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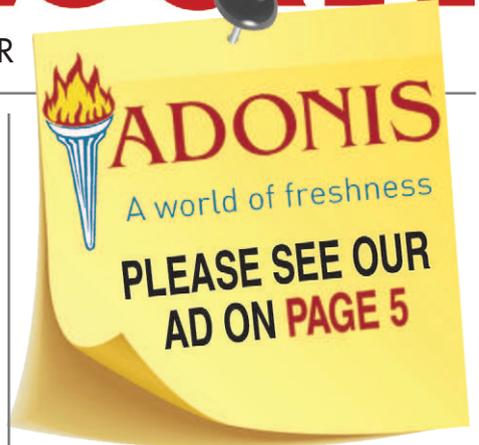
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Woman seriously injured in house fire



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School evacuated due to elevated carbon monoxide level

By The Suburban Staff

A Laval high school was evacuated Wednesday morning after school authorities contacted the fire department about a strange odour early in the day. Upon arriving at the l'Odyssee-des-Jeunes school before 9 a.m., firefighters detected a weak-to-medium carbon monoxide levels (10-30 ppm)

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De Cotis denies allegations

By Joel Ceausu
The Suburban

Saint-Bruno councillor David De Cotis has denied allegations that he interfered in the awarding of a contract while chairing the Laval Transit Corporation (STL).

The former STL president and former city executive committee vice-president invited reporters to city hall Monday to

denounce claims in a French media report, that he pressured an STL employee for details about bids from companies competing for a contract to maintain and host the STL website. De Cotis admittedly had a potential conflict of interest with one bidding company, Baracci Solutions, with whose owner he had a relationship. The firm's owner Franco Zegarelli was described by De Cotis in press reports as

a former work colleague.

The firm did not win the contract in that round, but the job never went forward because the process was halted pending a review of requirements. By the time the bid was tendered again, Baracci was selected for the \$300,000 project, but

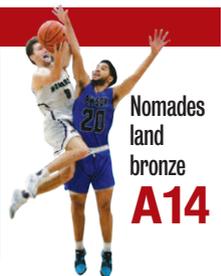
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