

BILLINGS ESTATE

Nothing new about debate

The Billings Estate National Historic Site wants to show Ottawa residents that our seemingly never-ending election issues, such as transit troubles and wa-

ter woes, are as much of a tradition in the city's history as civic elections themselves.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Billings Estate will host a mock mayoral debate which will offer a glimpse into the juicy history of the city's municipal government.

The debate is part of the Battle of the Ballot: the Civic Election Story exhibit.

● MJ DESCHAMPS

Prostitution sweep

Police arrested 14 people, including 12 men and two women, following a prostitution sweep in

Centretown earlier this week.

Police laid 16 charges, including communicating for the purpose of prostitution, drug possession, and mischief, against six people.

● TRACEY TONG

Getting into the swing of all things Turkish



▶ Rapper Evren Ozdemir and Turkish-Canadian singer Murat Toy to headline the Ottawa Turkish Festival

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The Ottawa Turkish Festival gets into full swing next weekend, but people can whet their appetites for all things Turkish starting this weekend.

Documentary screenings at the Ottawa Public Library, cuisine demonstrations, a flag raising

ceremony and various language classes at the Turkish Cultural Centre start as soon as this Saturday as part of the Ottawa Turkish Festival, which puts on its main event next weekend, July 24 and 25.

Held at Confederation Park, the festival features Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble of the Ministry of Culture and

Tourism from the Republic of Turkey, who will be performing the Whirling Dervish and numerous other dances.

Art enthusiasts can watch everything from ceramic, Ebru (water marbling), calligraphy and henna demonstrations.

Turkish cuisine offerings include kababs, donairs, gözleme, baklava and Turkish delight.

ITA MOJO

PITCHER SIZED RECIPE

STRAWBERRY MARGARITA

To a blender add 1 1/2 cups Sauza Gold Tequila, 1/4 cup chopped fresh strawberries, 2 cups lime juice and 2 cups simple syrup.

Blend and pour into glasses, or into a pitcher for serving.

Garnish each cocktail with a strawberry slice.

Makes approx. 12 servings.

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