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Sherbrooke Innopole names new president

Marc Cantin, vice-president of engineering, project management and new technologies firm CIMA +, has been named the new president of Sherbrooke Innopole.

The city's economic development and innovation arm voted Cantin to be their second president during a meeting held in mid-April.

Cantin, an experienced engineer, has been on the administrative council of Sherbrooke Innopole since it was created in 2007.

Following the positive 2011 report presented by the organization earlier this month, the new president said that he would be really emphasizing working with local businesses.

"I will pay special attention to working with other organizations from our field and private businesses in order to promote the implementation of railroad and airport links in Sherbrooke and facilitate a greater radiance of Sherbrooke on the national and international scenes.

Cantin will be replacing Manon Laporte as the para-municipal organization's president. Laporte had also been with Sherbrooke Innopole since its creation.

"I've known Manon Laporte for a very long time. She always distinguished herself by the quality of her involvement and her keen knowledge of development issues," Cantin said of his predecessor, adding that he hopes to continue the work she started. "As president of the administrative council of Sherbrooke Innopole, she has demonstrated a rigorous leadership and fostered a work environment that enabled the council to achieve its objectives by being highly effective."

Citizens also divided on CSAM propositions



EVAN LEPAGE

Over 15 different citizens took to the microphone in Fleurimont Monday, most unhappy with the propositions put forward by the CSAM. Some wanted even fewer councillors, some wanted things to stay the same, but almost everyone questioned the city's claim that they will be saving money, especially in implementing a 311 complain service.

By Evan LePage

Councillors are evidently not the only ones divided on the propositions put forward by the Sherbrooke Commission on Municipal Activities (CSAM).

On the first night of public information sessions regarding the CSAM Monday, many of the approximately 40 citizens who attended in Fleurimont,

35 who attended in Rock Forest and 25 who attended in Mont-Bellevue made their opinions known on both the reduction in the number of councillors and the centralization of certain borough responsibilities.

Those opinions, however, were all over the scale.

In Fleurimont, while the majority of speakers were united in their dissatisfaction about the propositions put for-

ward, there was a broad difference of opinion on what citizens wanted to see come out of the CSAM.

"As a citizen I'm happy to have 19 councillors taking care of me. These four councillors, instead of removing them why don't we make them borough councillors? [...] We can't lose human resources like this, it makes no

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Red paint splashed over local courthouse

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L'APAS Artists Painters of Sherbrooke

Les Artistes Peintres Associes de Sherbrooke are having an Exposition called "Expo Le Trait D'art." The artists are all locals; Louise Beaudry, Micheline Binette, Madeleine Bousquet, Jean-Claude Breton, Gisele Carrier, Claude Champagne, Gabrielle Charron, Francoise Comeau, Lucille Lefbvre, Francine Gauthier, Lise Gilbert, Nicole Legault, Jean-Marc Lemay, Sonia Palik, Therese Pelchat, Suzanne Racine, Noella Richard, Monique Robert, Chantal Roy Custeau, Suzanne St-Pierre, Rejeanne Tardif, Huguette Therberge.

The show is on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Admission, open to the public. There will be a raffle for a chance to win a \$300. credit towards any painting being exhibited.

The exhibit will be at the Sherbrooke Golf Club, 1000, Musset St, Sherbrooke.

Submitted by Sonia Palik, 819-823-7897

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TODAY: CLOUDY, SHOWERS HIGH OF 9 LOW OF 3



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SUNDAY: MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD HIGH OF 8 LOW OF -5

Keeping in Touch Seven habits of highly outstanding Townshippers



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWNSHIPPERS' ASSOCIATION

From left to right, Outstanding Townshippers John Douesnard, Margaret Lohan-White, Wendy Durrant and Joe Kelly. (Absent: Doreen Page)

Yes, it is that time again. Time to recognize those individuals who have made a positive impact on the quality of life in the Eastern Townships and its English-speaking community. We call them Outstanding Townshippers and we need your help to find them.

But just what is it about these individuals that make them outstanding? What characteristics or habits do these individuals exhibit that make them stand out in a crowd? From the bios of 2011's Outstanding Townshippers, we've gleaned at least seven habits that fit the bill.

Habit 1: Creativity

Outstanding Townshippers are highly creative people, especially when it comes to helping others. Joe Kelly is a perfect example. Over his years of selfless engagement and community service, Joe has impressed many with his creative fundraising efforts to benefit a variety of organizations, including the Terry Fox and the Adaptive Sports Foundation.

Habits 2 and 3: Can-do attitude and plenty of energy

Outstanding Townshippers are proactive and energetic. They see opportunities for constructive change and have the ability to follow through.

Margaret Logan-White's can-do attitude and unwavering energy has helped fellow Townshippers through organizations like Lennoxville and District Community Aid and Meals on Wheels. It has even reached across the ocean, as she actively works to increase financial assistance and awareness to grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren, orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Habit 4: Going beyond the call of duty

The efforts of Outstanding Townshippers far exceed the expectations of their peers.

Wendy Durrant demonstrated this during her distinguished career as a librarian at Bishop's University and in retirement. Her initiatives at Bishop's were instrumental in increasing the profile of the university provincially. Since retiring in 2004, Wendy has worked to bring a greater cohesion between the Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales de Quebec (BANQ) and the Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC), while actively promoting the preservation of English heritage in the Townships.

Habit 5: Long term dedication

Outstanding Townshippers are into service for the long haul. John Douesnard for example, amassed nearly four decades of community involvement and volunteering, including a 38-year-long career in the Kiwanis Club serving several terms as president and vice-president.

John has given countless hours volunteering at a number of events in the region such as the Brome Fair and coaching minor hockey for St. Patrick's school. He has also been a member of the Yamaska Valley Canadian Club and held positions on the boards of directors for the Granby Hospital and the Granby Miner Golf Club.

Habit 6: Contagious enthusiasm

Outstanding Townshippers are brimming with an infectious enthusiasm. For

over 30 years, while continuing her career as a teacher, Doreen Page has been deeply involved in various community projects in the Brome region. Her abundant enthusiasm is enjoyed by others in her religious community and during group initiatives where she is famous for her innovative and creative suggestions. As the founder of the Yamaska Valley Weavers' Guild, Doreen is well known for her drive and commitment to community projects.

Habit 7: Love for their community

We saved the best for last, the quality that makes all the above habits possible. Outstanding Townshippers love their communities and express that love through action and engagement.

Do you recognize someone you know in these descriptions? What other habits or qualities would you use to describe them? Why not pick up a nomination form at one of Townshippers' Association's offices or download a form from our home page at

www.townshippers.qc.ca. Do you have questions about the eligibility of your chosen nominee? Simply contact us. We are here to help.

For questions about the application process for the Outstanding Townshippers awards, contact Kate Wisdom, community and culture coordinator, at 450 242-4421 (1-877-242-4421) or kw@townshippers.qc.ca. She will be happy to explain the nomination process and help guide you through it.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Price remained hopeful that the turnout and participation of citizens, specifically in Lennoxville, would send a message to the city.

Information session causes doubt before the fact

By Evan LePage

In advance of Tuesday's CSAM information session, many Lennoxville residents expressed doubts about whether the City of Sherbrooke will actually heed their comments and criticisms regarding the propositions to cut councillor numbers and centralize some services.

At Monday night's borough council meeting, one day before Lennoxville played home to an information session regarding those two propositions, many citizens had questions about the purpose of the session and whether their comments would hold any weight.

"It is an information meeting, not a consultation meeting. If it was a consultation there would be some kind of vote after. But they're supposed to take in all the comments and from there hopefully do a revision on what they're looking at," borough president David Price said, noting that the final vote on the CSAM propositions would occur on May 7.

After asking whether the final vote would occur only at the city council, to which the answer was yes, resident Bruce Durrant said "so they could just ignore all the comments then."

Multiple citizens present Monday night drew that same conclusion about the information session, and Price could only agree.

"They could easily ignore it all," he responded, noting during the council meeting that it was the city's choice to revise their propositions or not.

Still, Price remained hopeful that the turnout and participation of citizens,



EVAN LEPAGE

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specifically in Lennoxville, would send a message to the city.

"I hope with the number of people we will have here (Tuesday) will send the message that people are not ready to sit down and (take it)," Price said Monday.

Still, Price assured citizens that he, and the other councillors opposed to the propositions, had been lobbying other members of the city council to try and bring them to their side on the issue of centralizing services. When the first vote on this proposition took place on Apr. 2, it narrowly passed with the required two-thirds majority. If even one councillor switches positions on May 7, the proposition would fail.

Neither mayor Bernard Sévigny nor

the head of the CSAM Serge Paquin were to be present at Lennoxville's information session. That responsibility instead fell to councillor Pierre Boisvert, who voted in favour of the centralization of powers.

For our coverage of Lennoxville's information session, please check tomorrow's Record.

Councillors salute volunteerism

All of the Lennoxville councillors took the time to salute the volunteerism that manifested itself in two separate events in the borough last week.

"What really makes Lennoxville special is a lot of the volunteerism and the

strong community spirit that we have in our borough," said Mark McLaughlin.

McLaughlin noted that the borough held its volunteer recognition night last Thursday, during which around 150 people were honoured.

Bill Smith and Price both spoke highly of the event, which highlights the work of volunteers and local organizations while simultaneously promoting local business through the distribution of prizes.

"I counted over 175 people that came," McLaughlin said. "It was really amazing and touching to see people come out and take pride in their community. We had a wonderful twenty minute session on recycling but after that the hoards of students from BCS, from Bishop's University, from Galt went about picking up litter."

McLaughlin noted that this year there was also a shredding truck, and students from Bishop's and the day camp painted over some graffiti in the neighbourhood.

"It's great to see the students and the kids, not just the adults, coming from all walks of life and taking pride in their borough," he said.

This point was picked up on by Price who saluted the increasing participation of BCS students.

"This was the best clean-up day I can remember. And I have to admit a good part of the reason was the implication of BCS," he said. "BCS has always been on the other side of the river and not implicated that much with us, but more and more they're getting involved in the community."

Citizens also divided

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sense," said resident Pierre Audet. "The challenge of all of this debate is the role of the elected official and how we imagine it. For me democracy is not an expenditure, it's an investment."

While Audet's comments received a round of applause, at least three other citizens expressed their desire to cut more councillors than the four proposed.

One citizen even suggested five or six councillors would be enough to properly run the city.

The citizens present in Fleurimont Monday night were generally of the same opinion regarding the CSAM's claims that the changes will result in recurring savings representing around \$1.25 million a year: simply put, that these claims are false.

Borough president Louisda Brochu and Claude Périnet, an assistant director general, both spoke of the savings to be incurred from the reduction of councillors and directors within boroughs, as well as other potential financial savings.

"On a mandate of four years, what we are proposing to you tonight is \$5 million in savings. So when we are looking for money to put into streets and we're

making extraordinary efforts, these savings are no small sum," Brochu said.

But the majority of citizens who took to the microphone called these figures into question.

"The demonstration that you've just done tonight on the costs and the savings that it will bring, I'm not convinced," said citizen Pascal Cyr. "I remember another debate, that on the fusions. With the fusions we were told that there would be savings, but costs exploded. There were no savings and I would even say that services decreased in quality. Our garbage is only being picked up every four weeks."

Cyr added that he expects the remaining councillors, who are forced to pick up the slack of the four that the city is to cut, will also ask for salary increases which will further decrease the savings brought about by the CSAM recommendations.

Another woman asked for an idea of how much the proposed 311 complaint service will cost every year.

"We do not have a lot of information on this file yet, because it will take 18 months to go through all the steps. But we have examples," Périnet responded.

"We know that in Gatineau it cost around \$1 million or \$1.2 million to implement it. And we know that the recurring costs are around \$1 million, but we're talking about a city with a population of 250,000 people. So we're talking about a city that is around two or two-and-a-half times the size of Sherbrooke."

The 311 service was heavily criticized during the comment and question period in Fleurimont, with citizens criticizing the city for not already knowing how much it will cost and one citizen even coming to the defence of the existing 5858 complaint number, which he said already works excellently.

Still, Monday night's information sessions illustrated how different opinions on the CSAM recommendations could be within boroughs and across the city.

While they were

heavily criticized in Fleurimont, participants in Mont-Bellevue all reportedly lauded the propositions.

"We saw a demonstration tonight of completely opposed positions. People who were prepared to add councillors and others who wanted to reduce even further than what we proposed," Brochu said, adding that the role of councillors is to stimulate that type of debate.

Three more information sessions were held last night. For all our coverage of the meeting in Lennoxville, please check Thursday's Record.



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Canada

The Commission has received the following application: Deadline for submission of interventions/comments/answers: 10 May 2012.

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Sherbrooke courthouse vandalized



EVAN LEPAGE

Windows and the front steps of the Sherbrooke courthouse were vandalized with red paint at some point in the early morning hours yesterday. Police have opened an investigation, but it is not yet known whether striking students were involved in the vandalism.

Sherbrooke's courthouse was vandalized overnight on Monday, possibly as a result of recent judicial decisions to force students back to class.

The building, located at 375 King Street West, saw its windows and front steps coated in blotches of red paint by vandals at some point in the early morning hours yesterday.

The Sherbrooke Police Service received a complaint regarding the vandalism around 6 a.m. Tuesday and an investigation has been launched.

Numerous statues and buildings have been vandalized in similar fashion in recent weeks.

The acts have been widely blamed on students, since the sites have largely been government buildings or structures and the colour red is the symbol of the anti-tuition hike movement.

The courthouse has been the site of numerous demonstrations in the last two weeks as well.

Last week, judge Gaétan Dumas

granted an injunction preventing students from demonstrating on the Université de Sherbrooke campus and essentially forcing a return to classes. On Tuesday morning, Dumas granted another temporary injunction ordering the Cégep de Sherbrooke to start giving its classes again as of Thursday and preventing students from blocking access to the school.

Striking students from the CEGEP had organized a march to the courthouse Tuesday morning and quickly organized another demonstration at the school in response to the verdict.

Representatives of the Cégep de Sherbrooke Student Association, who denounced the injunction, met with the school's administration. The administration agreed not to hold classes when the students are to hold another general assembly Thursday to vote on whether or not to continue the strike.

The previous vote, held last Friday, passed with only 51 per cent in favour of continuing the strike.

Dusseault becomes youngest standing committee president



COURTESY

Sherbrooke's MP has become the youngest ever to be elected president of a standing committee in the House of Commons. At the age of 20, Pierre-Luc Dusseault will preside over the committee on access to information, privacy and ethics. "I'm very happy to hold this new position and I thank Thomas Mulcair for giving me this opportunity. This is a new challenge for me and I am ready to meet it," Dusseault said in a statement. "The chair of a committee is a very important role in the Canadian parliamentary system and this requires a good knowledge of parliamentary procedures." Before Dusseault, the youngest MP to preside over a standing committee was Claude Andre Lachance, who was 25 when he was elected to the position in 1980.

The Phénix are looking for team members



PHOTOS COURTESY

Sponsored by La Rose des vents since 2003, the Phénix de La Rose des vents is a dragon boat team made up of cancer survivors. This team of women will soon be training twice a week on the Magog River. Aboard their boat "Le Phénix," they hone their skills diligently to arrive at the best results possible. This summer, four competitions are scheduled for the team. They will attend competitions in Lachine, Montreal, Shawinigan and Burlington, Vermont. The Phénix is currently recruiting. Any woman who lived or is living with cancer can join the team. This activity mixes the benefits of physical activity to those of a support group. The Phénix will be attending the "Open House" at the Club Nautique, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information <http://www.rosedesvents.com/phenix>.

CFUW leaders meet

At the Spring Provincial Council meeting of Quebec CFUW clubs in St. Lambert, the national CFUW President Brenda Wallace of Regina, met leaders from CFUW Sherbrooke & District. CFUW Sherbrooke & District is part of a national, non-profit, non-govern-

mental, women's equality-seeking organization of close to 10,000 women graduates, students and associate members in 112 Clubs across Canada. cfuwsherbrooke.org

Submitted by Beverly Smith



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(L to R) Mary Jane Amey, Sherbrooke & District VP, Brenda Wallace, national CFUW Pres., Carol Mooney, Sherbrooke & District Pres., Heather Bowman, Sherbrooke & District Past Pres.

Wales Home honours volunteers

By Claudia Villemaire
RICHMOND

Every year at this time, volunteers across the land are officially thanked for their contribution to the quality of life in their communities. This region pays particular attention with volunteers at the Wales Home invited to a reception in their honor. Administrators pull out all the stops to make this a memorable evening, with music and delicacies to delight the palate being served by the administrators themselves.

"With over two hundred volunteers to promote and maintain the best quality of life we can offer our residents, showing our appreciation with a simple evening reception is a small token of our gratitude," Director of Operations Brenda Lee Piironen said. "That number of volunteers represents over 7,000 hours, given freely. Can you imagine what our costs would be if we had to pay for these services?"

In town and around the region, volunteers chosen by the non-profit organizations they support were honored at a special event at Centre Ste. Famille where designated volunteers were awarded certificates of appreciation. Another group numbering close to 100 were feted in grand style at this event, which is held annually.

"Our volunteers are very important to the success we record, such as the Mousquiri Tournament and the various events throughout the year. But one thing we must realize - our volunteers are getting older and we need to encourage younger folks to come forward. Volunteering in any community is a prime factor in maintaining and improving the quality of life here. We realize how important they are and the community thanks them very much."



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

In no particular order, recipients of appreciation certificates lined up for a group photo. Colette Pageau, Helene Tousignant, Gaetan Roux, Marjolaine Lyrette, Diane Cabane, Denise Lupien, Francine Lalonde, Gartane Beaubien, Jean Claude Cote, Rejeane Smullen, Myrthe Langeveld, Paul Labrie, Jacques Arsenault, Roger Boucher, Sylvie Laval, Jean Guy Berthaume, Matty Banfill, Carole St. Hilaire, Sophie Toussaint, Jeannine Blais, Carole St. Hilaire, Paul Driver, Julie Miller, Marjorie Lancaster, Sr. Lucie Gelinas, Hugh Lancaster, Rita Trudeau, Donna Morrill, Edna Smith, Loretta Irwin, Norma Morin, Rick Goodfellow, Debbie Knowles, Phyllis Bushey, Dany Giard, Ramona Garrett, Line Viger, Ann Clark, Victoria Baldwin, Raymond Lancaster, Karine Brochu, Michel Plourde, Ghislain Blais, Michael Boerson, Danielle Lefebvre and Nathalie Gagnon.

Financing for the Canada Summer Games Sherbrooke 2013

A solid, experienced fundraising team

The Host Society of the Canada Summer Games- Sherbrooke 2013 has engaged the services of companies that specialize in fundraising to help it achieve its financial goals.

Luc Fournier, CEO and Manager - Financing, will be supported by Strataide Inc. and WOW-Evenements, a company run by Lucie Pelletier and Pauline Larouche.

"Our team is currently working on the ground to find the best partners and suppliers for the Games. We are proud to be able to rely on experienced professionals to ensure the success of this large-scale event," said Luc Fournier.

Strataide Inc. will support the Host Society in seeking major suppliers and partners mainly at the national level. WOW-Evenements will be responsible for the Friends of the Games, which focuses mainly on regional sponsorships.

The financial goal of the Host Society of the Canada Summer

Games-Sherbrooke 2013, the Canada Games Council, and these partner companies is to raise \$8 million. All agreements will be based on financial sponsorships, goods, or services.

"We are seeking well-established businesses that believe in community well-being. Our sponsors will be central to the success of the event and will benefit from an exceptional showcase given the attendance and media coverage. This is the first time the Canada Summer Games will take place in Quebec, and that they are happening in Sherbrooke is a rare opportunity," emphasized the CEO.

Partners of the Games will experience pride in encouraging tomorrow's Olympic hopefuls and conveying the values of courage and personal achievement. They will play a leading role in the community, and will benefit from an outstanding visibility program.

Source: Genevieve St-Denis Manager - Communications, Canada Summer Games-Sherbrooke 2013

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EDITORIAL

Quebec and Alberta are more similar than either is willing to admit, particularly when it comes to harbouring resentment against Ottawa.



Mike McDevitt

The Lily and the Rose

It certainly looked like history was about to be made and in fact it was, only just not in the way it was expected.

In a stunning and convincing victory, Alberta's four-decade-old Progressive Conservative government soundly trounced the upstart Wildrose Party, which up until voting started seemed poised to seize the reins of power, possibly with a strong majority. Under the leadership of Allison Redford, who now becomes the province's first elected female premier, another Alberta dynasty seemed about to collapse. She is now poised to become the leader of the longest serving political dynasty in Canadian history.

Things seemed grim for Ms. Redford as the election loomed. Replacing disgraced former premier Ed Stelmach, Ms. Redford faced considerable challenges. Having inherited a series of political scandals amid a wave of popular discontent, pundits and pollsters alike predicted the end of the Tory reign and the ascendance of a provincial version of the former Reform party, which promised a return to conservative social values and a strongly anti-federal stance.

Although lacking the complete sense of victimhood and ethnic nationalism of the Parti Quebecois, Wildrose is the closest thing to a separatist movement to emerge outside of Quebec since the earliest days of confederation. Promising to build a provincial 'firewall' against the central government using the considerable economic and strategic power buried within the Oilsands, Wildrose was (and is) determined to rearrange federal provincial relations in a manner that smacks of the insidious 'sovereignty association' that the PQ once offered as an option. These were ideas that appeared to be catching on,

particularly among rural voters who have a long and deep-seated resentment of 'Central Canada' and the economic power it once wielded. Calmer heads prevailed, however, and the Tories, although losing a few seats, held on to an absolute and strong majority.

Wildrose, while winning 35 per cent of the popular vote, apparently frightened so many progressive Albertans that they flocked to the PCs in an end-block of strategic voting. Both the Liberals and the NDP lost considerable support and all of it went to shore up the sagging government party. Albertans don't love Ms. Redford's party, but they are afraid of Wildrose - for now. With its solid base of hard core support, however, Wildrose and its ideas are not about to go away.

There are numerous lessons to be learned from this unexpected result and one can be certain that Jean Charest is paying close attention. Quebec and Alberta are more similar than either is willing to admit, particularly when it comes to harbouring resentment against Ottawa. Both provinces seek more powers and both feel confident that, if need be, they could go it alone quite comfortably. Mr. Charest, Canada's most unpopular provincial leader, has made his career fighting separatists and until recently it appeared that the electoral threat to his never-ending regime would come from the right-of-centre CAQ, rather than a Parti Quebecois that has been up until recently engaged in one of its periodic civil wars. The destruction of the Bloc by last year's Orange Wave seemed to have put a rather daunting nail in the separatist coffin and aging revolutionaries began bickering and looking for someone to blame. The decidedly unappealing Pauline Marois, as party leader, seemed a perfect scapegoat and insurgents even had the unemployed (but well-pensioned) Gilles Ducespepe ready to be crowned in her place. The future looked grim indeed for Madame until she demonstrated her testicular fortitude by shooting the former Marxist right in the face while the latter was being fitted for the royal robes. Since then, her fortunes have risen even

as the CAQ's has stalled.

Like Ms. Redford, Charest will probably have to call an election before the Charbonneau Commission into political corruption in the construction industry reveals the depth of the rot. He may have to do so this year, despite his unpopularity. He will not be able to run on his record.

Ms. Marois, however, may have handed him an escape route. For the last couple of months, Quebec's francophone college and university students have been on strike against Charest's plans to make students pay for a little more of their higher education. Sensing a social democratic issue that could appeal to youth, Ms. Marois has thrown her almost undiluted support behind the students, who initially enjoyed considerable public support. That support has faded, however, as the students' lack of discipline and mindless enthusiasm lead to vandalism, violence and severe interruption of the lives of those who pay the taxes to support them. Student groups have finally renounced violence and are 'negotiating' an end to the conflict as the loss of their semester looms.

Even if a way is found to 'save' the school session, graduates from most

Quebec schools will receive significantly devalued degrees, an outcome no government policy will be able to reverse.

Students, who face significant tuition increases in the next five years, are demanding not only a freeze in tuition rates, but eventually a completely subsidized "free" university education for everyone who wants one, as is the case in some European countries. This is a solution that would require significant restructuring of the province's shaky economy and a debate in which the province has not yet engaged. It is certainly not one most Quebecers are prepared to entertain just yet.

Having tied her boat to the student cause, Ms. Marois may have provided just the issue Charest could take to the polls with some chance of success. It may also supply the stimulus to the stalled CAQ and its leader Francois Legault. Madame seems to have recognized this and appears to be exerting whatever influence she has to compel the students to behave more like responsible adults. Should the Charest government be able to solve this crisis without surrendering, it could once again allow the premier to retain his hold on power. Or maybe not. Who says politics is dull?

Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to thank all the people that took time to come and watch The Richmond Irish Dancers on Sunday... It was a fantastic turn out and the girls appreciate the support. I also would like to thank all those that donated to The Relay for Life. We were able to raise nearly \$400. for it. One of the children that donated gave \$10. of his own to the cause. I was so proud to see that there are still children like this. Once again thanks to all who came and we will see you again next year.

MARYBETH JOHNSTON
RICHMOND

DEAR EDITOR:

Jean Charest who came here 9 years ago as Captain Canada to govern the province of Québec. It was 'such an easy task!' Well, Jean Charest who lives like a petty-king under the Liberal party is a disgrace as a politician and human being. He's not governing, he's letting go as the Arab rulers, letting the population club themselves over the head, he could not care less.

He stares from high up, the day Jean Charest falls, will be a great day for Québec. The worst Premier in Québec's history.

MIKE McLAUCHLAN,
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AUTISM WALK: WEEK FOUR

Last week of Autism Awareness Month



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Autism Awareness Month (April) of 2012 began with a reflection on my own children, continued on with reaching around the globe a little to shed a little light on a few particularly interesting and inspiring stories in the world of autism (interviews archived in the interviews section of www.cjmq.fm).

For this final week in the April 2012 autism series for DH media, I would like to turn the spotlight specifically on the siblings of people with special needs, including autism.

You're ordinary people, like any other kid on the block...except for a few things. Some things may be a little too close for you to examine and see yourself; some things may be very well hidden. Some of you have had living circumstances where your family has been able to designate time, energy and resources for you, so that you could flourish in your own way. For some of you, though, since the day you were born, your parents have looked at you in a way that was a little helpless.

Those parents looked at your little growing self, and again over the years, and hoped that you would be as resilient as you needed to be. Those loved ones watched you and wished that somehow

there would be a little more time with you - you who were demanding in your own way, but where there was more than likely a parenting relationship that resembled what they had hoped to experience as a mum, a dad, or a caregiver.

You probably didn't even realize, on some days, why you had a little more trouble concentrating, why you were maybe in a grumpier mood, why you were a little more tired. When you're around a little bit of chaos a lot, you grow accustomed to it, but you still experience the stress that results from it. You grow used to interrupted sleep patterns, unpredictability, being a little more resourceful, a little more helpful, and probably a little better at looking after yourself or keeping yourself busy than your peers do.

You sometimes feel upset that your sibling (or siblings) with special needs require more energy, but then those feelings are often followed by feelings of guilt. You sometimes become upset with the circumstances of your life, and perhaps even wish that things were different, that your sibling(s) were different, and that your life was different.

You may be a bit of a worrier as a result of your siblings' needs, and you may have even learned at quite a tender age to worry about your parents, and siblings, too. You are the one who sees the pressure they're under, even when it's too close for them to see. You may wish that life was easier for your siblings - that maybe some of the things that come more easily to you, would come easily to them too.

When a child with special needs is born, that person's parents contemplate their old age to a certain extent - what will happen to that person when they're old? What will happen if something happens to them? You are the one who, from

the time your sibling was born has also had your parents' old age before you as well, because you may find yourself faced with quite the responsibility, should you eventually care for your parents, and a sibling as well.

But let's not get all deeply worried here. Let's not predict the future, or dwell on the weight of it, because no one knows what it holds! Let's think about who you are TODAY. Today has whatever weight you assign it.

You aren't perfect, but you've grown under conditions that give you a kind of strength your friends and family who don't grow up with a special needs person could have. You have senses, awareness and abilities that are related to your unique circumstances that even your parents don't have - because they (more than likely) began living with a special needs person later in life. For you, it may be all that you know.

I hope that there is not too much pressure on you. Make sure you have someone to talk to - and if the person reading this column today is someone who knows the siblings of special needs people, make sure to learn who would make a good ear for them. Your feelings, thoughts, stresses, pleasures, hopes, frustrations, happiness and all other experiences are just as important, and deserve just as much attention as your sibling's do. Just because you're more "geared" for society and better "equipped" for the world, doesn't mean that you have to be an island of fortitude.

You're also allowed to have needs.

Your needs are special too.

You're allowed to shine, stumble, fail, quit, rise up, pursue your dreams, be supported through your struggles and celebrated in your triumphs, and can ask for help when you need it. You're allowed to acknowledge the pressure you

may experience, and can even bring it up to your parents - for some parents it could be very liberating and eye-opening to hear you speak about it. The very thought may make you quite nervous, but it's okay to let it out. If they can't (for whatever reason) help you with it, then find those trusted individuals in your life who can hear you out. If you are the listener, please just listen. This isn't necessarily about advice, and if it is, the person will actually ask you. This is about evacuating what may have been kept inside for quite some time. Remember the Kyle Coleman song I wrote about last week - JUST LISTEN.

If you don't feel that you have someone to talk to, write it out, type it out, allow yourself to release it, and breathe through it. A portion of what you carry isn't even yours, and is probably related to your parents' or caregivers' guilt or emotions, transferred to you. You're allowed to let go.

You are worth just as much love and effort, and celebration.

For those of you who've followed this Autism Walk over April of 2012, thank you. For the families of people with autism, the walk is ongoing, a daily experience, and your support, compassion, education and understanding are vital to the growth of our society.

For those people with Autism out there, like my son Angus, sometimes, I've realized, it doesn't just take a community to raise a child, it also takes a child to raise a community.

Thank you.

Don't miss DH Radio tonight from 9:00 - 11:00 on CJMQ 88.9 FM, when we hear from performer Sarah Biggs live in studio, Joel Plaskett on his current tour, and from some of the performers of the AGRHS play Big Rock on Candy's Mountain - with your hosts, Sheila Q. and Stephane Bessette!

'Preserve your memories...'



GORDON LAMBIE

In May of 2002 I decided that it might help me deal with problems I was having in my life if I started to keep a journal. It was not the first time I had considered such a thought, but it was the first time it really ended up working for more than a few days. I made the decision that I would not force myself to try writing every day, but simply as often as I felt like I had something to say. As a consequence of that, I now have a pretty consistent record of the last ten years of my life.

Every now and then I spend some time reading entries from the near or distant past. It provides an interesting opportunity to see how my thoughts about the world and the people around me have shifted dramatically in one direction or another. If I read close to the present, I am likely to smile and generally agree with myself on all but the

most foolish errors I've made, but the further back I read, the more time I seem to spend either laughing at myself for being just plain melodramatic, or seized with embarrassment at some ridiculous opinion or attitude that the younger me held to. The experience is not all painful, though, every once in a while, I am stirred from the melodrama and read something truly fascinating or thought-provoking that reminds me why I keep all the memories around.

The entries are often repetitive, saying the same thing one day to the next, and in some circumstances it is intentionally vague or misleading about events that I wanted to keep people from reading about, but it is, as a whole, something that I treasure. Like a much-loved teen-drama on TV, it is full of bad writing, characters and circumstances that make me say, "No! stop!" once every two or three minutes, and a surprising ability to make me really sit and think about what has been happening in my life.

I read a passage from the summer of 2002 yesterday, when I hiked around lake Massawippi and camped at the top of a mountain with a small group from the summer camp I was at. I only ac-

tively remember bits and pieces of that experience, but I know, because of my journal that it was a deeply meaningful journey. I didn't write much on my return, except to say, "I miss being able to talk to people the way I did this week. I realized, being up there, that I haven't really had a real conversation with other people all year. I am definitely coming back next year." I'm sure I wrote that not really thinking much of it, but looking back on it now offers me the opportunity to see it as a distinct turning point in my life, where I decided to stop hiding from the world and start living my life again.

This past weekend the United Church youth of the Townships held a youth forum on personal identity in Cowansville, and the whole weekend I found myself fascinated by the ideas and emergent identities I saw. I heard and witnessed the asking of questions, the making of big decisions and the pouring of hearts. I can clearly see, through my journal, the line that leads me from that moment, coming down from the mountain ten summers ago, to the present day, and my participation in this most recent event.

There is no easy way to be five, or fif-

teen, or twenty-five. I haven't gotten much beyond that at this point, but I'm pretty sure that I won't be any more certain of myself at thirty-five or eighty. I am sure I will have happiness, because I can track my mood and see that more often than not I am, but wandering and wondering are part of the journey, and it is only possible to look back.

I think where it takes me to in the end is a place of confidence. I have faith that while there are always new problems, there are also solutions that are out of reach. By looking in my journal I can see friendships begin, grow close, collapse, and get re-built. I can see moments when friends of mine who are grammar gurus made guest appearances and wrote things like "your grate" or "I love you're storeys." Things like that remind me that nothing is ever hopeless, even when hope is invisible, because it is so easy to see what we don't like, and so hard to see what is good.

My memories of the last ten years are more real to me because I have saved them, and though they sometimes embarrass me, they also make me who I am. Right now, I like who I am, and I hope I'll feel the same way in another 10 years.


THE PET CONNECTION




Jen Young

The saying is, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," but is that true? I don't think so. I've seen too much contradictory evidence. For instance, I've had numerous dogs brought to me from local municipal dogcatchers, who were runners. Because they were stray, in some people's minds, they would never be able

to be left off leash. That theory has been proven incorrect numerous times. I've had animals brought to me by owners because they were thought to be "stupid" and unable to be house trained. That too, proved incorrect. I've brought in animals who had been brought to be put to death because they growled or snarled at someone where they were previously. Those animals have turned into loving, affectionate couch potatoes that would rather jump in front of a car instead of ever thinking of growling at their new owners. All of these undesirable traits that lead to animals finding their way to me are more often than not chalked up to one thing; how they were treated and if they were respected. A dog that is stray and sits at a local pound for many days is the result of someone not looking for them.

A dog that is left unattended or neglected and expected to just stay around is missing something. Attention. If an animal, especially an animal who is said to be more social than even us humans, is bored, it will go looking for interaction and affection. My dog Gwen showed me this just last week. We were all busy in the backyard raking leaves, deweeding the flowerbeds, washing the cars. The neighbour's children were outside playing with a ball. Yep. That's where she wandered to and had a great time playing until I realized she wasn't in sight and went looking. If I hadn't found her there, I would have kept looking until I found her. The local rescue groups and shelters would have known she wandered off before they would have even had her in their hands. Plus, my dogs all sport identi-

fication tags and a microchip. Unfortunately, which is a mentality I hope to see change, many feel, "If they take off it's because they're not meant to be here." That is not true. A pet is meant to be where it is loved and respected. If it isn't, it will go looking for it. A dog cannot teach itself boundaries. A dog cannot reason. They do not think, "I've been outside all day by myself and I've barked and barked to come in or to see someone because I'm out of water, but

I better stay around here because if not I will get hit by a car or go to the pound and maybe be put to sleep." They don't see past the next few minutes. That is up to a pet's owner to do. Our job is to keep them out of harm's way and keep them safe. I believe the saying should be, "You can teach an owner new tricks." More often than not, if your pet is doing something undesirable, it's because you haven't been able to show him/her in a way they understand. They don't know what we're thinking, they don't understand our lectures and while most are smart, they aren't smart enough to know what terrible things lay and wait for a pet alone in this world without a master. Do you have identification on your pet? If not, don't delay. You never know when a squirrel or birds can catch their attention and lead them off your property and into harm's way.

Thank you Debbie

The Pet Connection would like to pay tribute to Debbie Mastine, who passed away last week. Debbie's wish is that donations in her memory come to The Pet Connection. It's a sentiment that not only touches our hearts; the people who see these animals each day and do everything possible to show them love and find them their second chance, but also will help see even more saved.

Debbie's death will see that numerous animals don't see their own. While I didn't know Debbie personally, she obviously was well aware of the fact that The Pet Connection is a not-for-profit organization that could not continue to be if it not for support like this. Thank you Debbie, from us and the animals. With you and Benita in heaven watching over all the animals that we can't save and your wish here on earth helping us save more, animals here and there are in good hands. Rest in peace.



Barnaby is a 6-month old Bernese mountain dog and Border collie mix. He is a typical puppy. Needs leash training, loves to clumsily run and play and is very affectionate. His brother has found a home, but he hasn't yet and deserves his own new start at life. Come and visit him.



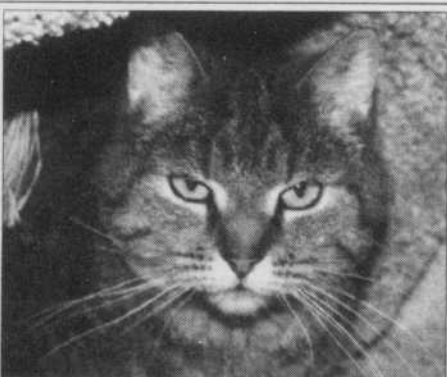
Harley is a 2-year-old Rottweiler. She is small and will stay smaller. She is good with other dogs, but can get impatient, which is why she needs a patient owner. She will make a good pet.



Baloo is a 2-year-old pug. He enjoys being with us and the other dogs but he is craving a quiet and loving home. If he could be, he would be a lap dog.



Ice is a year old. She is a husky mix. She likes to play but is calm and likes to lie around and watch TV too. She is good with other dogs and cats.



Maria is three years old. She is very calm and would rather just be sleeping somewhere in a sunny window than running around and playing. She is independent and has had a hard life. She deserves a second chance with a loving home.



Lisa is three years old. She craves attention and is starving for a loving family to call her their own. She will talk to you and rub up against you all day if she could. She isn't so cordial with other cats, so she needs to be in a home where she can get all the cat love.

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Quebec headed for independence? That's news for premier Charest

Canadian Press
MONTREAL

Is Quebec steadily drifting towards independence? That's apparently news to Quebec's premier.

There are some surprised reactions to remarks from ex-Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, who suggested in a BBC interview that Quebec and Canada are almost two separate countries floating towards a breakup.

That suggestion is being met with resistance from Quebecers who have fought for national unity.

"What I will tell you is a strong majority of Quebecers believe in Canada," Charest told reporters in Montreal on Tuesday.

He agreed with Ignatieff — that the country is a decentralized federation — and he said "important progress" has been made on that score since he took office nine years ago. But he said he hadn't heard Ignatieff's interview so he couldn't comment further.

A poll on Quebecers' attitudes, coincidentally, appears in this morning's Montreal La Presse newspaper.

It pegs support for independence at 36 per cent — well below the historic highs of the early 1990s and even lower than the level in the first sovereignty referendum, more than three decades ago.

The CROP online poll of 1,000 Quebecers was conducted from April 18 to 23.

Ignatieff, meanwhile, took to his Facebook and Twitter pages to suggest he had been misinterpreted: "Strange headlines this morning! Quebec-Canada, tous ensemble, always together," the ex-Liberal leader and academic wrote on Twitter.

He posted a link to the entire BBC interview and asked people to listen to it for its full context. In that interview, Ignatieff warned his UK audience that whatever happens in the upcoming Scottish referendum, the country will change as a result.

He pointed to Quebec and Canada as an example, suggesting that the sense of

unity of his youth has given way to two quasi-separate countries that have nothing to say to each other. He said the inevitable logic of that trend is independence, for both Quebec and Scotland.

The remarks prompted a gleeful response from Quebec sovereigntists Tuesday.

But federalists in Quebec City and Ottawa worked to downplay them.

Key among them was another ex-Liberal leader, Stéphane Dion, who worked in the unity trenches in the 1990s when he was the Chretien government's point man on the Quebec-Canada question.

He said in a French-language interview that Canadians will always argue about things like whether the country is too decentralized, or not decentralized enough — and, in the meantime, Canada will continue to work.

Dion said Ignatieff was simply voicing frustrations that everyone in the country feels from time to time. But he said the end result of sticking together is

worth it.

"We all have moments of doubt, and that happens. We say maybe we won't make it work. But at the end of the day, we roll up our sleeves, and we work together," Dion told the all-news network of Radio-Canada, the French-language CBC.

"Canada is a complex, a very diverse country — very original — which invents solutions that other countries subsequently copy, like our Charter of Rights for example. We must continue to do it. We're an inspiration to the entire world. We can't destroy the Canada that exists on this planet. Humanity needs it too much."

Dion said political differences in the country — such as regional ones pitting East against West — are greatly exaggerated and magnified by Canada's electoral system.

He said the first-past-the-post system hides the fact that many Albertans, for instance, are left-leaning while many Quebecers lean right.

Ethics watchdog to investigate Christian Paradis

By Mike De Souza
Postmedia News

The federal ethics watchdog has launched a third investigation into the dealings of embattled Industry Minister Christian Paradis.

About one month after concluding Paradis was in a conflict of interest because, as public works minister, he had arranged for former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer to meet with government officials and lobby them about a business proposal in 2009, Mary Dawson confirmed she was launching a new investigation into Paradis' dealings with lawyer and

former NHL team-owner Marcel Aubut.

Dawson, the conflict of interest and ethics commissioner, is also investigating the minister's "possible involvement" in the relocation of an Employment Insurance claims processing centre to his riding.

She is not allowed to comment about ongoing investigations under the Conflict of Interest Act, but acknowledged last month that she could not remember having to examine so many cases involving a single minister since she was appointed in 2007.

Paradis has defended a 2009 hunting trip with Aubut, the former owner of

the Quebec Nordiques, explaining that he paid all of his own expenses and was not lobbied by the lawyer, who at the time was seeking public funding for a \$400-million NHL-calibre arena.

"I have done several hunting trips in my life," Paradis said in the House of Commons in March in response to a barrage of questions from the opposition. "I covered my own costs. I took my own car. I got there by myself with my own equipment. . . . Never did Mr. Aubut attempt to lobby me before or during this trip."

Paradis was not available for interviews on Tuesday, but indicated that he

did nothing wrong.

"The commissioner has informed me that she is studying the situation," Paradis said in a statement. "I respected the law and look forward to providing her with all the facts."

Opposition critics said they were pleased Dawson has launched a new investigation.

"At its face, we know Minister Paradis exercised poor judgment and his actions must be scrutinized to see whether or not he is once again in violation of the Conflict of Interest Act," said Liberal ethics and conflict-of-interest critic Scott Andrews.

Cascades launching a fully recycled food waste bag

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Cascades is launching a food waste bag made of 100 per cent recycled fibres. These paper bags, manufactured in Canada, consist of a double layer to prevent leakage. This bag completes its collection of ecological household products, including yard waste bags which came out last September. Cascades bags are not only compostable, they are also EcoLogo-certified.

Since its beginnings, Cascades has been committed to the transformation of recycled materials as a means of waste reduction. The food waste bag was created to promote composting and encourage people to adopt this sustainable practice, keeping in mind Quebec's waste materials management policy to recycle 60 per cent of organic matter by the year 2015.

If every family in a small city of 10,000 homes used two 100 per cent recycled food waste bags, rather than bags made of virgin fibres, every week for a year, the cutting of more than 660 trees, about the size of two football fields, would be avoided.



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Local Sports

"As soon as we found out that there was a running circuit being established in the area, we contacted the organizers to know if we could be associated with it."

Fundraising run taking place this weekend

By Jesse Feith

The Réveil du Coureur, a fundraising event for Sherbrooke's Triolet High School, will be taking place this Sunday, April 29, the first official race to take place on the Eastern Townships' newest running circuit, named the Villegia Manoir des Sables.

The fundraising event will include runs for people of all experience and levels, including a one-kilometre race for children 12 years old and younger, a 5-km race, a 10-km, a 15-km and a 30-km race.

"For those who take part in the five km and 10 km races, it's a good way of evaluating how in shape they are and if they fell out of shape during the winter," said Patrick Mahony, director of the circuit. "The people who participate in the 15-km and 30-km races are probably already looking to push themselves and see if they are ready for the upcoming Ottawa Marathon."

The runners will be well taken care of on Sunday, as the event's organizers and volunteers will be placed throughout the circuit, handing out water and



sports drinks at every two kilometres. There will also be a post-race lunch provided by the Buffet des Continents and masseuses on hand to offer massages to the runners once they are done their track.

"We really want the runner experiences to be as complete as possible. We want to not only offer a beautiful course to run but also offer all of the complementary services that they need," added Mahony.

The Villegia Manoir des Sables circuit is the newest circuit among those officially recognized by the Eastern Townships running organization (Courrir en Estrie), having only been named this past March. According to Lucie Gingras, vice-president of Hôtels Villegia, sponsoring

the circuit was a no brainer.

"As soon as we found out that there was a running circuit being established in the area, we contacted the organizers to know if we could be associated with it. With the schedule for the races going from April to late October, it was interesting for us as it prolonged our touristic season. We also really loved the charity aspect of all the races."

The charity aspect of the races mentioned is a big part of all five races that will be happening between now and late October, with this weekend's being the first. The next official race after Sunday's will be on June 5, the Tour du Lac des Nations, followed by the Défi Félix Deslauriers-Hallée in late July, then the Défi des Collines the first weekend of September and finally the Magog Marathon on October 28. Every event is associated with a charity, this weekend's being the Triolet High School Foundation, and the others being tied to charities such as the Quebec Cancer Foundation, the Society of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and the Memphremagog Hospital Foundation.

In addition to the charity work being

done by the event Sunday, it will also be as "green" as possible as the organizers have taken all the steps needed, with the help of NovaEnvirocom (a home composting program started in 1995), to make it an environmentally-friendly day.

"Everything we will use in terms of glasses, dishes or utensils will be 100 per cent compostable. This circuit in particular interacts with some of the most ecologically sensitive areas of the city, so I believe it's only normal to do everything in your power to minimize environmental impact that an event like this one could have," said Mahony.

All of Sunday's races will begin on Joliette Street in Sherbrooke, with the 10-km races starting at 8:30 a.m., the 15- and 30-km races starting at 8:40 a.m. and the 5-km race at 8:50 a.m. Those interested can still sign up on the race's website until 6 p.m. on April 25 or at Sherbrooke's Boutique Le Coureur. The inscription costs vary by race length (the most expensive being the 30-km race at \$50) and runners who sign up before April 26 get \$15 off the normal prices, which will be in effect for everyone who signs up the morning of the race.

COLUMN

NHL needs independent disciplinarian

By Pat Hickey
Postmedia News

Brendan Shanahan the player was a winner. He was an important part of three Stanley Cup victories with the Detroit Red Wings. He was part of Team Canada's gold-medal win at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. And his career numbers should ensure him a place in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

But Brendan Shanahan the National Hockey League executive can't win.

Shanahan's first year as the NHL vice-president of player safety has been marked by controversy. He took over the duties of league disciplinarian at a time when the league was grappling with the growing awareness of concussions and their long-term effects.

He started his tenure by ruling with an iron first. His eight-game regular-season ban to Columbus defenceman James Wisniewski for a pre-season headshot sent a signal that he and the league were serious about ridding the game of dangerous hits.

But the Wisniewski hit also sent the Blue Jackets into a spiral from which they never recovered. By the time he returned to the lineup Columbus had an 0-7-1 record.

The Columbus situation brought the NHL's dilemma into focus. Most of the teams wanted to see miscreants punished, as long as it wasn't their miscreant. As the season progressed, Shanahan's heavy hand became lighter, commissioner Gary Bettman declared concussions weren't a problem, and the NHL enjoyed another year of record revenues.

But the playoffs have put Shanahan back on the hot seat. He took heat when he elected not to sus-

pend Nashville's Shea Weber after he rammed Henrik Zetterberg's head into the boards. And there was a mixed reaction when Shanahan hit repeat offender Raffi Torres of the Phoenix Coyotes with a 25-game ban for a hit on Marian Hossa that somehow went unnoticed by the officials on the ice.

It was the longest suspension ever for an infraction in the playoffs. Many applauded the move, while others thought it was too harsh and compared it to other incidents.

The general theme for those examining Shanahan's body of work is that it has been inconsistent, and that's why the NHL should consider two changes. The first is to take the role of disciplinarian out of the hands of a league employee who may be subject to pressure from owners and general managers. The league should find a judge, someone with a fine legal mind and a love of hockey, and give him the power to rule independently on any misdeeds that crop up.

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association currently employ independent arbitrators to rule on salaries, but they can be replaced at the whim of either party. Anyone hired as a judge would need an ironclad contract with a promise of complete independence.

The second step would be to follow the lead of most judicial systems and establish sentencing guidelines. The first offence for charging may be a game, while boarding or a hit to the head is three games. And each additional offence is doubled.

If you injure a player, you can expect an additional three games, with these penalties also increasing exponentially.

This would eliminate any questions of inconsistency and might also make players think before they act.

Valeri Vasilyev, Soviet hockey star, dies at 62

The Associated Press

Valeri Vasilyev, a standout Soviet Union defenceman who won two Olympic gold medals, has died at age 62.

His death was announced by his longtime club Dinamo Moscow. The statement last Thursday said he died of a serious illness but did not elaborate.

Vasilyev played on the Soviet teams that won Olympic gold medals in 1972 and 1976. But he was also on the national team when it suffered two of its biggest losses — the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" match that put the United States into the final at Lake Placid, and the 1972 Summit Series against Canadian NHL players.

In 13 years on the national team, he scored 43 goals in 285 games.

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**Shirley
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At the Granby Hospital on April 21, 2012, at the age of 67 years, Mrs. Shirley Everett residing in Granby.

Survived by her children Penny (Sylvain), Mark (Karine) and Michael; her foster children Ashley and Katina. Her grandchildren Mandy (Paul-André), Megan-Lee, Angie, Mylie, Joey and Amélie. Her brother Roy (Audrey), also survived by her nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the personnel of the Granby Hospital and Dr. Réjean Ménard for the good care given to Mrs. Everett.

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Visitation will be Friday, April 27, from 12 p.m. and a funeral service will be held on Friday, April 27, 2012 at 3 p.m in the chapel. Cremation will be held at Les Jardins funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Interment will be held at the Glen Sutton Cemetery at a later date. Rev. W. Davidson off.

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**Thomas Herbert
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Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the age of 91 years. He was a resident at the Connaught Home, North Hatley, QC.

He was the loving husband, of 63 years, of Dorothy Rice, deceased, and loving and caring father to three sons Jeffery (Barbara) of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Michael (Jona) of Norman, Oklahoma and Brian of Norman, Oklahoma. The cherished grandfather to Debbie and Tony (Jeff & Barbara) and Erin & Keri (Mike & Jona) and great-grandfather to Tyler Ferguson (Debbie & Tim Ferguson),

Riley Pointer, Kale and Kamden Daugherty (Erin & Tyson Daugherty) and Arianna, Anaya and Jopslin Rice (Cindy & Tony Rice). Tom is survived by his caring sisters Francis Rice of Huntingdon, QC and Emily Smerdon of Sherbrooke, QC, and brother Fred Rice of Ottawa, ON, many nieces and nephews, other friends whose lives he touched and was touched by.

A funeral service will be held at the Hatley United Church, Hatley, with Reverend Mead Baldwin officiating, on the 5th of May 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Interment taking place in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the W. J. Klink Foundation c/o Connaught Home, 77 Main St., North Hatley, QC, J0B 2C0 would be appreciated by the family.

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Richmond Ladies Auxiliary

On April 17, 2012 the Richmond Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the Legion Hall with an attendance of 17. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The Colours were presented by Cmdes Patsy Biggs, Helen Knowles and Mildred Holliday under the direction of Cmde Wendy Ridley, Sgt. of Arms, and Cmde Ann Clark was at the piano. Pres. Cmde Bev opened the meeting in the usual form and reported no candidates for initiation. Roll call was taken, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and accepted. Treasurer Cmde Dawn gave her report and was accepted.

President remarks - Cmde Bev thanked everyone for their help with all the events since our last meeting and especially for the Flea Market - Bake Sale and the Drawing.

Correspondence - The usual thanks and a request for a donation. One

bill was presented and paid. This was for kitchen supplies.

Reports of Committees

Membership - Cmde Marge reported all members in good standing.

Health and Welfare - Cmde Ann had nothing to report.

Kitchen - Cmde Phyllis reported on the condition of the stoves and counter tops after use of the Hall by outsiders. The lower cupboard doors need to be painted, this will be taken care of.

Publicity - Cmde Mildred reported an error had been made in the date of the next Military Whist and had voiced an apology. The real date is April 26, 2012.

Ways and Means - Cmde Bev reported having a Dart Supper coming up in May, and plans for the Whist Party on the 26th of April, as usual, more funds were needed, this was taken care of.

All present were given a pin and a flag to mark the 60 years reign of Queen Eliz-

abeth.

The Sr. Branch is celebrating 85 years this year and an Anniversary Party is being planned in June. More on that after our May meeting.

The Drawing of the wall mirror took place on April 7. The President of the Senior Branch, Cmde Ron Jones, was asked to make the draw and he drew Cmde Bev, our President's name. She also happens to be his wife, looks bad, but I can assure everyone that it was all fair and square. Our sincere thanks to all for your support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, closed in form, colours retired and lunch was enjoyed. Half and half was won by Cmde Donna Ham. Congratulations.

In Comradeship
Cmde. Mildred E. Holliday, P.P.
Publicity

In Memoriam

MARTIN, Lois (Baker) - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away 12 years ago, on April 24, 2000.

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I've told her many times that she has too many pets

Dear Annie: My sister owns seven cats, three dogs, two turtles and a lizard. They are overrunning her house. There are random bits of garbage all over the floor, along with used dishes — both human and pet. When the dogs do their business in the house, she lets it stay there for hours while she gets other work done. The last time I was there, I wiped some food off of the wall, and she said I was being rude.

Two months ago, one of her dogs died. A week later, she bought a new one for \$750. I happen to know she now has less than \$100 in her bank account. And I worry she might lose her job. Her co-workers have complained that her clothing is sloppy and covered in dog hair.

I've told her many times that she has too many pets. She replies that it's not my business and storms off. I suggested she give me one of her dogs or cats, and she told me she would simply buy more. I believe her.

How can I make her see the light? — Concerned Sister

Dear Concerned: To some extent, your sister is right: This isn't your business. A messy home and dog-haired clothing may not be your preference, but they aren't necessarily a health risk. She is depleting her bank balance in order to purchase animals, but then, some people do that with shoes.

There can be a fine line between eccentric behavior that is within acceptable boundaries and behavior that indicates mental illness. We don't think your sister has crossed that line, but she bears watching. So stop criticizing her choices, but keep an eye on whether her appearance and the condition of her house substantially deteriorate, whether she goes into debt and whether the animals are well treated. And let her know you will be a sympathetic shoulder if she ever needs help managing.

Dear Annie: Our neighbor, "Harvey,"

is a homosexual and frequently has various men stay at his house overnight — sometimes more than one at a time.

Here's the problem: We have an 11-year-old son, and though Harvey is nice to him and a good neighbor to us, should we keep our son from any association with Harvey? My husband doesn't seem to think there's any problem, but one can never be too safe when it comes to protecting your children. — Sleepless in Seattle

Dear Seattle: Harvey should be treated no differently than any adult neighbor who has frequent overnight guests, male or female, presumably for intimate purposes. You wouldn't want his casual promiscuity (if that's what it is) to be something your son emulates in his own life, but we assume you would discuss such things with your child as a normal part of transmitting your values and morals. It has nothing to do with Harvey's sexual orientation, nor does it make him a greater risk to your son's welfare. And if your real worry is whether association with Harvey will make your son gay, the answer is no.

Dear Annie: This is for "Not a Mommy," the woman who doesn't care to hold someone's infant.

I, too, am not fond of babies (except for my grandchildren), but I have found myself in the same awkward situation when an employee brings her baby to visit the office. Two tips that work for me: Never go alone into the room where the baby is on display. And don't put yourself in the front tier. Touch the baby so the parent doesn't think you are a complete ogre, but when asked, "Don't you want to hold him?" reply, "Oh, let So-and-So. I can see that she's dying to." Then quietly make your exit. — Chris from Maine

Dear Chris: Good advice for the baby-averse. Thanks.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from

Annie's Mailbox

"Upstate New York Where It's 20 Degrees Outside." He said his wife

has hot flashes and wants to set the thermostat down, but he likes it at 74 so he can run around in his underwear. She's ready to move out. He thinks she's being selfish.

We also are from upstate New York, and I think he is the selfish one. He can dress in layers, put on a sweater or buy himself a parka. On the other hand, there is just so much that she can take off. Yes, he may pay the bills, but I wonder who cooks, cleans, does the laundry, shops and cares for the children. — Long-Time Reader, First-Time Responder

Dear Long-Time Reader: That letter made a lot of readers "hot" under the collar. Read on for more:

From Wisconsin: Tell him to turn the heat down and put the money he saves toward those mortgage payments he is so smug about. Better yet, donate it to a charity that helps cover energy bills for those who aren't able to pay them.

Boston: I have never in my long life said this to anyone, but what a jerk!

My husband and I have had this same problem. Our thermostat is set at 69. He wears sweats and warm slippers, and I wear T-shirts. This is not about who pays the mortgage, but about your attitude toward your partner.

Indiana: No one needs to suffer from hot flashes. As soon as my doctor prescribed an antidepressant, it was like someone flipped a switch.

Chicago: As a woman in her eighth year of hot flashes and night sweats, I have learned some coping skills. Many women cannot take hormone replacement. I have found some relief in yoga, breathing techniques and mindful meditation. I suggest the wife find a room she can call her own and keep it at a temperature that is comfortable for her. This time is a natural progression in women's lives and should be embraced.

I hope her journey is a short one.

California: Thirty years ago, due to surgery, I had hot flashes. An acquaintance told me her ob-gyn recommended vitamin E. It worked! It took six weeks to kick in, but, oh, the relief!

Georgia: I urge you to exercise extreme caution in recommending natural remedies for hot flashes. These treatments are unregulated and can contain a variety of harmful substances, and they don't have to have any of these on their labels. People should be very careful. For further information, contact the Centers for Disease Control toxicology division in Atlanta.

Upstate New York: What an inconsiderate husband. It's his choice to wear nothing around the house, so he should be willing to suffer the consequences. We keep our house at 65 degrees. Sweaters and slippers are comfortable and healthier than 74 degrees. We sleep well and even better when I get the gas bill. Last time I checked, it was "our" house, not "my" house.

California: I have had brief hot flashes since 2008. They only seem to last forever. I have a hand fan by my bed and recliner, and I carry a folding one in my purse. In the winter, I step outside for a few minutes. I take care of myself without inconveniencing anyone else, but I will be glad when they are over.

Florida: I've been in that gentleman's shoes for a number of years and had the same complaint. Six months ago, however, I suffered male hot flashes as a result of a hormone imbalance. Having been on the other side, I can tell him that it is a very unpleasant experience and one over which you have no control.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Mansonville Golden Age Club news

April 10 - We had dinner at the Reilly House and much to my delight, we had Aggie's special - macaroni and cheese! They served ham with it and we also had a tossed salad, tea and coffee, and a fruit pie for dessert. Yummy! Need I say more, except a big thank you to Aggie, Fawn, Linda and the Katimavik girls who help out too.

Rene Guertin won the half and half prize. Everyone got a door prize. Game winners were H. Carrier, H. Rouillard, L. Lane, R. Mossa, N. Lafond and J. Jersey. Winners of 500 were Lucille Deschenes and Rita Marcoux.

See you on the 17th at Resto 243.

April 17 - We enjoyed another great

dinner at Resto 243. Thanks to Rosaleen, Chef Chris Lessard and our waitress Cathy. We look forward to our Tuesday outings.

Nicole Lafond won the half and half prize. Door prizes were won by N. Lafond, R. Marcoux, R. Guertin, R. Mossa, J. Jersey, H. Rouillard, H. Carrier, L. Carrier, L. Lane and E. Ducharme.

500 winners were Helene Rouillard and Rene Guertin. Game winners were Huguette Carrier, Rita Marcoux, Lana Lane, Jackie Jersey and yours truly.

See you on the 24th of April at the Reilly House.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Mossa

St. Luke's Church Women Meet

On Wednesday afternoon, March 21, St. Luke's church Women met at Place Primevere at 2 p.m. with an attendance of 5. The prescient, Doris Wilson, opened the meeting with the Lord's prayer and then welcomed those present to the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were read, approved and signed.

The February meeting had been cancelled. The secretary reported that as well as sending cards to Reba Holloway and Marge Padner, she had sent a card to Catherin Lawrence when she couldn't get around again. The treasurer, Louise Lowry read the annual financial report as well as the monthly one. Louise moved, and Dorothy Baranek seconded

that these reports be adopted as read.

A drawing on several articles will take place at the last card party for the year. One of the articles is an afghan made and donated by Reba Holloway. Members expect to have tickets to sell during the summer. There was correspondence from the Montreal diocesan Women's division for members to look over.

The next meeting will be on April 18 at 1:30 p.m. The time was changed from 2 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nellie Darling adjourned the meeting and the benediction was repeated in unison. Then came refreshments and a social time.

Jean Davidson

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"YFXP W OWP LXEN MTK LFWL FX
UTL GVJF LFGTKUF FWGR YTG D, WND
FVO: 'YFTNX?' — RTP OWGZKVN

Previous Solution: "Our young people look up to us. Let us not let them down. ... Saving them will make heroes of us all." — Gale Sayers

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Eastern Townships Canadian Club

On Thursday, at noon, on May 3, the Eastern Townships Canadian Club will feature Dr. Cheryl Gosselin, Dept. of Sociology, Bishop's University. Her topic is Integration of Newcomers to the Sherbrooke Region; How Can the Anglophone Community Help?

Dr. Cheryl Gosselin has been a member of the Sociology Department for the past 20 years. Her teaching areas are in gender and women's studies, urban sociology, tourism, race and ethnicity and transnational identities. Her research interests include Quebec women, particularly the socio-economic positions of English-speaking women, the Anglophone linguistic minority communities of Quebec and the integration experiences of newcomers to the province. She serves on the board of directors for Townshippers' Association as well as the Quebec Community Groups Network and is currently President of the Eastern Townships Resource Centre.

To reserve for the meal and presentation at Hôtel Le Président, 3535 King W. in Sherbrooke, contact 819-837-0192 by April 30. There is a \$5 charge to attend the presentation only (1 p.m.). Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of the event. Le Président is wheelchair accessible.

Stanbridge East Women's Institute

Stanbridge East Women's Institute met on Thursday, April 5 at Avante Women's Centre in Bedford with President Jean Cogswell presiding. We opened with "The Opening Ode", Collect and Salute to the Flag.

Motto: When you call on a thoroughbred, you get all the heart, speed and courage with him. When you call on a jackass, he kicks.

Roll Call: Bring a recipe to share was answered by some real good ones. Also one we would later sample for dessert.

Secretary Betty Perry read the minutes of the previous meeting which were corrected and then approved.

Business from the minutes included bead work shown by Agnes Minnis. Pearle commented on the County President's project and said that no way was she taking stuff to S.P.A. in Cowansville as she would probably come out with 2 dogs, 3 cats and 6 kittens. Besides that, she had just adopted a second dog.

Correspondence included a letter from Joyce Martin thanking us for hosting the County annual meeting. Another letter from Norma Sherrer contained info about display on April 19 at Domaine du Parc. All branches are asked to participate.

In the absence of Dianne Tait, Jean Cogswell gave us a respectable treasurer's report.

After Grace, the ladies of Avante joined us for a pot-luck lunch. No one left hungry!

A discussion followed about the Q.W.I. Handicraft competition, re: knitting and incorporating beads.

Dianne Rhicard, Agriculture Chairperson, reported on 4H Clubs for non-farm kids. It gives children the opportunity to work and learn about animals and some have chosen to go on in life in Agricultural related fields.

The success of a fundraiser for a bone marrow transplant was read.

For Sunshine, Betty Perry said she had sent a birthday card to Donna Luce.

New business was naming delegates to the Q.W.I. Convention. They are Dianne Rhicard and Jean Cogswell.

April 29, 2012 is A.C.W.W.'s Walk Around the World to support women. A.C.W.W. supports 40 projects annually. A motion was passed to donate \$50. to this, another \$10. from Avante, brought it to \$60.

An article concerning Canada Pensions and Senior Citizens was circulated. Very interesting.

Submitted by Pearle Ingalls Yates

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012

You could be extremely fortunate in the year ahead when teaming up with two people who have successful track records. Coupled with your talent and fresh outlook, it will make for a dynamic trio.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even if the price is a bit more than you wanted to spend, now's the time to acquire that special item for which you've long been searching. It isn't likely you'll find anything close to it again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The types of activities that you're likely to find enjoyable are those you can share with good friends and/or family. It doesn't matter if it's a game of cards or something physically exerting — it'll be to the good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Being both methodical and purposeful will serve you well, making you far more adept at handling your career or domestic responsibilities. Spend your time accomplishing a difficult task and you'll come out ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's to your advantage to spend some time with friends who are more ambitious than frivolous. Even when they are at play, they'll be looking for good opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — One of your most valuable assets is the ability to turn meager beginnings into substantial products. You can easily take the crumbs that

others leave behind and turn them into full, crusty loaves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The reason you're able to make an arduous task look so simple is your store of valuable past experience from which to draw. The more you learn, the easier life gets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't deliberately put yourself in a position of having to take on a job you've never done before, but by the same token don't panic if you are forced into such a thing. Seek out an expert who can offer guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your ability for figuring out the basic motivation of certain friends could be remarkably accurate and will serve you well. Keep what you learn to yourself, however.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Because of your impressive input, trends and conditions tend to favor you. Continue to devote significant effort toward the achievement of worthy objectives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Conduct yourself with tolerance and consideration for the frailties of others, especially if you're in an authoritative position. Be both helpful and effective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could benefit in some manner from a source that you normally think of as being merely a backup. It will prove to be not only a substitute, but also a saving grace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your friends and associates will know that you say what you mean and that you can be counted upon to come through for them, even if it ends up inconveniencing you in some manner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012

Go for two chances, not just one

By Phillip Alder

Oscar Wilde claimed, "The world is divided into two classes, those who believe the incredible, and those who do the improbable."

The bridge world is divided into two classes, those who believe in analyzing a deal fully, and those who do the obvious.

In this deal, the first group would do much better than the second. How should the play go in three no-trump after West leads the spade queen to South's king?

North used Stayman to try to find a 4-4 heart fit, then settled for the nine-trick game. Although here five diamonds would have made, why force yourself to have to win 11 tricks for the game bonus when nine will suffice?

South starts with eight top tricks: two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

The obvious place to go for a ninth winner is the diamond suit. This requires only a 3-2 split, which the mathematicians will tell you occurs 67.8 percent of the time. And some players would immediately attack that suit, going down when it breaks 4-1.

There is a second chance: hearts 3-3.

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♥ 9 6 5 2			
♦ A K 6 5 3 2			
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♦ 4			♦ J 10 9 8
♣ K J 10 9			♣ Q 6 3
South			
♠ A K 3			
♥ A K 4			
♦ Q 7			
♣ A 8 7 5 2			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

Admittedly, that is only a 35.53 percent shot, but it does not hurt to give it a try, keeping diamonds on the back burner. At trick two, declarer should duck a heart. He wins the next spade and cashes his top hearts. When they are 3-3, he is trying diamonds for overtricks. But if hearts prove to be 4-2 or worse, the diamond suit is still available.

The chance of success has risen to 79.24 percent.

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- 42 Sci. class
- 44 Sorority letter
- 45 Black hair and almond-shaped eyes, e.g.
- 47 Certain sail spars
- 50 Pick up momentum
- 52 Tour in a double-decker bus, perhaps
- 55 Valium maker
- 59 Southwestern brick
- 60 2002 Jodie Foster thriller
- 63 Deli subs
- 64 Nile slitherers
- 65 Par for the course
- 66 Unwelcome look
- 67 Apollo's instrument
- 68 "Don't move, Spot!"

- 24 Dork
- 25 Harbor party site
- 26 Can't stomach
- 27 Ali who retired with a perfect 24-0 record
- 29 Clucking quarters
- 30 Faith
- 31 Opposition group
- 34 Brownstone hangout
- 37 Dennis, much to Mr. Wilson's dismay
- 38 Will subjects
- 40 Mont Blanc, par exemple
- 43 "Piece of cake!"

- 46 Bro's playmate
- 48 Grand Marquis, for short
- 49 Decks out
- 51 Landlocked Asian republic
- 52 Satirist Mort
- 53 Nantes notion
- 54 Reason for an R rating
- 56 Odd old fellow
- 57 Wedding dance
- 58 Award for "Modern Family"
- 61 "Fresh Air" airer
- 62 Sussex suffix

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- Down**
- 1 Unspecified amount
 - 2 Wall St. events
 - 3 Landlocked Asian republic
 - 4 Gerontologist's study
 - 5 Mitt Romney's alma mater: Abbr.
 - 6 Homer's saffron-robed goddess
 - 7 Star shine
 - 8 Big name in foil
 - 9 Refined and discriminating taste
 - 10 Low in fat
 - 11 Numbers game
 - 12 Double __ Ore
 - 15 Alpine competitor's protection
 - 17 "Don't interfere," briefly
 - 21 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
 - 23 "My bad!"

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