street
34. Skinny
36. Document of ownership
39. Reduce
44. Small branch
45. Cover up
47. Yonder
48. Undressed
49. Applaud
50. Shady trees
51. Bathing-suit top
52. There
54. Ms. Benatar

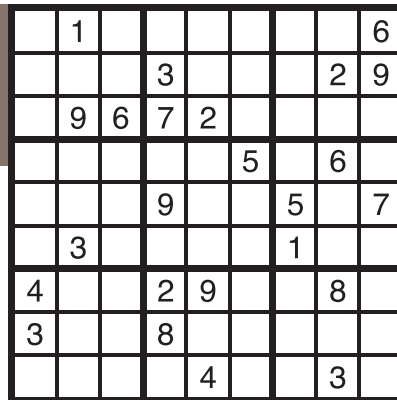
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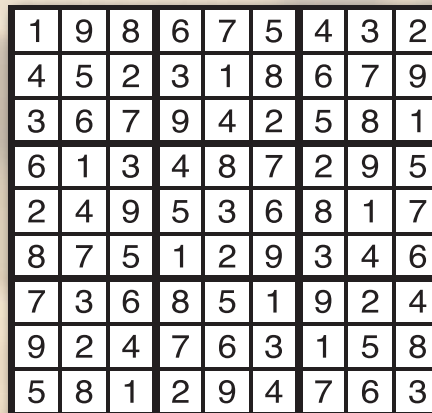


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