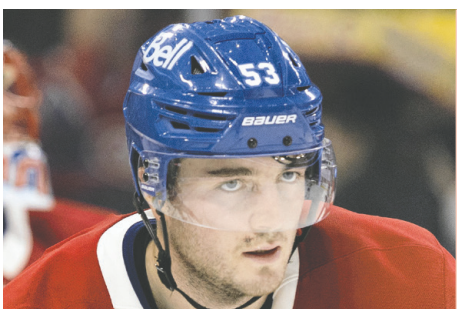


ANOTHER STRIKE
BY STM WORKERS
*Transit service may
be disrupted for most
of November* **A2**



DOBSON BRINGS
COOL FACTOR
*Poised defenceman
keeps things simple
on ice: Cowan* **NP9**



The Gazette

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025  SINCE 1778 

NEWS

UNHOUSED

‘Chronic underfunding’ prompts crisis for shelters **A2**

CÔTE-ST-LUC

Antisemitism, housing projects main concerns for voters **A3**

HOMICIDE

Man beaten, stabbed for phone in Chinatown, jury hears **A4**

NP

OTTAWA

AG’s report calls out issues at CRA, Armed Forces **NP1**

JAPAN

Hardline conservative is country’s first female PM **NP3**

Activate your ePaper – it’s included with your subscription. Scan the QR code or visit epaper.montrealgazette.com



\$3.04 plus taxes at retail
\$3.48 plus taxes beyond metropolitan area

Cavendish link a must: Ensemble

Hippodrome area ‘will be hell’ without it, Martinez Ferrada says

JACOB SEREBRIN

Ensemble Montréal mayoral candidate Soraya Martinez Ferrada says that if she’s elected, she would begin studies on the long-awaited extension of Cavendish Blvd. and submit a proposal to Quebec’s Bureau d’audiences publiques sur l’environnement (BAPE) in 2026. With plans for around 20,000

homes to be built in the area around the former Hippodrome site, Martinez Ferrada said it has become urgent to create a connection between the city of Côte-St-Luc and the St-Laurent borough for cars, as well as mass transit, pedestrians and cyclists.

“It’s very important that we think today about what the mobility of the site will be in the fu-

ture,” she told reporters Tuesday, warning that if proper steps aren’t taken, the new area will be cut off from the rest of the city and suffer from severe traffic issues.

“This will be hell in the next few years if we don’t do anything,” said Martinez Ferrada, adding that the BAPE process is the only way to know how much the project would cost.

She said her plan to link Côte-St-Luc and St-Laurent, long divided by a railyard, would include a connection for cars, buses, bikes and pedestrians. “The goal is to have

mobility for everyone.”

Montreal was built around cars and while the city has tried to encourage other forms of transportation, at times that has been difficult because streets were only built with cars in mind, Martinez Ferrada said. She added that the creation of a new neighbourhood around the old racetrack gives the city a rare opportunity to build for the future.

The Cavendish extension has been on and off the table for at least 50 years.

SEE CAVENDISH ON **A3**



JOHN KENNEY

LIGHTS IN DARKNESS

Raquel Ohnona Look pays tribute to her late son Alexandre Look on Monday at the Gelber Conference Centre, during an event held ‘to honour those ordinary people who did the extraordinary’ in the midst of Hamas’s Oct. 7, 2023 attacks on Israel. **A2**

Man ran grandparent scam with iron fist

PAUL CHERRY

Calls made by David Anthony Di Rienzo’s network of fraudsters to elderly people in the U.S. were important to him. So much so they were recorded for quality assurance.

Much like the corporations that greet customers with similar messages before putting them on hold for what often seems like an eternity, Di Rienzo insisted that the scammers who worked for him

in the Montreal area record their calls to potential victims, during which they pretended to be grandchildren needing money fast to get out of trouble.

Di Rienzo, 32, of Laval, was one of six men who pleaded guilty last Thursday at the Montreal courthouse to playing various roles in a grandparent fraud scheme that operated between 2019 and 2021 and bilked 20 elderly Americans out of more than US\$316,000.

In court, Di Rienzo was de-

scribed as the network’s leader. A 16-page summary of facts deposited into evidence by prosecutor Erik Cookson-Montin describes him as a controlling micromanager who told the people making the calls to record them in case someone in the U.S. was ever arrested while collecting money from a victim. Fraudsters who wanted to be part of Di Rienzo’s network had to pay for the lists of potential victims they would call.

SEE SCAMMER ON **A4**

OPINION

NATURE

In interactions with humans, wild animals always lose **A8**



LES RÉSIDENCES SOLEIL Manoir St-Léonard Famille Savoie

A family business from here

October 1st to 31st It's Open House at Les Résidences Soleil Manoir St-Léonard **65+**

Secure your 2026 rent
Sign before December 31st, 2025
Confirm your base rent increase at only 1%*

7650, Lespinay Street, Saint-Léonard

Welcoming gifts While supplies last

Visit us 7 days/7 • 1 800 363-0663
and enjoy the best view in the borough!

Mr. and Mrs. Savoie, founders of Les Résidences Soleil

COMMITMENT
2022 to 2026
1%
SAVOIE FAMILY

* Details on site