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## **D**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



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 Rosella's cold case story.

Published online on April 2, 2017, the story of Amanda Rudge's disappearance was the first in an ongoing series hv 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 highprofile 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 regarding reader Ken Worth's execution-style murder in 1975.

Reporters Danielle Marr

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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 vour comments. Email our trust committee at trust@metroland.com.

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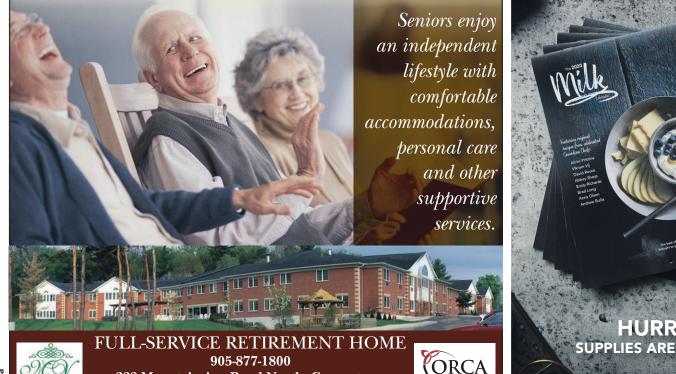
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