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... Lend Me Your Ears

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM HEARING INSTRUMENTS!

Part 2

* Understanding speech is a brain function and although the hearing instruments will give your brain the tools it needs to understand speech, it takes training and patience to improve your ability to understand.

* Different listening situations will offer different abilities to understanding. Noisy situations are harder to hear conversation even for normal hearing individuals; hearing instruments should improve your ability, but will not allow you to perform as a normal hearing individual.

* Many sounds that you hear will sound different, or more distinct, to you. This is because your diminished hearing over a long period of time has trained your brain to accept the slight differences in the sounds you normally hear. Wearing hearing instruments will bring back the original sounds as they should be heard, although different to you. With time your brain will accept the new changes to these sounds.

* Hearing instruments should allow you to understand speech better in most situations than without your hearing instruments.

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OPINION

COLD CASE PROJECT KEEPS UNSOLVED INVESTIGATIONS IN PUBLIC EYE

SIGN UP FOR OUR UNSOLVED NEWSLETTER AND RECEIVE AN ARTICLE EACH WEEK, LORI MARTIN SAYS



LORI MARTIN
Column

It's about trust. Our relationship with our readers is built on transparency, honesty and integrity. As such, we have launched a trust initiative to tell you who we are and how and why we do what we do. This article is part of that project.

A vivid mental image of Sylvia Rudge cherishing the

earring she helped remove from her daughter's ear the last time she saw Amanda, 27, started reporter Louie Rossella's cold case story.

Published online on April 2, 2017, the story of Amanda Rudge's disappearance was the first in an ongoing series by Torstar Corporation Community Brand journalists.

What began as a digital project of nine community websites to tell stories about unsolved police investigations has expanded to include all 27 Torstar community sites and the Hamilton Spectator. Under the searchable tag "Ontario Cold Case," these articles are added every Thursday morning to websites serving communities from Ottawa to Windsor and Niagara Falls to North Bay.

Every week, community

journalists throughout Torstar reach out to victims' families, former and present police investigation teams, old friends and often previous articles to shed light on the unsolved cases of the murdered and missing from our communities.

Some of the 130 stories are decades old and fading fast in the collective memory of the community. Others are high-profile cases, including a three-part series about the murder of nine-year-old Christine Jessop in 1984. Written by Jeremy Grimaldi, the series resulted in six people contacting police with new information.

Our Nov. 7 story by Rick Vanderlinde follows a tip from a Hamilton Spectator reader regarding Ken Worth's execution-style murder in 1975.

Reporters Danielle Marr

and Sarah Bissonette retold the story of the 1998 murder of Renee Sweeney in Sudbury. Thanks to great police work, an arrest was made in the case in 2018.

And while not every story has resulted in new leads for police or arrests, we look at Ontario Cold Cases as a partnership with our readers to remember those we've lost to tragedy, to help police solve cases and to remind those families affected that we will never forget what happened to their loved ones.

If you would like us to tell a story about an unsolved case in your community, please reach out with the details.

You can sign up for our cold case newsletter, "Unsolved," at theifp.ca. It is delivered to your inbox every Friday.

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We welcome your questions and value your comments. Email our trust committee at trust@metro-land.com.

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