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Teen found in pond made early morning call

By BETHANY BRAY
AND JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITERS

About a half hour after she was seen alive for the last time by friends, Elizabeth Mun apparently made her final phone call, at 5:27 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15. Mun, a 16-year-old from

Wellesley, was found unresponsive in Hussey Brook Pond hours later, at 10:40 a.m. Her death came after she left what police are calling an overnight "gathering" of youth at 58 William St. She was last seen around 5 a.m., people at the gathering told police.

Laurie Zimmerman, the homeowner, was not at home, said

Steve O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett. "There were no parents present on Saturday night," he said.

A male reported Mun missing to Andover police at 6:50 a.m. Police requested Mun's cell phone location from AT&T during the search — using

information from the 5:27 a.m. call, and others received by her phone after that — and combed the brick Shawsheen area of town, near the Andover Country Club, with dogs and a state police helicopter.

Once found in the water, Mun was rushed to Lawrence General Hospital, and transferred to

Children's Hospital in Boston via MedFlight, where she was pronounced dead at 5:27 p.m.

Williams Street neighbors said they believe the ice on nearby Hussey Brook Pond can be dangerous.

"It doesn't freeze over. It's not safe. The water moves," said Lucy Rizzo, of 47 Williams St.

"It's just so sad."

Questions remain as to why Mun left the William Street home during the early morning hours, and few details are being released by police as they conduct their investigation. An autopsy was performed on Mun

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Town hoping for union concessions

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski contends that concessions will be needed from Andover employees to avoid dozens of layoffs next year and informal talks are under way with unions.

Discussions will likely pick up next month and a plan must be reached between now and Town Meeting in late May, he said.

The equivalent of 58 full-time employees could be let go under Stapczynski's recommended \$139,951,407 budget for fiscal year 2010.

Among the potential job losses are five public safety employees and the equivalent of 41 full-time school-department employees.

Stapczynski said he met with all municipal unions in December for "a frank discussion" about Andover's budget deficit and the potential for layoffs. To avoid layoffs, Superintendent Claudia Bach indicated in her budget request for next year that "salary freezes, furloughs, reduction of in-service days, change in teaching schedules, planning time, duties, and health insurance benefits" may be necessary.

Representatives from the Andover teachers' union will meet next week with school

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COLD COMFORT



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

From left, Bob Decelle, Andy Menezes, Conservation Director Robert Douglas, with his wife Eve, and their daughters Emily, 5, and Robyn, 2, enjoy a small fire in the Serio's Grove Reservation, on Andover Conservation Land.



Andy Menezes sets up a tent for camping in the Serio's Grove Reservation in Andover.

Town offers close-to-home camping Saturday

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The graham crackers are ready. So are the chocolate and marshmallows.

Call Bob Decelle crazy if you want. It may be February, he may live in Andover, but he's ready to camp out overnight in his hometown this weekend and invites others to join him for the experience — complete with those favorite fireside snacks, s'mores.

"Nothing like that melted chocolate on a graham cracker topped with a marshmallow," he chuckled. "Yup, I make them ... gotta have s'mores."

Decelle will stake his four-season tent

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- Free event
- Contact: Robert Decelle, 978-409-2375

on Saturday, Feb. 21 for an overnight camping outing on Serio's Grove Reservation, conservation land off Lowell Junction Road.

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13-page bylaw sought to control size, design of signs

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Of the 38 pages of town-sponsored warrant articles for this spring's Town Meeting, 13 pages are devoted to rules controlling signs, including significant changes on the size allowed.

The Design Review Board has completely rewritten the town's bylaw on signs, and 2009 Town Meeting will vote on the finished product.

The 13 pages outline what signs are allowed in town, including size and design requirements and specifics on how the

sign should be lit and hung. The bylaw covers all signs, including temporary and permanent, commercial and noncommercial.

Buildings in the downtown would not be able to have signs larger than 50 square feet. Currently, signs twice that size are allowed.

Whole Foods supermarket on Railroad Street has an 80-square-foot sign, but, under the current rules, could have hung a 400-square-foot sign because of its building's size. The new bylaw would not allow any sign over 80 square feet in the type of mixed use district

that houses the supermarket. Mixed-use districts are areas of town with shops and businesses outside of Andover's three major business districts — the downtown, Shawsheen Square and Ballardvale.

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UNIONS: Concessions sought

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officials to discuss the potential formation of an early retirement that could save the department money, according to Tom Meyers, president of the Andover Education Association.

"It's just exploring on both sides to see if it's viable," said Meyers. "Obviously, people want to see the education system maintained." Meyers said he was unsure how many teachers would potentially consider early retirement, or how much those retirements would save the school department.

"We'll have to crunch the numbers," said Meyers.

When asked if the teachers' union would consider a salary

freeze or changes to health insurance, Meyers chose not to answer directly.

"We have a contract in full force," he said.

Firefighters' union president Thomas Agnew said he would need more information from the town before proposing changes to firefighter salaries and health insurance to the union's executive board. Any changes approved by the board would then require approval from Andover's 70 firefighters.

"I haven't seen any cold hard facts that Andover is in deep trouble," said Agnew.

A call to the president of the Andover police patrolmen's union was not returned by deadline for this story.

SIGNS: Original bylaw became confusing

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Years of tacked-on amendments had rendered the original sign bylaw confusing, ambiguous, outdated and subject to different interpretations, said Ann Constantine, chairwoman of the Design Review Board.

"We've completely rewritten the bylaw, stem to stern. It was incomprehensible to most people," said Constantine. "It was extremely complicated — very hard for even the smartest person to find what they needed."

"We want to make sure they work with the current times for Andover," said Constantine. "We changed organization of it so it's easier to understand. Now, it paves the way for more signs in general business districts, especially in mixed-used district. Our

main point was to allow for more signs downtown, drawing attention to downtown businesses, making it more alive."

Andover resident Cheryl Arbia opened an Elements Massage franchise in Shawsheen Plaza one year ago, and switched from one sign design to another to save time, knowing she would have to get town approval, she said.

Instead of the internally-lit sign she had chosen originally, Arbia went with a sign illuminated by goose-neck lights.

"With my business, signage is everything. That's what drives people in. We just opted to go the easy route (with the non-internally-lit sign). We got instant approval, and it cost me less money, too," said Arbia. "We really just had to go around

policy ... some people don't have that option, but being in the plaza, I did."

In talking with other Elements franchise owners in other towns, Arbia said she's found that other towns are the same way, and that Andover is not overly strict with signage rules.

Anyone wanting to put up a sign in town has to come before the Design Review Board for approval.

"We care about Andover, about promoting business," Constantine said. "We, more than anyone, understand how frustrated people were (with the bylaw). A person putting everything they have on the line to open a small business could be stopped in their tracks, ordering a sign that was not in accordance with the bylaw, simply because they were

confused."

With several design professionals on the board, said Constantine, the Design Review Board likes to help people with questions and preliminary sign designs.

The Design Review Board took several years to rewrite and review the sign bylaw. Then, members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, town building department, planning department and Conservation Commission looked over what the group had written, said Constantine.

To see the proposed bylaw governing signs, and other Town Meeting articles in full, visit the town's Web site, www.andoverma.gov. The preliminary warrant is listed as a link in the "town spotlight" box.

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CAMPING: Resident getting word out about land

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He's known to fire up his stove in Serio's Grove and throw on some steaks for dinner guests because he likes the spot so much. It's located in southern Andover and offers terrific views of the Shawsheen River, he said. The reservation is less than 10 minutes from his home — or almost any home in Andover.

With winter camping, "You see your surroundings in a totally different way," he said.

"The sounds are different, there are no leaves on the trees so you can see further away and see more of the river," he said. "And there are no bugs."

Decelle is a member of the town's Conservation Commission. He serves as special project manager and is working hard to get the word out about new ways people can use the 2,000 acres of preserved space in Andover. He said there is a new attitude toward conservation and he's thrilled about it.

"It used to be you could walk in it and enjoy it. Footprints and pictures and that was it," he said of the old attitude. "Now, folks want more when they enjoy it and camping is one of the ways to do that."

So far, eight people plan to



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

A sign shows the entrance to the camping grounds in Serio's Grove Reservation, on Andover Conservation Land.

join Decelle this Saturday. The town-owned acreage has two picnic tables and nine benches for comfort and Decelle has a permit for a cooking fire. With lots of old red oak lying around the area, the fire will be well-maintained.

Eight is not a huge crowd, but Decelle laughs when he says, "Well, it's bigger than last year's." There were four overnight campers last winter. It's a slow go when it comes to getting the word out about hometown

camping. But the pace is fine with Decelle.

"I agree that most people don't even know that there is camping right here in Andover," he said, but some local Scouts and camping and hiking enthusiasts are aware of the camping opportunities.

Decelle is married to former Andover Selectman Gail Ralston, a non-camper in the winter, but enjoyed years of camping with his son's Scout troop. Now retired, he has been working to

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COOKING: A backpack stove is ideal for heating water. Or, get involved with building the campsite fire. You'll be taking in lots of hot liquids to keep you warm.

create other ways for residents to enjoy their conservation land. One new program is "Scout adoption," which offers a slice of conservation land in town as a home base for local Scout troops.

"It would be a campsite right here in town for them. I hope the format catches on," he said.

Decelle welcomes inquiries about the Scout and camping programs. He can be reached at 978-409-2375.

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In Brief

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THEN: Developed as housing for the American Woolen Company's executives as part of William Wood's planned community, Shawsheen Village, the homes of "Brick Shawsheen" were placed on the open market by Wood's successor of the company in the mid-1920s, only a few years after they were built. To this day, many still lack a common feature: a garage. Note Shawsheen School to the rear of the home.



NOW: 13 William St. was built by the American Woolen Company for its executives.

NEWS CALENDAR

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| <p>THURSDAY, FEB. 19</p> <p>Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., Andover, 7 p.m.</p> <p>MONDAY, FEB. 23</p> <p>The Andovers Village at Home (Council on Aging), Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., 9 a.m.</p> <p>Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Joint meeting of Selectmen</p> | <p>and Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>TUESDAY, FEB. 24</p> <p>Main Street Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m.</p> <p>School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25</p> <p>South Elementary School meeting, 55 Woburn St., 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Joint meeting of Selectmen</p> | <p>and Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., fire chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>THURSDAY, FEB. 26</p> <p>Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.</p> |
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Village Garden Club speaker today

The Village Garden Club welcomes guest speaker, Paul Steen, Certified Master Gardener at the Mass. Horticulture Society, to its Feb. 19 meeting to be held at the home of Cheryl McKeough at 1 p.m. Steen will present, "Xeriscaping: What is it and how can it improve my garden?" Water conservation and protection is one of the top priorities as garden club members. This program is designed to educate gardeners on the methods that can be used in local gardens. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. adopted a water conservation and action guide which will be available at meetings. For more information about the program or the Village Garden Club, call Helen Ann Knepper at 978-409-1701.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



One school did a skit regarding snow days in the Andover schools. The students really loved the actors telling me I was a very insensitive man to the many days they had to brave the elements when other towns were more sensible.

Former Superintendent Ken Seifert, about one of his last days in the Andover schools. Column in Education, Page 14.

Water just came rushing down from the second floor. It's humorous now, but at the time it was shocking.

Mike Coyne, associate dean at Mass. School of Law, about a defective water heater that closed the school last Thursday, Feb. 12. Story, Page 8.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Town Meeting warrant reopened till April

It's not too late for residents with an "there outta be a law" idea to have their fellow townspeople vote on the concept at 2009 Town Meeting.

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was reopened by selectmen last Wednesday, Feb. 11, and will close Friday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Residents may call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258 for information on how to obtain private warrant article forms or stop by 36 Bartlet St., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the private warrant article form and information on how to file a private warrant article can also be obtained on the town's Web site www.andoverma.gov by searching under Town Meeting.

The warrant was reopened because selectmen voted Monday, Feb. 9, to reschedule the date of Annual Town Meeting, which normally is held at the end of April. Town Meeting will be May 26 and 27 in the Collins Field House at Andover High School and May 28 in the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

February health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Feb. 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

Governor signs rail trail bill into law

An Andover man's longtime dream is becoming reality.

Alan French has spent years trying to piece together green spaces to create an emerald necklace around Boston that people could walk. One hangup has been getting access to land controlled by utilities. But when "An Act Relative to Public Access for Recreational Trails,"

recently became law, the bill was touted as allowing for the completion of this Bay Circuit Trail, which joins 200 miles of walking trails over 30 towns from Newburyport to Duxbury. "I expect the new law will result in increased willingness of public utility companies to serve the public interest in recreational trails," said French, chairman of the Bay Circuit Alliance. State Sen., Sue Tucker, representatives from National Grid, Bay Circuit Alliance, the Andover Village Improvement Society, the Massachusetts Riverways Program, Trustees of Reservations, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, former Rep. Kathy Teahan, and Andover Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien joined Gov. Deval Patrick in a bill signing ceremony.

"Patching the Bay Circuit Trail together involves finding ways to cross parks, forests, state and local lands, busy roadways, private property, and abandoned railroad tracks. This new law addresses financial responsibility, which has been a major sticking point in the creation of recreational trails. This law will help to expand the Bay Circuit Trail and other recreational trails across the Commonwealth," said Tucker in a release. The new law extends limited liability to businesses that are willing to open up their land for recreational trails by expanding the definition of "person" in the statute to specifically include "corporation, company, or any other business organization." "National Grid supports this legislation because it will eliminate the disincentive for landowners, including utilities, to work with communities on providing access to their property for recreational trails," said Shannon Larson, director, real estate services for National Grid.

Health care seminar

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "The Cost of Health Care," on Friday, Feb. 20, from 7:30 to 9

a.m. at Jackson's Riverside Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen. Guest speaker is James Roosevelt, president and CEO of Tufts Health Care. A full breakfast is included. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

Entrepreneurship panel discussion at NECC

In honor of the National Entrepreneurship Week, Northern Essex Community College will hold an Entrepreneurship Panel Discussion on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.

Free and open to the public, the panel will feature successful local entrepreneurs, all graduates of Northern Essex, who will share details on how they built their businesses, including advice they wish they had when they were starting out. This program will be of interest to people who are thinking about starting a business as well as current business owners who are looking for ways to grow their businesses.

For more information on this panel, contact Bill Zannini, bzannini@necc.mass.edu, 978-556-3369 or Libby Jensen, alumni director, ljensen@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3621.

LWV's candidates forum

The candidates forum run by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will be Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. on the top floor of Memorial Hall Library. All five School Committee and all three Board of Selectmen candidates will be there.

Spring job fair

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Spring Into Business Expo and Job Fair" on Wednesday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Michaels Function Hall, Alpha/River St., Route 110, Haverhill. Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

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SELECTMEN'S RACE

Candidates: We support these big-money projects, and here's why

The three candidates for selectmen want a new Ballardvale fire station, playing fields on Blanchard Street and a

redevelopment of the town yard area in the downtown. But with money short for the immediate future, each has a different take

on which project they would push to receive construction money first. Challenger Will English looks

private/public partnership to pay for construction. The \$425,000 will pay for design, engineering, soil remediation and site preparation.

The town yard facilities are in poor condition and require significant reinvestment. A master plan will ensure effective reconstruction of dilapidated facilities. I expect construction funding approval of the fire station and fields in 2010 and the town yard in 2011.

area, must be improved. I grew up playing sports, and I know about scarce field space, especially with Deyermund closing. Still, it's painful but prudent to table both these important projects for this budget cycle.

What follows are the candidates' responses to this issue:
This spring, Town Meeting voters will be asked for money to design three major projects: a new fire station in Ballardvale (\$200,000 for design), new ball fields on Blanchard Street (\$425,000 for design) and a plan to redevelop the town yard area (\$30,000 for master plan). Do you support all of these projects? What do you see as the timing to pay for their construction? What is your priority?

WILL ENGLISH



Long-term, it's apparent all three projects must be completed.

BRIAN MAJOR



I support all three projects because of their importance to Andover's future. The more than 100-year-old Ballardvale Station lacks structural

integrity and size for modern fire apparatus. Size also prevents the introduction of EMS in Ballardvale. I strongly recommend Andover investigate a regional station with Wilmington that includes the sharing of construction and operating expenses.

The Deyermund Fields are expected to close by 2011 for landfill capping. To prevent elimination, the treeless, flat, publicly owned, 12-acre Blanchard Street property is perfect for the Deyermund relocation. I support a

now. At \$30,000 for the master plan, the town yard should be the priority. The development of this prime area will nearly double our retail space. It will not detract from Main Street, but enhance it. More stores will broaden the tax base, reverse the trend of rent increases on Main Street that's squeezing out tenants, and provide significant additional parking. It would also help us remain competitive with the neighboring towns developing our borders.

The Ballardvale Fire Station, which protects residential and commercial property over a large

TED TEICHERT



The ball fields and town yard should be priorities for the town.

We need the ball fields because we are mandated by the state

to close the Deyermund fields. Possible financial help from the leagues could lessen the cost to the taxpayer. The town yard has outgrown its space and the conditions there are deplorable. Redevelopment of the current location could be an asset to the downtown. The Town Yard Task Force is exploring alternative locations and seeking the best financial deal for the town.

The fire station is a long-term project. Perhaps we can reduce the appropriation for planning money or even delay the project until the economy improves. These projects will be paid through borrowing, possibly with a debt exclusion.

Even in these tough times, doing the essential planning for these future projects is necessary so we will be prepared to move forward when the economy improves.

'Exploding' water heater closes law school

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The supposed bad luck of Friday the 13th came a day early for the Massachusetts School of Law, as a second-floor water heater burst the morning of Feb. 12.

No one was hurt when the top exploded off the water heater around 10 a.m., sending water gushing out of a utility closet, leaking through the floor down to a cafeteria and common area on the first-floor, said Mike Coyne, associate dean at the school.

"Water just came rushing down

from the second floor. It's humorous now, but at the time it was shocking. ... The water heater exploded, essentially. Water rushed out of there so quickly, it caused a reasonable amount of damage on the first floor," Coyne said. "Frankly, it was lucky that no one was near it. (The water heater) might have been defective, because the top blew right off of it."

The impromptu waterworks forced the Federal Street school to cancel classes for the rest of Thursday.

After evacuating the building

and working to minimize water damage, the fire department crew had the scene under control at 11:28 a.m., said fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

The school called in contractors to dry and clean up the mess, and they reopened as usual for classes on Friday, Feb. 13, Coyne said.

At this point, the school is not sure of the cost of the damage, but is working out a claim with its insurance company, Coyne said. Besides the first-floor cafeteria and common area, one computer was damaged in a computer lab, he said.

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Let the sun warm you up

The Kid looked out the window and saw bright sunshine. It looked warm. However, looks can be deceiving, especially in February. When you open the door and get a blast of cold air, you know it's winter!

There are several ways to keep your home warm in the winter. Homes can be heated with natural gas, heating oil, wood, geothermal or electric heaters. Most systems use electricity to move the warm air through your house. Electricity costs money. Just ask your parents about the electric bill.

Some homeowners are turning to solar energy systems. Solar panels mounted on the roof of the house collect energy from the sun. The sun's energy is changed into electricity and fed directly into your home.

The solar energy system can work along with your regular electricity, so your home will still have electricity when you need more than the solar energy system can provide.

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Townspeople



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Bob Sherman leads dozens of birders around the Ward Reservation in search of winter birds on Sunday during the Trustees of Reservations Winter Fun Day. The group spotted an eastern bluebird and several chickadees.

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Andover resident Marlena Bresnick and her daughters, Jessica, 5, and Gabriella, 3, smile after getting red hair extensions at Indra Salon. Jessica and Gabriella's grandmother, Marlena's mother-in-law, has ALS, and the salon is contributing a portion of all proceeds from red hair extensions this month to the ALS Association. See story, Page 13.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Army Pvt. Kyle A. Pelletier has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Pelletier is the son of Stephen Pelletier of Andover, and Heidi Norbeck of Mill Valley, Calif.

Army National Guard Pvt. Katherine E. Hutchins has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Carolyn Kruczynski of Allentown, N.H., and John T. Martin of Andover. Hutchins is a 2004 graduate of Pembroke Academy.

Army Pvt. Eric J. Galvin has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Jim Galvin of Dedham, and Mary Galvin of Andover.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

The private graduated in 2004 from Lynn Classical High School and received an associate degree in 2005 from North Shore Community College, Danvers.

Army Brig. Gen. Peter N. Fuller has assumed command of the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center in Natick.

He is the son of Jane D. Fuller of Andover.

Fuller also serves as the commanding general and program executive officer of the Soldier Systems Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Before assuming command, Fuller was the deputy commanding general for systems integration with the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command at Fort Belvoir. He was previously an assistant director of the Patriot Missile Defense System and a product manager of the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System at Fort Monmouth, N.J. He was also a military instructor with the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C. He has 28 years of military service.

He graduated in 1974 from Andover High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1980 from the University of Vermont in Burlington, and a master's degree in 1989 from Shippensburg University, Pa. His awards include three awards of the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and two awards of the Army Achievement Medal.

Getting the most out of winter

The Ward Reservation was alive with hikers, birdwatchers and those ready to shake off some winter rust last Sunday, Feb. 15.

The free "Winter Fun Day" was offered to residents complete with outdoor activities, a warming fire and hot chocolate during the first weekend of school vacation week. While the snow cover was far less plentiful than just one week before, there were a variety of activities for

people. The day was organized by the Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, Friends of North Andover Trails and Moor & Mountain of Andover.

Ward Reservation is a 695-acre conservation property with 13 miles of trails in both Andover and North Andover. Ward Reservation has the highest point in Essex County, the 420-foot Holt Hill, from which one can see Boston.



Paula Eldridge of Andover warms up by the fire before going on a birding walk around the Ward Reservation during the Trustees of Reservations' Winter Fun Day on Sunday.



▲ Sam Brosnan, 7, of Andover and Caroline Collins, 8, of Methuen roast marshmallows to make s'mores at the Ward Reservation in Andover.



◀ Joseph Livingstone, 10, shows his mother, Zuzana Livingstone, where he spotted several birds' nests at the Ward Reservation during the Trustees of Reservations Winter Fun Day on Sunday.

Teacher called 1950s kids to school with handbell

By Bill Dalton



When Cathy Wojtkun thinks of the former Indian Ridge School, she remembers, "It was the very best time: small classes, everyone knew each other and each other's families, and we all walked to and from school."

The school was on Cuba Street, was in session from 1893 to 1952, and was torn down in 1958, as I said in my column last week. Cathy says, "The children were called to school by Miss Kelsey, who used a large, hand-held bell. The bell called kids to class in the morning and at recess and lunch. I walked to and from school with Jackie Ball. He lived next door to us on Lincoln Circle. We cut through the fields behind the school and came out on what is now [West] Middle School, formerly my high school."

Cathy graduated from Andover High School in 1963 and now lives in Nashua, N.H. She says, "I remember having Christmas concerts in the 'attic' of the

building. If my memory serves me correctly, there were four classrooms, most of which held multiple grades. There was a central staircase that led to the 'attic' or big room where we all gathered for assemblies. I remember Mrs. Sweet being so nice to all of us. Her name was perfect! I loved school then and couldn't wait to get there in the morning, thanks to this teacher. Unfortunately, the school was torn down. It should have been saved!"

Cathy went to kindergarten and first grade at Indian Ridge, and was there when the school closed. Irv Stowers was there as well. He sent a picture that appeared in the Andover Townsman on June 26, 1952. It shows students in front of the school on the day it closed forever. The picture can be seen on the online version of the Townsman (www.andovertownsmen.com), and we'd like to identify as many people as possible.

Irv's remembers "a very old and dingy bathroom in the basement that had a giant door." He says, "One day I went to the bathroom and the door broke off of the hinges and fell on the floor. It scared me to death."

Irv lives in Livermore, Calif. and is retired from the Lawrence Livermore

National Laboratory. He and his wife Patty travel all over the world on behalf of the "Alliance for Smiles," an organization that repairs cleft lips and palates in children.

Robert Stefani and Phil Christie went to Indian Ridge School a decade and more before the school closed, and they had a long talk about it last week. They discussed the "rattan," a switch used for corporal punishment that was kept in the custody of the principal, Mrs. Brown.

Phil came very close to falling victim to the rattan when he was caught whispering by his teacher, Mrs. Dodson. However, when she saw little Phil trembling at the thought of the punishment, she let him off on his promise never to whisper again. Phil recalls only one boy who was punished with the rattan.

Phil and Robert agreed that Mrs. Dodson was a stickler for politeness and neatness. Robert says they were required to keep their fingernails clean with "an orange stick from F.W. Woolworths." He mentions that Mrs. Dodson had a standard response when she saw children who didn't cover their mouths when they yawned. She'd say, "I can see your breakfast!"

Robert said Phil had a coveted patrol leader job and "guided his charges to lunch and home." Robert envied the patrol leaders but didn't qualify for the job because he lived across the street from the school. Phil was picked by the American Automobile Association as one of the few patrol leaders in the nation to go on a trip to Washington D.C.

According to Robert, Miss Miriam Sweeney, who founded the Punchard All Girl Band, visited Indian Ridge "to raise our level of music appreciation." Donald Dunn, for whom the high school gym is named, came to help their physical growth by teaching athletic games. Robert's favorite teacher at Indian Ridge was Miss Kyle. His sixth grade class gave her a gold necklace when they left Indian Ridge to go to junior high.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and would like to hear about other older schools he has not previously written about. Some of those are: Bailey, Chandler, Osgood, Richardson (also known as Frye Village School), Abbot Village, John Dove and Samuel Jackson schools. You can send him an e-mail at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

BOOMERVENTURE OFFERINGS

■ **Women's Work for Boomer Babes:** Shows that women's work can include the wonderful world of home repair, leaky faucets, sticky doors, running toilets, etc., led by Susan Johnson, contractor and team leader for Habitat for Humanity's all-women building team. One-time-only session. E-mail specific questions and Johnson will work up an answer for the evening on March 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.

■ **Boomer Book Club:** Every third Thursday at 7:15 p.m. All programs are held Thursday evenings at the BoomerVenture Campus, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting www.boomerventure.com. For information, call Karen at (978) 623-8381.

■ "Thinkin' Spring," is the

theme for the coming BoomerVenture Campus semester. The "Thinkin' Spring" spring semester program will offer the most varied mix of classic and new BoomerVenture courses yet. Registration starts Thursday, Feb. 19. New classes begin Mar 12. All classes are held at 30 Whittier Court on Thursday evenings, unless noted.

■ **Energize With Exercise:** Thursdays, March 12 through April 30, May 7 through June 25, 6 to 7 p.m., \$50 for eight weeks

■ **Serenity Yoga 2 levels:** relaxing beginner and moderate yoga. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Held on Thursdays, March 12 through April 30, May 7 through June 25, Beginner: 6 to 7 p.m., Moderate: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., \$50 for eight weeks

■ **Nordic Walking:** Explore Avis trails with off-road Nordic

suitable for intermediate. Enjoy the town with in-town Nordic suitable for beginners. First class meets at 30 Whittier Court. Special poles provided. Off road begins April 6, 6 to 7 p.m.; in-town begins April 7, 6 to 7 p.m.; \$40 for six weeks. A demonstration and information evening will be held at 6 on March 30.

■ **BoomerBridge:** Building on the fundamentals beginner's class. Led by Terry Kay Bargar, accredited bridge instructor on March 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30, May 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$110 for six weeks.

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March 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20; portion of proceeds go to Lawrence's Habitat for Humanity.

■ **Health & Nutrition 2 new programs:** positive eating: learn to eat both for pleasure and health while choosing the best foods for your mind and body. Stop the diet cycle. March 26 and April 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$15 per session or \$25 for both sessions.

■ **Mind over Memory:** Delve into the mind boggling issue of memory. What is normal? How do lifestyles and stress affect memory? Lecture and exercises. Thursdays, April 16-30, 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$40 for three weeks

■ **Coping with Care Giving:** Local resources and support for those involved in senior caregiving on May 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., \$5 donation per night.

SENIOR NOTES

"Soup's on Series:" Thursday, March 5, pre-registration is necessary. Soup, dessert and beverages served at 12:30 p.m., \$2. Speaker at 1 p.m. "Andover Reads" will be a six week community wide celebration starting on April 1 and will include musical performances, film series, book discussions, photography exhibits, theater productions and more. The senior center is pleased to be a community partner in this exciting adventure. To find out more about all the upcoming events, plan to attend this presentation and get all the information first hand from Emily Classon, community services librarian, Memorial Hall Library.

Share your story: Do you have stories or pictures of your personal or family history from the Great Depression or Dust Bowl Years of the 1930s? If so, we'd

like to talk with you about possibly participating in a community discussion coming up this spring. Contact Pat at the senior center.

Tax preparation: AARP tax preparers will be available at the senior center in February and March. These volunteers have been trained and certified to assist with simple tax forms only. To schedule an appointment, contact the senior center.

Drop-in art: The senior center provides drop-in art space on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is not necessary for this open studio time and all mediums and levels are welcome. Just come join in; there's a chair waiting for you. Art instruction requires pre-registration and is offered Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

Winter photography class: Two session class, Monday, Feb. 23, and Monday, March 2, \$10. Advance registration. The first session will take place in a field at a local AVIS property. Workshop is suitable for either film or digital cameras. The second session will take place at the center and the focus will be on image editing and processing instructor is award winning photographer, Jack Holmes.

Men's breakfast: Friday, Feb. 20, at 8:30 a.m., \$4, pre-registration is required. Journey to Alaska. Come and meet author and Alaskan expert Debbie Miller, who has lived in the land of the Midnight Sun for the last 30 years. Miller has an extraordinary slide show that focuses on the wilderness and wildlife surrounding her home in Fairbanks and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. She is also the author of

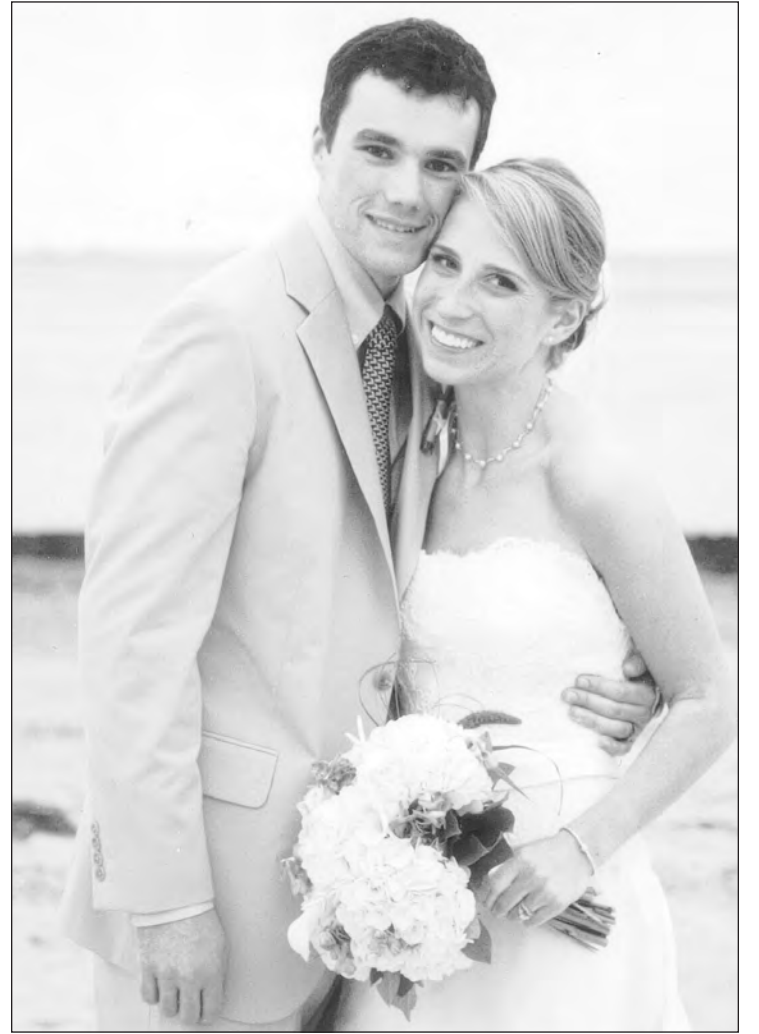
numerous books on the Alaskan wilderness.

Performing Groups: The performing groups welcome new members. Choral group meets Monday morning at 9 a.m., tambourine group rehearses on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., tap dance troupe meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., and the play reading theater group meet on the first Monday of the month at 11 a.m. Experience is not necessary.

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Candidates Forum: The Council On Aging will host a candidates' forum at the senior center on Friday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. Voting is March 24. Moderator will be Stefani Traina Goldsheim, president of the Andover and North Andover League Of Women Voters. Complimentary continental breakfast will be served. Pre-registration would be appreciated to plan the space.

WEDDING



Ashley E. Marcham and David R. MacDougall

Ashley E. Marcham and David R. MacDougall were married Sept. 13, 2008 at Chatham Bar Inn in Chatham, with the Rev. Jack Daniel officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marcham of Vernon, Conn. and Eastham. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and is a pharmacist at Stop and Shop in Medford.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. MacDougall of Andover. He graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance and writes market analysis for The Street Com. The couple traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon and live in Melrose.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Neena Goldthwaite, a first-grader at Bancroft Elementary, donated her hair to Locks of Love. On the car ride home she said to her Mom, "I can do this again in about four years!"



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Arts & Entertainment

Hard Rock a stepping stone Local band One Step Away has Sunday gig in Boston

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER
Local rock band One Step Away took a big step forward in December after the release of its debut EP, "One Decision." When its first order of compact discs arrived, vocalist Adam Carrington wasn't sure what the musicians would do with them all.

"We had so many," he said. "I was like, 'How are we going to sell all these?'" Within a week, the band sold more than 200 copies. "It kind of showed us that people enjoy our music, which is what you want to do," said Carrington, a sophomore at Andover High School. "It gave us a boost of confidence."

On Sunday, Feb. 22, One Step Away will take that confidence and a second batch of CDs to the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston, where the teens will play from 5 to 7 p.m. The band will play the Cavern Club Room, which has a capacity of 400 people. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

"It's going to be a big gig for us," said Mike Nuzzolo, the bassist in One Step Away and an Andover High sophomore. "We've never played anything as big as the Hard Rock, so this is going to be a new experience for us." Formed in July of 2007 with



Courtesy photo
The band One Step Away, featuring members Terence Healy, lead guitar; Alex Kwmuntis, drums; Andover resident Adam Carrington, lead vocals, and Andover resident Mike Nuzzolo, bass, will play at the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston this weekend.

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Never too early for Fat Tuesday



TIM JEAN/Staff photos
Anna Pomeroy, left, 8, Katie Tsai, center, 7, and Meriem Zouaoui, 8, play a game of "Pass the baby until the music stops" to decide who will be the queen for the parade during a children's Mardi Gras Party at Memorial Hall Library. Anna won the game.



Jacob Colon, 5, left, passes out beads to Henry Pomeroy, 4, during a children's Mardi Gras Party at Memorial Hall Library Tuesday. Jacob was the winner of the game and was the king for a parade. The children learned about the Mardi Gras celebration, crafted crowns, passed out beads, marched around the Children's Room Library, and even had some cake.



Ella Gottfried, 6, colors a paper crown during a children's Mardi Gras Party at Memorial Hall Library Tuesday.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

WATERCOLORS FROM THE ADDISON'S COLLECTION, with Susan C. Faxon, Curator of Art, 11 a.m. to noon, School Room, Abbot Hall, Abbot Campus, Phillips Academy, Andover; 978-749-4023.

AUTHOR READING, 7 p.m., free. Jenna Blum will be reading from her novel, "Those Who Save Us." In this dark and powerful story of remembrance, Trudy searches for her early history. She found an old family photo that shows her as a child standing between her mother and a Nazi officer. Her mother has never spoken of their past in Germany. Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

"CELTIC HEARTH AND HOME: TALES AND TUNES," with musicians Jim and Maggi Dalton, a Celtic Musical Program and raffle, to benefit IMHCT.ORG and The American History and Music Festival, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., Cornerstone Books, 45 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass.; www.cornerstonebooks-salem.com, 978-744-1831.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

A YEAR WITH FROG & TOAD, 10 a.m., at Memorial Hall Library. Actors do a couple of scenes from the Broadway musical based on the whimsical stories by Arnold Lobel, and a reading from the books during a 30-minute presentation. The public is welcome, ages 5 and older. Memorial Hall Library, Andover; 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or visit www.mhl.org.

CONCERT, Academy Concert Bands and ensembles, 7:30 p.m., under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby. Program will include works by Nellybel, Shostakovich, Saucedo, and Elgar. Free, at Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

OVERNIGHT CAMPING, on Serio's Grove Conservation land, off Lowell Junction Road, Andover, weather permitting. The site is impassable by vehicle so be prepared to hike everything in by pack, sled, toboggan or whatever. The site is about a quarter of a mile in from the parking lot. Parking available in the Watson company lot off Lowell Junction Road. Younger children are welcome but be aware that the river is treacherous with steep slippery frozen banks. There is lots of thin ice, as well as open water, and the site is close to the banks; contact is Robert Decelle, rddecelle@hotmail.com or 978-409-2375.

CHINESE ART OPENING, exhibition of works from the foremost collection of contemporary Chinese art, Peabody Essex Museum, through May 17. PEM is the exclusive East Coast venue for Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection, featuring paintings, sculptures, photographs, installations and video.

AWESOME OWLS, learn about the natural history of owls, discover what they eat by dissecting an owl pellet, and search for them on the refuge, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dress for the weather. Ages 6 to 10; hosted by Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, free; massaudubon.org/eaglefestival.

LIVE PIANO MUSIC, with pianist Diane Dexter, 3 p.m., free, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

LIVE RHYTHM AND BLUES, with Bluesman Guy Davis, 8 p.m., The New Moon Coffeehouse, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill. For tickets and more information call 978-459-5134 or visit www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

BOOK BINGO AND BUDDIES, 10 a.m. for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; 978-623-8401, ext. 31, or visit www.mhl.org.

"SHUTTING UP PEGGY LEE!", 2 p.m., at the Rogers Center. Susan Poulin delves into the question, "Is there life after middle age?" in this humorous one woman self-examination. Advance tickets \$18, advance students and seniors \$15, all tickets at door \$20 and student rush \$5. Call 978-837-5355 or visit online at www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, 6:30 p.m. The Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students. Free, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street, Andover.

MARDI-GRAS CELEBRATION, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport, invites public to "Grecian Blue Hawaii" (snow date, Feb. 22) from 6 to 11 p.m. All welcome. Tickets at door: \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors and students; \$5 for children under 12. Aloha wear optional; 978-465-5757.

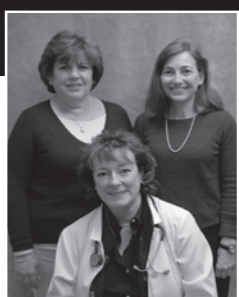
"CREEP SHOW - A GROUP SHOW OF FIGURE PAINTINGS", Alexander (Alex) Giavis, curator, at University Of Massachusetts/Lowell (UML), Dugan Gallery, Dugan Hall Basement, 883 Broadway Street, Lowell, MA, Feb. 21 to 29. Artist reception will take place Monday, Feb. 23 from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"LOCATING THE GARDEN," 3 to 5 p.m., Gelb Gallery, George Washington Hall, Chapel Ave., Phillips Academy campus. The opening reception

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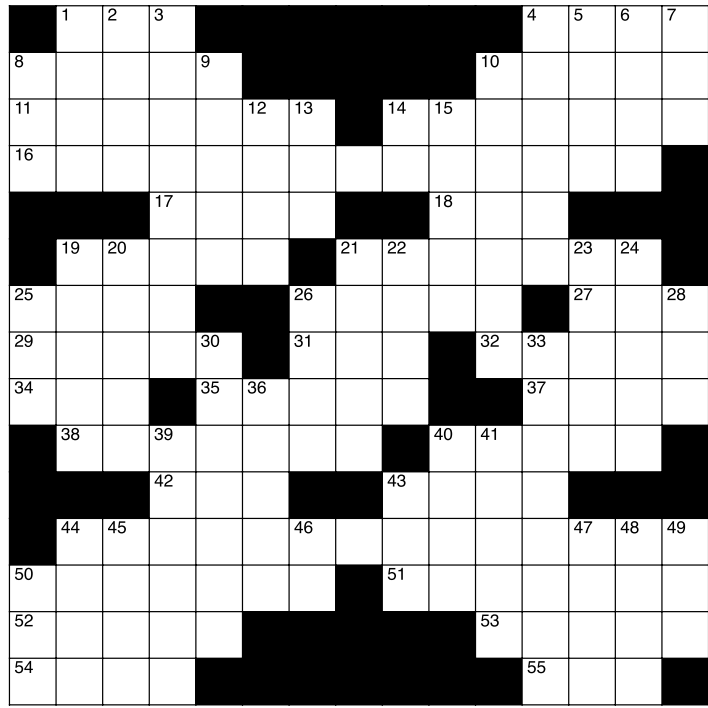
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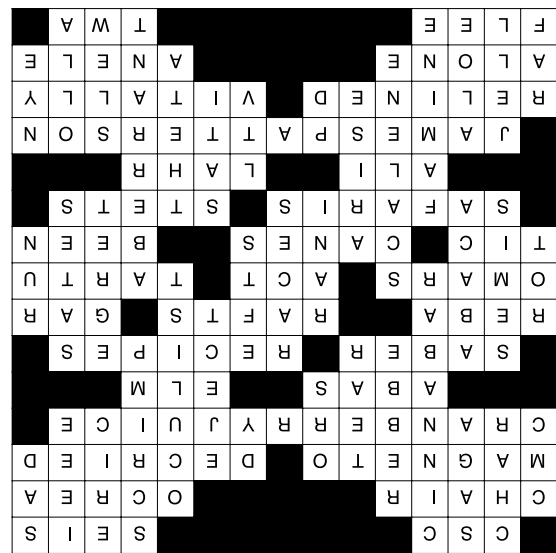
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4. Six (Spanish)
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14. Condemned
16. Bog beverage
17. Concert pianist Elisha
18. Timber or shade tree
19. Heavy cavalry sword
21. Cooking formulas
25. Fancy singer McEntire
26. Flat floating structures
27. Needlefish
29. Belongs to Khayyam
31. Behave in a certain manner
32. SE Estonian city
34. Goes with tuck
35. Rattans
37. Existed
38. Hunting expeditions
40. ___ on: felt fedora
42. 4th caliph of Islam
43. Bert ___ Oz Lion
44. "1st To Die" author
50. Put in new lining
51. Life-sustaining
52. Unaccompanied
53. To anoint

CLUES DOWN

1. Burn the surface
2. Heroic tale
3. Mercury sulfide
4. Spend significantly less
5. Musician Clapton
6. Sets electronic standards
7. Sorrowful
8. Certified Master Chef
9. Hasidic spiritual leader
10. Eye disease specialist
12. Eye secretion
13. Many not ands
14. Atomic #66
15. Discharge a DVD
19. Big trucks
20. Manila hemp

21. Speed contests
22. Terrestrial news
23. White heron
24. Fills to satisfaction
25. Decay
26. Lady Raja
28. Foot race
30. An uneven triangle
33. Markedly different from the norm
36. Spring up in rebellion
39. Scarcity of food
40. ___sfy: fulfill
41. The 8th Greek letter
43. Loan to value (ratio)
44. Congeal
45. ___ vera: burnt palm
46. Atomic #46
47. Large indefinite amount
48. Leaf of the talipot palm
49. "The Science Guy" Bill
50. British air ace

Solution



BAND: Local group to play at Hard Rock in Boston

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Wilmington resident Terence Healy on lead guitar, the band has recently added drummer and Peabody resident Alex Kwmuntis. One Step Away lists Guns 'N Roses, Green Day, Third Eye Blind, Three Doors Down, Breaking Benjamin, Fall Out Boy, Three Days Grace, Nickelback and The Beatles as their influences. After a relatively slow start, Nuzzolo said the band is playing more shows and getting

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its name out there. Last month, the band made it to the top 10 of an online battle of the bands, after initially

competing against thousands other bands across the country. One Step Away was named a winner of the Boston Music Festival Alternative Rock Genre last year. The band has also kept busy writing new material and will debut three songs this weekend. "Every song we write, it just keeps getting better and better," said Carrington. "We all keep improving as songwriters the more we write."

EVENTS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, FEB. 24

for the new art exhibit, an individual and collaborative work by local artists Cathy McLaurin and Gayle Caruso. The exhibit will be displayed until March 27. Free.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

TALK, "Welcome to the Birthing House: What I learned from a Midwife in Mali," with author Kris Holloway, part of Northern Essex Community College's White Fund Lecture Series, 2 p.m., the White Fund Room in Northern Essex's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78-82 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

LIVE CLASSICAL PIANO, with Worcester pianist Davis Pihl. The works of Beethoven and Chopin with the Essex Chamber Music Players, Technology Center conference area at Northern Essex's Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., at 2:30 p.m., with a snow date of Sunday, March 1.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

LIVE BISTRO MUSIC, with musician Archie Richards, 7 p.m., free, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gosard at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover. Drumming 7-8:30 p.m. with dessert and coffee to follow. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own. The cost is \$15 with pre-registration or \$20 at the door. Call 978-682-8815 or go to the Web site: www.rollingridge.org.

NEWCOMERS CLUB OF THE ANDOVERS NEW MEMBER COFFEE, 10 a.m., meet a club representative at Panera Bread in North Andover to learn about the club and have a cup of coffee on us. There is a New Member coffee the first Tuesday of every month. No RSVP is necessary, but if you have questions you can contact Stephanie Gutowsky at 978-655-4560.

NON VIOLENCE IN IRAQ FILM, Sept. 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows sept film and discussion about a nonviolence group in Iraq, La'Onf, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in North Andover. Sponsored by Merrimack Valley People for Peace, Mary Todd, 978-687-7864.

MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD BOOK DISCUSSION, 3:45 p.m., Memorial

Hall Library. Librarians will discuss Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood. Children in grades 4 to 6 are asked to register and read the book before this program; Memorial Hall Library, Andover; 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or visit www.mhl.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

DR. CHRIS WHITTIER '87, of the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project will discuss his time in Rwanda studying and treating over 700 Gorillas on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium, Chapel Ave., PA Campus. Free.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., free, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

TOUR GREATER LAWRENCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL, and meet some of their business partners, 9 to 11 a.m. Call F. Larson at 978-686-0194, ext. 1008 to make a reservation.

ANNUAL "CITY OF GOD" LECTURE, featuring Martin Marty, "Traveling with a traveler" man: St. Augustine's Revised Vision for Us." In this lecture, he will draw upon the wisdom of St.

Augustine about traveling the way, developing personal vocations, and moving forward; 3:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. For information, contact Augustinian Center at 978-837-5217.

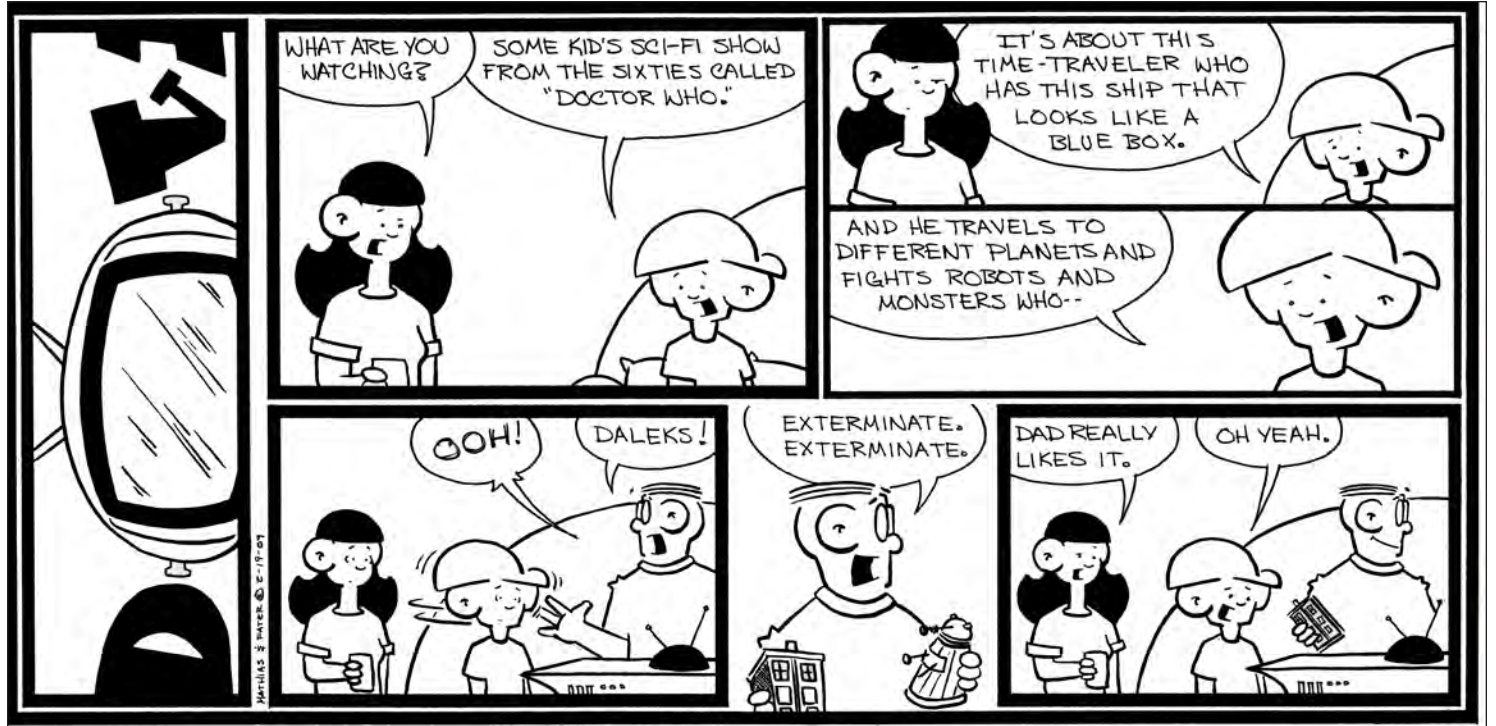
IT'S A MYSTERY, 3:45 p.m., for ages 8-11, who love detective stories. Each week club will discuss new and favorite mystery authors, create coded messages, try on disguises, and have a surprise visitor. Final mission: solve a Memorial Hall Mystery. Registration is required by Feb. 20, as space is limited. The program will run Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19; Memorial Hall Library.

CARDIAC PATIENT AND HOSPICE, presented by Merrimack Valley Hospice, 7:45 a.m., free, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

LIVE THEATER, ACT Andover presents Cole Porter: What a Swell Party This Is, an evening of song and dance, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$17 seniors/students and can be purchased by calling 978-289-4123 or online at www.actandover.com.

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For many years now Yokohama Japanese Steak House has been one of the bright spots in the Merrimack Valley dining scene, serving Japanese and Korean cuisine for both lunch and dinner. Owners Jin Won Jun and Young Hee Jun offer their guests a variety of dining options, including a sushi bar. The dining room features Teppanyaki tables and the bar serves mixed drinks, brand name liquors, beer, wine, sake, and cordials to enjoy before dinner or with your meal. The menu offers a delightful selection of dishes, from the vegetable and shrimp tempura to the more unusual Seafood Junco, a mouthwatering spicy seafood dish served in casserole. Yokohama chefs are skilled in the Japanese tradition of beautiful presentation that enhances one's enjoyment of the delicious food. They insist on meticulous preparation and use only the finest and freshest ingredients. Nowhere else is that more evident than in the superb sashimi, sushi, and maki served at the sushi bar and in the dining room. The chefs are also happy to accommodate special requests, including vegetarian dishes. The Teppanyaki Dinner is a favorite with both adults and children. Everyone loves the drama of having an attentive Yokohama chef prepare their meal on a grill at their Teppanyaki table. With a choice of filet mignon, sirloin steak, chicken, fish, and shellfish, these complete dinners include soup, Habachi Shrimp Appetizer, salad, fresh oriental vegetables, rice, and tea. Yokohama is a favorite place to celebrate special occasions. Adding to the fun, your party is memorialized with a picture that joins a multitude of others on the wall. Yokohama Steak House meals are very reasonably priced, and weekday lunch specials offer many appetizing choices at good prices. Take out is also available. Yokohama is located at 311-313 S. Broadway (Rte. 28), South Lawrence, near the Andover line. Hours are Mon. 5 to 10 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m., Fri.- Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 11 p.m., Sun. 2 to 10 p.m. Telephone: 978-689-4047. Reservations are recommended.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Resident recognized in magazine

For the third year in a row, Andover resident **W. Sanford (Sandy) Durland III** was recognized in the Boston Magazine, Super Lawyer in the area of family law and domestic relations. The magazine extended this honor to only 5 percent of attorneys in New England.

Durland is a 1983 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, a 1987 graduate of the Northeastern University School of Law and is of counsel to Schmidt & Federico, P.C. in Boston.

He lives in Andover with his wife, Kathy, and two children, Abby and Carter.

Butler Bank announces promotions

The following employees were elected for promotions at the Butler Bank annual meeting held late last year. In announcing the promotions Janet Bruno, president, said that "promoting from within the Butler Bank family gives us a sense of satisfaction, knowing that our employees are improving their job skills to meet the demands of a changing financial marketplace."

Charlette Weeden-West has been promoted to vice president. Since 1997, she was the CFO for Marlborough Co-Operative, which is now a division of Butler Bank. She is responsible for the finance department and is treasurer of the Bank. Weeden-West resides in East Hampstead, N.H.

Evan Cline has been promoted to assistant treasurer/controller. This position involves preparing the bank's financial statements, board reports and regulatory reporting. Cline resides in Worcester.

Heather Burns has been promoted to assistant vice president/retail sales and development. In addition to being the branch manager in Andover, she will also work with all branches on training, sales and development. Burns resides in Nashua, N.H.

Pennoni Associates welcomes senior project manager

Pennoni Associates, an award-winning consulting engineering firm headquartered in Philadelphia, announces that **Paul G. Keane, P.E.**, has joined its Andover office. As a senior project manager, he will manage civil site public infrastructure

and permitting projects, QA/QC, and business development activities for the New England region.

With more than 30 years of experience working in both the public and private sectors, Keane specializes in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

Keane holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University in Boston. He and his wife, Norma, reside in East Walpole, and have three sons.

Hume joins Wright-Pierce

Wright-Pierce announces that **Jon W. Hume, P.E.** has joined Wright-Pierce Andover office as senior project manager in the Wastewater Practice Group. Hume has extensive experience designing and managing municipal infrastructure projects and will play an instrumental role in developing and managing the firm's Massachusetts work.

He is an active member in the New England Water Environment Association and serves as a plant operation committee member. He has developed and conducted numerous operations and maintenance staff training programs, and has been involved in professional development programs for new engineers.

Hume resides in Newton.

College hires director of institutional research

Merrimack College President Ronald Champagne announces that **Kim S. Bridgeo** will serve as the director of institutional research for Merrimack College. She began her position in early February.

As director of institutional research, Bridgeo will provide analytical support services to Merrimack's faculty and administration, as well as various other college stakeholders.

Bridgeo recently served as director in the Office of Institutional Research & Planning at Bentley University in Waltham. Bridgeo received an M.A. 2002 from the University of Notre Dame sociology in Notre Dame, Ind.; and a B.A. 1999 Providence College sociology in Providence, R.I. She is also published and has presented at several conferences. She resides with her husband in Ayer.



As a fundraiser for the ALS Association, Indra Salon in Andover is donating a percentage of the proceeds from every red hair extension it does in February. A group of youngsters recently went in for some red extensions, supporting sisters Jessica and Gabriella Bresnick, whose grandmother has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Pictured in the waiting area at Indra are, from left, Ashley Slivka, 5, from North Andover; Erica Flowers, 5, from Andover; Taylor Sousa, 2, Andover; Farrah Sousa, 5, Andover; Lainie DeBonis, 5, Andover; Jessica Bresnick, 5, Andover; Gabriella Bresnick, 3, Andover; and in front of the couch is Katrina Garcia, 5, of Lawrence.

Indra extends hand to ALS fight

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

You may have noticed a few more red-heads in town this month, thanks to a fundraiser at Indra Salon.

Teenaged and young girls, as well as adult women, have been flocking to the Elm Street salon for red hair extensions to raise money for research on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Indra is donating a percentage of the proceeds from each of the \$14 colored hair extensions it does during February to the nonprofit ALS Association. During the first two weeks of February, the salon did close to 50 extensions, said Rebecca Gounaris, an apprentice manager and extension specialist at Indra.

The colored hair, attached in a single-strand extension, has caught on with youth in town, Gounaris said. Andover cheerleaders and athletes have come in as a team to get matching extensions, and the salon has even received early requests for colored extensions to match spring prom dresses.

"It's snowballed. It's been fantastic ... It's quite the trend," Gounaris said. "We have young girls come in, and then their

mothers want them too. We have groups of girlfriends come in, and we make it a night out for them."

The hair extension craze began in October, when Indra offered pink hair extensions to raise money for breast cancer research. In its third October, the extension fundraiser brought in \$5,000 in October 2008, Gounaris said.

Since then, the salon has picked a different charity and different color hair extension each month. This month, the fundraising is "hitting home" at Indra, Gounaris said, because the salon has a regular client whose husband recently passed away from ALS.

The extensions are a single strand of real human hair, dyed in bright colors. Ten members of Indra's staff are trained to attach the extensions, which are affixed with a special protein and heating mechanism.

After the strand is attached, the Indra stylist trims the red hair to match the person's existing style, and the extension will stay in place for several weeks.

Andover resident Kim Sousa took her daughters, Taylor, 2 and Farrah, 5, to Indra for red hair extensions, meeting a group of friends from a dance class. One of the

girls in her daughter's dance class, Jessica Bresnick, has a grandmother with ALS.

Although the eight dancers, ranging in age from age 2 to 5, do not fully understand what ALS is, they knew the red hair extensions were for a good cause, Sousa said. Several of the mothers from the group also went red, including Sousa.

The raised eyebrows she and her girls get in the grocery store and around town allow her to explain the ALS effort, Sousa said.

"Everybody asks you about them. I think I shocked a lot of people at work," said Sousa, chuckling. "People ask, and it opens up a conversation. The red hair definitely seems to be getting people's attention, and raising awareness."

The California-based ALS Association is a nonprofit that funds research, patient and community services, public education, and advocacy about the disease.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control and paralysis in some cases. There is not yet a cure or treatment that halts or reverses ALS.

Appointments for the colored extensions are only required for large groups, Gounaris said.

We have a winner



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Mark Engelberg, right, president of the Lawrence Rotary Club, and Paula Leed, co-owner of Royal Jewelers, watch as Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan pulls the winning ticket in the Valentine's Day fundraiser drawing for a sterling silver briolette cut black onyx/diamond studded necklace at Royal Jewelers in Andover Friday afternoon. The necklace, valued at \$1,000 and seen on the left, was donated by Paula Leed and her brother, Steve, owners of Royal Jewelers of Andover. The raffle, sponsored by the Lawrence Rotary Club was held to raise money for scholarships for inner-city children.

Qdoba and zpizza added to the menu

Exit41 Inc., a provider of online ordering and call center software and services for the restaurant industry, has added two restaurants to those served by its newly expanded call center in Andover: Qdoba Mexican Grill and zpizza.

Qdoba is a Colorado-based fast, casual Mexican concept and a wholly owned subsidiary of Jack in the Box Inc., and zpizza is a Southern California-based gourmet pizza restaurant.

Since the 2006 grant of a U.S. patent for its restaurant call center, Exit41 has begun taking off-premise catering orders and ASAP orders for takeout and delivery.

"Many restaurants come to us because they are challenged with effectively serving both customers on the phone and customers

inside the restaurant. During busy periods the phone can sometimes go unanswered," said Joseph Gagnon, chief executive officer of Exit41. "Exit41's role is to ensure that all orders are captured, while at the same time consistently providing a superior level of service and maximizing the dollar amount for each order."

Exit41 staffs the Andover center with professional agents, each of whom receive 30 hours of training, it says. Agents are able to focus on taking the customer's complete order, while providing "order consultation, which results in a higher average check size," according to a release from the company. "In addition to taking inbound orders, agents leverage a central customer database to make proactive outbound

calls and drive sales for the restaurant."

Qdoba Mexican Grill has more than 150 corporate and franchised locations using Exit41's call center services, with plans to rollout to all of its more than 450 locations nationwide by midyear.

"Catering is a core growth strategy for Qdoba, and we're excited about the potential advantages that utilizing Exit41 will bring to our system," said Karen Guido, vice president of marketing for Qdoba Mexican Grill.

"We consider the Exit41 call center an extension of our restaurants and of our brand. So far, with this centralized model we are seeing higher check sizes and are able to simplify restaurant operations so our employees

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Exit41 also is taking orders during peak periods for 25 zpizza restaurants, with plans for a full rollout for 82 stores by midyear.

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Matthew Chiasson, left, a fifth-grader at St. Augustine School, hands over his money for deposit to Patrick Goad, right, who is one of several bank "tellers" at the school bank.

In-school banking

10-year-old program teaches 14 and under financial responsibility

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

For 10 years, students at St. Augustine School have been saving money — sometimes penny by penny — and in turn, learning financial responsibility at an in-school bank.

Every Thursday morning, the third-floor of the private Catholic school on Central Street transforms into a branch of NorthMark Bank, with fifth-grade students working as tellers. Students come in before the first bell rings, clutching blue bank deposit books and money they want to deposit. Sometimes they have a handful of change they've collected from doing chores around the house, other times it's birthday money from a grandparent or a few dollars they've earned dog-sitting or mowing lawns.

Interest isn't the only thing students gain from opening an account, said Maria Sannella, a St. Augustine School mom who started the in-school banking program a decade ago with Maria Maranto, a NorthMark banker. Lessons in finance come as well, from learning how to keep track of their bank books to the math skills and accuracy required in filling out deposit slips, she said.

"It's good for the kids to have a sense of saving," said Sannella. "They consider this a serious thing, and they're proud to work on it."

Students and staff at the kindergarten through eighth-grade school have the option to open a passbook savings accounts at the in-school bank. When St. A.'s students reach the end of their time at the school, they



Ted Falvey, a first-grader at St. Augustine School, counts his money for deposit at the school bank. The school has partnered with NorthMark Bank for the last 10 years to have a bank branch at the school.

close their school account, taking their hard-saved money with them, plus earned interest.

"We love it," said Maranto of the partnership with St. Augustine's. "They're very responsible, and it's great for the kids to learn how to save. Hopefully, this is starting a savings habit that will continue into adulthood. It's important for their future."

Maranto gave the example of one little girl who opened her account with \$5.04, and faithfully comes in with a deposit

every week, even if it's just a few coins.

To withdraw, students must bring in a note of parental permission. Often, students use money they've saved to put toward the eighth-grade class trip, or a large item they've been saving for, such as a bicycle, said Sannella. After years of saving, some students have more than \$1,000 to withdraw as eighth-graders.

The bank is a few years ahead of its time. State Sen. Sue Tucker

is now proposing that the state's public schools should offer some kind of financial literacy program.

Each Thursday, Sannella and Maranto supervise the fifth-grade tellers, and parent volunteers Lisa Lacourse and Tricia Ferrari help with transactions and make sure the deposits slips and cash collected balance.

NorthMark covers all the costs, such as bank books and other supplies, of the in-school bank. The bank also supplies a gift for every student who opens a new account. Last week, for Valentine's Day, Maranto brought in a large teddy bear clutching a red stuffed heart. Every student making a deposit that day had their names put into a raffle for the Valentine's bear.

The idea for an in-school bank at St. Augustine's came from Sannella, who had previously taught at another school that had an in-school bank. Once she contacted NorthMark, the program got rolling right away, said Sannella. The St. A.'s branch celebrated its official 10-year anniversary on Jan. 12, with balloons and give-aways for students.

NorthMark Bank is an independent community bank with a branch on Park Street in Andover. This year, the in-school bank at St. Augustine School has about 250 accounts, between students and staff.

Last Thursday, Sannella supervised the controlled chaos before the bell rang, as students, dressed in their school uniforms, swarmed the third-floor bank, laughing and talking.

"We're in competition with the school store," said Sannella, smiling. "They're torn whether to buy or to save."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS ON PAGE 5 TODAY

By Ken Seifert



Andover resident Ken Seifert was superintendent of schools from 1969 to 1991. He has started a regular column

in which he will answer educational questions, write about life, raising children, his time leading the Andover schools and, sometimes, compare events and approaches of the past to those used today. Here, he

writes about one of his last days on the job in Andover.

If every retiring superintendent could experience what I did as my career in Andover was ending they would know the essence of job satisfaction. I can relive almost every moment.

Phil Wormwood, the high school principal and my fishing buddy, called and told me not to plan anything on a certain day a few weeks away, and not to ask questions. I hung up and asked Mrs. McNally, my secretary, "What's up?" With a straight face she said, "Dr. Seifert, I really don't know."

A couple of typical weeks later I was twiddling my

thumbs, when a school bus appeared. It was driven by one of my best friends, Rino Tacconi. Out jumped Mr. Wormwood, who said we were going to visit the schools. I had no idea of what was to unfold. There were very few things that happened in the schools about which I didn't know something. Besides, my friend, the very loyal Mrs. McNally, normally would have given me a heads up as she had done on hundreds of occasions in our years together. The CIA could not have done a better job on me.

The students and staff had planned a schedule. I visited each school and by the end of the day had been face to face

with every student and staff member in the school system. Each school had different scripts that related directly to my personal life and some of my tendencies as superintendent. One school did a skit regarding snow days in the Andover Schools. The students really loved the actors telling me I was a very insensitive man to the many days they had to brave the elements when other towns were more sensible. I would always tell them, "You don't like me now, but you will love me in June."

When the bus pulled up to the West Junior High, on schedule, Mr. Hart, the principal, met me with his school band. As

we walked through the halls they played "There's No Business Like Show Business." At administrative council meetings I would sing a few bars of that tune when the going really got rough. At various times when the press was on my case, I would get a call from Mr. Hart, who would sing the song and hang up. The staff and students were lined up in the halls as I said my final goodbyes. And the band played on.

One school had a special chair center stage in the school auditorium, which was packed with students and parents. The staff, parents and students walked me through the years. I was touched by the level of detail.

After visiting every school, I was driven back to my office. Mr. Wormwood said, "Time to get off the bus, school's over." I choked up as I shook Rino's hand. When I entered my office, Mrs. McNally had a smile on her face.

That evening there was a going away party sponsored by all the school groups at the Old Town Hall. I don't know if they had to pay a fee.

I was privileged to have been superintendent of schools in a great town. The staff and students had made it a most satisfying ride. A few weeks later I emptied my desk and made way for the next lucky person to have that honor.

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Sports

Brothers' bond helps lead to league title

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

On the slopes, Matt Cummings is a budding standout for the Andover High ski team that recently clinched its first North Shore Ski League title since 1994. But around the team, the freshman is affectionately known as Andy's brother.

"It's great having my brother around," said Matt. "Everyone loves him. I always hear, 'Hey, you're Andy's brother.'"

In his first varsity campaign, Matt has helped Andover to its best record in a whopping 15 years. It is also the first season Cummings has shared the slopes with his older brother, Andy, a sophomore at Andover High that is autistic.

"Andrew is an amazing skier," said mother Louise Cummings. "His autism deals with speech and communication. It doesn't affect his skiing. He goes out every day and does his best."

The Cummings family began skiing as soon as Matt and Andy were old enough to walk. By the time he was 5 years old, Matt had already found a knack for ski racing. Once he entered Andover High, there was no question he would join the Golden Warriors ski team. And prior to this season, the family decided Andy would join the team as well.

"Andy loves to ski, and we decided, 'Hey, why not,'" Matt said. "He went through tryouts and did all of the dry land training with us. He loves it, and it has been great having him around. Coach (Tom) Busta has been amazing with him."

Andy was chosen as the team's "forerunner." That job consisted of being the first athlete to ski the course at the beginning of every meet.

"Every race Andy was the first one down the course," said Busta. "He was ready and at the gates before each of his runs. He is a very good skier and a great, great kid."

With his brother setting the tone at the open of every meet, Matt Cummings delivered a tremendous varsity debut.

In a league in which all six teams compete in every event, Cummings opened hot with a seventh-place finish in the first meet of the season. He took a



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Matt Cummings flies down the snow for Andover High last week. This season, Cummings helped lead the Golden Warriors to their first league title in 15 years. He shared the accomplishments with his brother Andy, who is autistic and also skied for the team.

slight step back in the second race with an 11th, but after that finished lower than eighth only once the rest of the year and averaged a stellar time of 21.48.

"It was pretty nerve-wracking going into the season because a lot was counted on from me and the other freshmen," said Matt. "But it was really an amazing season. There is so much tradition, and it feels so good how much we did."

Music is also a passion of the Cummings family. Matt plays the violin and Andrew is a drummer. But those are a second to skiing. And Matt is thrilled to have the opportunity to share the team's accomplishments with his brother.

"It was really a two-way street," said Louise. "People have

included (Andy) in everything. He loves participating, and they love him. People do know Matt sometimes as Andy's brother."

Title town

While the dual meet season has been over for more than a week, the Golden Warriors are still savoring their title.

"Going into the season we knew we had new talent and we thought we'd do well," said sophomore standout Nick Sherman. "But we did not expect to go undefeated and win the league. That was a huge surprise. We are all really excited."

Sherman and his teammates finished with an outstanding 10-0 record. According to long-time North Andover coach Gerry Marchegiani, it was Andover's first undefeated season since

1994.

It was also the Golden Warriors' first North Shore Ski League title in Busta's 11-year tenure as head coach, and first for the team in 15 years.

"We had some young talent and good individual athletes," said Busta. "But after the first meet, the league said, 'Wow!' We really shocked the league this year. This was probably my favorite year coaching."

The Golden Warriors set the tone right away. After downing Masconomet in their first meet, they pounded defending league champion St. John's Prep (84-51) and state powerhouse North Andover (87-48) in their second time out.

"That was just unbelievable," said Sherman. "We thought we had a pretty good chance going

into the meet. But to beat them was just so overwhelming. We had quite a few really good runs. The bus ride back was really something."

The Golden Warriors did not just go undefeated — they dominated the league. Andover averaged a stellar 102.25 points, and allowed just 32.65 a meet for an average victory of 69.6 points. The closest meet was an 80-55 win in its rematch with St. John's Prep.

"When we got the thumbs up that we had beaten the Prep and North Andover, it really clicked this season was going to turn out pretty well," said sophomore Adam Carrington, who also sings the National Anthem before major meets. "This hadn't happened in so long, and that we did it this year was really special."

Sherman was the top finisher for the Golden Warriors, placing in the league's top three in all but one race, a fourth-place finish. He averaged a time of 20.96. Senior captain Eric Heath was second, placing in the top four in all but one race and averaging a stellar 20.92. Cummings and Carrington were next best.

The Warriors followed up the dual meet season by placing second to St. John's Prep at the North Shore Interscholastic All-Star meet, led by Sherman and Adam Risman. They will close out the year with the MIAA Championship on Tuesday.

"This was just huge for us," said Sherman. "This is Coach Busta's first title, and skiing is such an individual sport. It was great to pull together as a team."

Roundup: Berthiaume stars in goal as Andover ties Central

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

After fighting for playing time early in the season, Kyle Berthiaume recently received a vote of confidence.

"We made the decision last week," said Andover coach Mario Martiniello. "We looked and said, 'Kyle has been solid.' He's been a rock, so we're going with him."

On Saturday, Berthiaume showed they made the right choice.

Behind an outstanding effort by the sophomore goaltender, Andover played Super 8-bound archrival Central Catholic — the No. 2 team in Eastern Mass. — to a 1-1 tie on Saturday. That kept Andover (10-4-4, 8-2-3 MVC/DCL Division 1) alive for the league title.

"Berthiaume has come up so big for us," said forward Paul Russell. "We couldn't have done what we are doing without him. We are relying on him to play well and win games."

The netminder made a game-high 29 saves, but was at his best when it mattered most. In the final minute of play, Berthiaume turned in a pair of "ESPN highlight-reel stops" halting two shots from just outside the crease to clinch the tie.

Dynamic sophomore Russell scored the game-tying goal with 4:09 left in the game.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Kyle Berthiaume slides to make a save against Central Catholic on Saturday. His effort helped lead the Golden Warriors to a 1-1 tie with the Raiders, the No. 2 team in Eastern Mass.

"We were on the power play," he said. "My plan was to stay in and get rebounds. I was banging away at the puck and just put it home. A win would have been good, but a tie isn't bad."

Paul Russell's 14th goal of the season gave Andover a first period lead, but the Golden Warriors could not hold on and played Westford Academy to a 1-1 tie last Monday. Riki Retelle added an assist, and Kyle Berthiaume made 25 saves.

Kyle Berthiaume made 28 saves

for his second shutout of the season in a 0-0 tie with Austin Prep, the No. 15 team in Eastern Mass., last Wednesday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cooney, Cataldo deliver win

Shannon Cooney pulled in a rebound and kicked it out to Marissa Cataldo, who knocked down a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left to give Andover a 63-61 win over Lynn English in the Spartan Tourney semifinals on Sunday. Nicole Boudreau led the Golden Warriors with 20 points and

Cooney had 11 rebounds.

Natalie Gomez-Martinez notched a near triple-double, scoring 18 points and adding nine assists and eight rebounds as Andover pounded Billerica 62-38 on Friday. Alex Alois added eight points and stellar defense, and Alicia Scarpa chipped in with a pair of treys for the winners (15-4).

Despite 21 points for Nicole Boudreau, Andover fell to rival Notre Dame 69-51. Natalie Gomez-Martinez added 13 points and Alicia Scarpa netted two 3-pointers for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Oteri, Giroux score big

Sarah Oteri scored her 19th and 20th goals of the season, leading Andover to a 5-0 drubbing of Cathedral on Saturday. Nicole Giroux added a pair of goals and an assist and Heather Paonessa chipped in the final goal. Meaghan McCarthy notched two assists and Laura Cahill, Katie Shields, Danielle Paonessa and Alicia Nader each had one helper.

Megan Pettoruto made 15 saves for her seventh shutout of the season as Andover topped Reading 2-0 last Monday. Sarah Oteri scored twice, Nicole Giroux assisted on two goals and Jill Manning and

Katie Shields each had one helper.

Heather Paonessa scored goals No. 8 and 9 of the season to help Andover defeat Cambridge 5-2 last Wednesday. Lea Macheras, Alicia Nader and Sarah Oteri each added a single goal and Katie Shields, Nicole Giroux and Macheras each had two assists for the winners.

BOYS SKIING

Sherman, Warriors clinch perfect season

Nick Sherman placed second in 21.72 as Andover clinched a perfect season by defeating Masconomet 105.5-30.5. Adam Risman earned a tie for fifth (22.03) and Adam Carrington was 13th (22.60) for the winners.

Andover placed three athletes in the top 10 as the Golden Warriors took second at the North Shore Interscholastic All-Star Meet last Tuesday with 462 points. St. John's Prep won (561 points). Nick Sherman was third (42.62), Adam Risman was fifth (48.66) and Matt Cummings took seventh (50.59).

Andover's Adam Risman won the Boys Junior Division in 42.00 at the Bove Memorial Race last Thursday. Golden Warriors Ben Weiner and Nick Binder tied for second in the Boys Senior Division

in 42.44.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell 1st, Warriors 3rd

Chris McConnell won the 55 meters in 6.48 and ran on the 4x200 relay that was second in 1:33.30 as Andover placed third in the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship on Friday with 63 points. The 4x400 relay of Mark Vetere, Connor O'Neill, Kerrick Stevens and Rob Martin added the other Golden Warriors win in 3:29.24. Andrew Osborne chipped in a second in the high jump (6-0), Martin was third in the 600 (1:26.09) and Brendan Crawford was fourth in the 300 (36.57) for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Andover takes fourth

Colleen Shannon won the 1,000 in 3:03.14, placed fifth in the long jump and helped the 4x400 relay place third as Andover took fourth in the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship on Friday with 51 points. Also earning a first was the 4x200 relay of Vanessa Singleton, Melissa Knapp, Emily Shields and Eve Bishop (1:47.44). Abbey Pettoruto added a third in the long jump (15-6 1/2), Emily Belluche was fourth in the 55 hurdles (9.19) and Knapp, Singleton and Jessica Salley joined Shannon on the 4x400 relay.

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FOUND CAT on Feb 3 at ShowWow Villa, Amesbury. Short haired adult male, brown tabby, friendly. Call MRFRS for more info on Chester, 978-462-0760.

FOUND CAT on Feb 4 on Forest Rd., Salisbury. Hanging around for 5 mos. Large, short-haired adult male, orange tabby. Call MRFRS for more info 978-462-0760.

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FOUND: Havenhill's High School class ring, year 1964. Has inscription inside. Call 978-374-8150.

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FOUND: Large mole cat, mostly dark gray with white, has been in the cellar for about a month or so. I live at Hampden Hill, Gloucester. Call 978-524-7248 to claim

FOUND: Opie painting, 9x12, near Rupert Neck Middle School, 70 Lowe St., Newburyport on Feb. 10th. (978) 465-4455

LOST CAT, black short hair, white feet, stripe on nose, vicinity of Washington St. Fuller Street Havenhill. 978-994-0649 or 978-374-6311.

LOST CAT, large adult male cat, black with green eyes, micro-chipped, no collar, vicinity Oakland Ave., Methuen, Oct. (978) 687-9924

LOST CAT 04, 15 Lexington Ave, Magnolia area, large neutered male, 7 years old, microchipped, declawed front paws, black & brown tiger, white paws, white chest, white blaze on nose. Reward. (978) 525-3511.

LOST DOG - Black Lab mix, about 60lbs, male. Red collar. Needs medical attention for heart problem. Missing since 2/6/09 from Groveland MA. (978) 387-5619

LOST DOG - Yorkie, male, Fern St. area Lawrence. REWARD. If found call (978) 258-4740

LOST, heavy, solid silver ring engraved with a lion, Hampstead, NH area, reward offered. Call 603-378-0279

LOST: Jan 24th Ladies soprano and diamond ring, possibly in vicinity of Cape Ann Museum or Beverly Hospital/Ledgewood. REWARD. Call Elton at 978-356-5925

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LOST: Ribby 4 year vinder and 750 power inverter vicinity of Bridge St. & Wheeler Ave in Salem, NH. Feb. 1st fell off truck. REWARD Call (978) 688-4733

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From left, Max Novick, Matt Hirsh, Michael Briggs, coach Mark Davey, Devan DeSisto, Jason Callery and Allison Clark.

Golden Eagles shine at Special Olympics assessment round

The Andover Golden Eagles basketball program began its second season this past November and is a Unified Mentoring Basketball Program pairing children with disabilities and mentoring partners. The age range of the players is 8-18, and Andover currently has three teams. About 100 kids participated, although not all chose to compete.

Next up: The teams head to the Special Olympics state competition on March 1 and 2 in Worcester. People interested in coming to cheer on the teams and who

would like further details, should send an e-mail to eagleolympics@comcast.net.

The following coaches and players were involved in the assessment round:

- Head coach Mark Davey; coaches David Pekarovich, Peter Garofoli, Audrey DeSisto and Shaun Angles; and assistant coaches Abby Martin, Jaymi Cohen and Mags Carter.

- Players Jason Callery, Raymond Jouvelakos, Kevin O'Connor, Grant Hespeler, Adam Hornung, Will Eikenberry, Andreas Christopoulos, Ben Aronovitz, Eddie Martin, Kyle White, Alyssa Otolo, Michael Briggs, Matt Hirsh, Mags Lederfinepaskal, Devan DeSisto, John McKeon, Alexis Alfonso, Allison Clark, Nikos Wallingford, Elena Primes, Marissa Pekarovich, Max Novick, Maria Savord, Zach Perry, Samantha Vano, Rachel Annino, Brandon McCormack, Miller Martin, Ian Angles, Katie Garofoli, Sam Okun, Kate Wadman, Michael Fox, Nabeeha Alhussaini and Jake Flaherty.

Eating on sidewalks: yes. Smoking: maybe

Andover, one of the first towns to ban smoking in restaurants (1995) and in public buildings (1996), may go one step further.

The town Board of Health will have a public hearing to decide whether to allow smoking in outdoor seating areas at restaurants. The board will also consider whether such a rule should be by regulation or town bylaw.

The hearing will be Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St. Residents can offer written comments until 4 p.m. on March 20. Watch the Townsman next week for an article on this issue. Care to comment? Send your views to townsman@andovertownsm.com.

Parents and teachers attending school night ticketed

Several parents and teachers who attended to back-to-school night at Andover High School on Thursday, Feb. 12, were greeted with a bright orange parking ticket upon returning to their vehicles.

Parking was tight at the school that night, as parents of every AHS student were invited to meet their children's teachers from 7 to 9 p.m. On top of that, an event was being held at the Collins Center simultaneously.

Police responded that evening because they had received a complaint about parked vehicles impeding traffic, said Andover police Lt. Cmdr. James Hashem. They issued "quite a few" tickets, he said, but tagged only the most serious violations — cars parked in fire lanes or blocking emergency access to the building. There were many other parking violations that night that weren't tagged, he said.

Andover High School has fewer than 400 parking spaces, and more than 1,500 students.

Parking is an "ongoing issue" at the school, said Hashem, because multiple events are often scheduled for the same

Let's go again



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Ashley Raphael, 8, left, and her twin brother William take advantage of what little snow and ice remain on the ground as they go sledding at Andover High School Monday afternoon.

day and time.

"Unfortunately, it falls back on us to ensure that there's emergency access to the building," Hashem said.

— *Bethany Bray*

Sign of thanks

Rapids, the women's outerwear retailer on Main Street, is saying thanks in a grand way. A large sign is hanging in front of the store thanking landlord Banknorth, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, School Committee member Art Barber and customers. An eight-year occupant of the space, the store was facing a rent increase that would have

resulted in it closing.

"I talked to Buzz, who talked to the landlord and the two parties got together ... and it was saved," said Barber, who said his involvement had nothing to do with his re-election campaign.

Rather, he said things such as the schools and downtown make Andover great, and he just wanted to help.

— *Judy Wakefield*

Signing off

Meanwhile, unwanted vacancy fever is hitting a discount card store in Shawsheen Plaza. The store is also hanging a sign, but it's all about signing off. Card Smart is closing in May, just after Mother's Day. A worker at the store said the Card Smart stores in Middleton, Haverhill and Saugus will remain open.

— *Judy Wakefield*

Youths create special service at West Parish

Love was in the air at West Parish Church of Andover last Sunday. The church's youth group created a special worship service for the congregation that focused on the five Greek words in the Bible for Christian love. The service included drama, mini-sermons by the students, and even a chance for worshippers to generate their own "love graffiti" in the aisles. Afterward, married couples were invited to renew their wedding vows, and the youths ran an exciting fellowship time complete with a wedding cake, Valentine making and crafts for children, gifts for those couples who have been married 50 or more years, and a prize for the winner of the congregation's

"Write a Love Poem" contest.

Andover Garden Club cultivates scholarship

The Andover Garden Club is seeking qualified students to apply for the Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund, a scholarship that memorializes the late Ruth Cleveland, a longtime resident of Andover who served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1954 to 1956.

The memorial scholarship is given annually in recognition of Cleveland's efforts to enrich the lives of Garden Club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. Last year, for the second year running, the scholarship went to Alexander Kumar, a senior at North Andover High School.

The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund was initially funded by her two children, Ann C. Lange, floral arranger, artist, and lifelong resident of Andover who herself served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1985-1987; and Byron R. Cleveland Jr. The fund grows yearly through donations from the Lange family and the Andover Garden Club. Applicants for the scholarship must be graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences.

"Mother was a skilled and dedicated gardener and flower arranger, but the scholarship is intentionally not limited just to horticulture, floriculture or landscape design," Lange said. "She taught English and French in the Lawrence school system for many years, and we wanted the scholarship's scope to accurately reflect her broader interests."

Scout field trip



Courtesy photo

The Andover Pack 100 Tiger Cub Scouts enjoyed a visit to the Andover Public Safety Center recently. Pictured, from left, are Duncan MacKenzie, Mark Burgess, Bobby Markus, Hayden Kirks, Andrew Kenefick, Dereck Silvestro and Will Granger.

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