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Rousseau flip flops

After a particularly heated exchange at a recent Hillsborough selectmen's meeting, first term member Louann Rousseau has announced that she would not seek re-election.



Unfortunately, her change of heart came after she had filed for re-election and too late to remove her name from the ballot. This is the second time Rousseau has failed to fulfill a commitment and is reminiscent of her sudden and unexplained resignation from the Chamber of Commerce Board last year.

Employers help troops

James E. Goss, Executive Director of NH ESGR, a Department of Defense organization established in 1972 to "promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members



and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment," made a presentation at the recent NH American Legion winter conference. **See story on page 9**



Paraprofessional Ginger Wentworth helps first graders celebrate the 100 days of school at the Henniker Community School. Many of the students and staff dressed as if they were 100 years old in addition to participating in many activities adding up to 100.

New Antrim PD Main Street Location Available

Article 9 on the Antrim Warrant asks voters to approve the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of plans, engineering, acquisition and construction of facilities for the Police Department. Although discussion of new facilities for the police department has been ongoing for some time, recent developments may bring it closer to reality. At the town's Budget Hearing last Thursday, it was revealed that the "Touchstone Square lot, owned by Lutheran Services and located on Main Street in front of the Post Office may be available to the town.

Selectboard Chair Mike Genest reported that although the property is not currently listed for sale, negotiations between Lutheran Services and the Town are ongoing. Past discussions had centered around building a new police facility near the Fire Station, but this location, in the center of town and across from Town Hall has much more potential. Based on the price being negotiated, approval of the article would allow for the purchase of the property and design of the facility this year, with an article to build it on the 2013 Warrant.

New Court House in Hillsborough likely

Moving the Henniker Circuit Court to Hillsborough recently took another step when the Hillsborough Planning Board scheduled a public hearing on March 7th, to discuss a request to allow a change of use of a portion of the former Cicenti's Market from Retail

Sales to a Court Room. However, the Bureau of Court Facilities, last week tabled the topic of a 10-year lease agreement office space for the 6th Circuit Division Courthouse, located in Hillsborough, for an amount not to exceed \$627,500.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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A large-scale trial finds that apixaban (trade-name Eliquis), a new anticoagulant drug, is superior to the standard drug warfarin for preventing stroke and systematic embolism in patients with atrial fibrillation. Moreover, apixaban causes substantially less bleeding and also results in lower mortality.

The first study to investigate the effect of the breast cancer drug trastuzumab (Herceptin) on heart and vascular function in elderly patients, published in the *Annals of Oncology*, has found that it increases the risk of heart problems particularly in women with a history of heart disease, diabetes or both.

As an alternative to a conventional treatment for gout that some patients may not respond to, patients with severe, chronic gout who received the medication pegloticase (trade name Krystexxa, formerly Puricase) for 6 months had greater improvement in measures of uric acid levels as well as physical function and quality of life, according to a study in *JAMA*. Long-term urate (a salt derived from uric acid) lowering therapy in gout aims to maintain concentrations of uric acid (UA) below a certain level. However, it is common for UA levels to exceed a recommended goal urate range during oral urate-lowering therapy among the 5 to 6 million U.S. patients with gout.

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Bradford Budget committee goes to work

Dick Keller, Chair of the Bradford Budget Committee updated the selectmen on his committee's recommendations. The Highway budget was stated at \$350,000 but it should read \$375,000.00. The Budget Committee reduced the Fire Department's Heavy Equipment by \$5,000 to \$20,000. \$375,000 for Road Construction has been cut to \$140,000 for East Main Street with the balance left from that to go towards Old Warner Road. Keller said the committee's major issue is the difference in the sum in the Warrant of \$265,000.00. The total budget is 24% over last year's and the Budget Committee is trying to separate these out over a period of time. The selectmen have decided to purchase the police cruiser outright for \$35,240.

Six running for Newport School Board

Six candidates have filed for the four available positions on the Newport School Board. Running for the two three-year seats are current board members Howard A. Shultz and Lizabeth Hennig, along with newcomer Linda K. Wadensten. A pair of newcomers, Coua Early and Leo R. Paquin are running for the single two-year seat, while Karen K. Little is unopposed for the one-year term.

Free tax preparation at the Grapevine

Free professional tax preparation and financial management consultation are available at The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center in Antrim. Larry Schwartz, Hancock resident and certified tax preparer, will meet with individuals by appointment Mondays from 3 to 6pm. According to Schwartz, people often do not realize that they are eligible for credits and benefits intended for middle income individuals and families. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for an appointment. According to Grapevine Executive Director Kristen Vance, "Larry has been providing this free service at The Grapevine for a number of years. We really are fortunate to have Larry in the community."

Deering to vote on Disability Exemption

Nancy Cowan approached the Deering Selectmen and asked that they approve placing an article on the warrant allowing for a Disabled Exemption. The exemption would reduce the assessed valuation of the disabled person's home by \$15,000. It would last until the person turned 65 at which time they would be eligible for the Elderly Exemption.

Doris Beane requested that at Town Meeting mention could be made of anyone interested in serving on a committee to explore Senior Activities with Hillsborough. The board agreed to both requests.

Hillsborough Town Administrator under fire

The Hillsborough Selectmen are apparently embroiled in two grievance complaints against Town Administrator John Stetser. At the February 7th meeting, Code Enforcer Kelly Dearborn-Luce asked for a non-public session relating to her complaint regarding Stetser. Iris Campbell then asked if it had anything to do with the grievance filed by several other female employees and was told it involved only the Dearborn-Luce grievance.

When the Board returned to public session, chair Russ Galpin said the minutes were not sealed and there was a discussion whether or not the Selectmen are following up on the grievance. He admitted they have not done their duty properly in that they were supposed to have given a written report within seven days and they have not done that.

Campbell then inquired where the board was in relation to the grievance submitted on how Stetser handled the situation and his response to the meeting with him. Venezia said they met with Stetser and talked about the training he is going to undertake to help remediate the issue, but still need to formally write something. Campbell then requested another non-public session. Stetser said that if it involves him, he would like to have it in public session. Campbell then gave the Board a letter which read as follows: "We respectfully request the Town of Hillsborough Board of Selectmen arrange for a confidential, independent evaluation of Town Administrator John H. Stetser's job

performance including his interaction with employees and elected officials."

She said she is aware of many incidents concerning Mr. Stetser that were reported to a member of the Board and never investigated. The group of employees expressed their dissatisfaction with the Board's actions regarding their decision to do nothing. Mr. Venezia, who was not on the Board when

the initial reporting took place, said the accusers and the accusee deserved immediate action and it was just swept under the rug. He said there has been a big cloud hanging over everyone and the effected group agreed. It was decided that Galpin would call the Town Attorney the next day to get advice about the appropriate course of action to take.



Hillsborough Town Administrator John Stetser.

Few attend Antrim's budget hearing

A "crowd" of about 20 people, including three selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Police Chief, Planning Assistant, a Trustee and this reporter attended the Town of Antrim's Budget Hearing Thursday evening. Town Administrator Galen Stearns highlighted each

warrant article including a line by line recap of the proposed operating budget which totals \$3,249,515 or 3.6% more than the current budget. The selectmen then unanimously approved each article for inclusion in on the warrant for ballot voting on March 13th.

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KRES at Bradford students read with their Reading Buddies once each quarter for approximately 15 minutes. Each student is paired with an older student when they begin at KRES Bradford, and continue with that "buddy" till one moves up to the Middle School. Here Zac Goin and Quinton Cloutier.

Newport Carnival succeeds despite weather

Organizers, of Newport's 96th Annual Winter Carnival originally planned to enter the Guinness Book of World Records by building a record number of Snowmen in a short period of time. When Mother nature refused to cooperate, the resourceful committee, quickly shifted gears. With mild temperatures too high to completely freeze the Town Common ice rink for a planned Midnight Skate on Friday, they immediately organized a Midnight Kickball Game for 200 participants. With no snow and mild temperatures on Saturday, the Snowman contest was replaced by a Belly Flop Contest. Brittany Shepard made a clean sweep at the Annual Queen's Pageant. Not only was she crowned as Queen, she also won Miss Congeniality and won the talent competition. It must come naturally as her mother was Queen runner-up a few years back.

Help celebrate National Pie (3.14) Day

Smith Church invites you to celebrate National Pi Day (March 14) by ordering a delicious homemade pie! There are six different pies for sale—Apple, Blueberry, Key Lime, Pecan, Velvet Chocolate Cream and Lemonade Stand (a frozen Southern classic). All pies are 9" and cost \$12.00 each. The pies must be ordered by Wednesday, March 7 (call 464-4016, mail your order to Jacki Morehouse, 42 Washington Circle, Hillsboro, NH 03244). The order forms can also be downloaded from the Smith Church website www.smithmemorialucc.org. The ordered pies can either be picked up at Smith Church (the big white church with the town clock on West Main Street across the street from Sweet Expressions) on Wednesday, March 14, between 3 and 5 PM OR we will deliver the pies to your door late that afternoon. If you want your pies delivered, please include detailed directions. What a better way to celebrate National PI Day!

Selectmen OK Community Center retrofit

The Bradford selectmen voter unanimously support Petitioned Article 7, to raise \$25,000 to retrofit the downstairs of the Community Center for town offices.

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New Deering ambulance has \$0 tax impact this year

At last week's budget hearing, Selectmen J.P. Marzullo and John Greene voted to include a new ambulance on the warrant, over the objection of Chair Michelle Johnson. This week they decided how to pay for it. Town Administrator Craig Ohlson presented the board with several lease and purchase options with three and four year payments. After a lengthy discussion the board voted unanimously to purchase the vehicle for \$176,222 payable in four annual installments of \$44,068.

Taxpayers will be pleased to learn that the purchase will have no tax impact this year. Marzullo pointed out that the final payment for the Highway Department truck is due this year, and suggested that if the town paid the first installment out of the Ambulance Expendable Trust, it could not only avoid a double payment, but provide no tax impact until next year when the truck is paid off.

Johnson and Greene agreed and voted to transfer \$30,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund to the Expendable

Trust and make the first \$44,068 payment from the Trust. The purchase will appear on

the March ballot and requires a 2/3 voter approval.



The Deering Selectmen have approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the rescue squad.

Bennington voting remains at St. Patrick Church

Ballot voting in Bennington will be held at St. Patrick Church for the last time. Local elections have traditionally been held at the Church, but with the Church closed and on the market for sale, the cost of winterizing the building has forced the Select Board to look for alternative sites. After weighing the options of holding the voting at Pierce School and the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Hall, the Select Board, has asked the School Board for permission to use the Pierce School for all future voting, effective after this year's March election. As they have already advertised that ballot voting on March 13 would take place at St. Patrick Church, they will remain there for the March voting, but for the remaining two elections this year, they plan to find a new voting place.

\$2,000 Bradford donation

Bradford's Rural Heritage Committee has donated a check for \$2,000.00 to the Town Hall Restoration Committee. The check was presented at a recent meeting to be held by the Corner Stone Project Account in the Rural Heritage Connection.

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Forty minute chase ends in Hopkinton

James Klecka, 24, of Williston, Vt., has been arraigned on felony charges including reckless conduct, aggravated driving while under the influence and resisting arrest, by the New Hampshire State Police after a 40 minute, high speed chase down Interstate-89, ending in Hopkinton. Authorities began receiving complaints about a Chevy pickup truck with Vermont license plates traveling south on I-89 in Lebanon, which hit a family of four in a car near Exit 16, and continued pushing cars off the road into the breakdown lane. Police were able to spike the pickup truck's left side, front and rear tires south of Exit 8, but the vehicle didn't stop until Exit 5 in Hopkinton. Klecka, then ran down a steep embankment and across an ice-covered swamp, where he was captured. He is being held without bail in Merrimack County jail.

New London Rotary awards mini-grants

The New London Rotary Literacy Committee recently awarded mini-grants of \$150 each to classroom teachers, school librarians and public librarians to support special literacy-based activities or programs within their institutions. These specific programs extend literacy-based learning which is not covered by the regular budgets of schools or libraries. Of the 21 applications for these grants this year, the following 11 were recipients: Joe Cafaria, Pam Colanero, Catherine Hyson, and Co-Teachers, Gail Wolff and Bonnie Lull from Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, New London; Thomas Smith, Jessica Caswell, Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Bradford; Judith Ferreira, Kearsarge Regional Middle School; Jim O'Hara and Jen Kucharski, Joarme Palin, Jennie Hochstrasser, Simonds Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Warner; Nancy Ladd, Library Director, Warner.

Brian Simm's paintings now on display

Hillsborough artist Brian Simm's exhibit celebrating New Hampshire's Woods and Mountains will be on display from March 1 through April 30 at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests Conservation Center in Concord, NH.

Brian lived in Hillsborough, NH for 50 years. A district forester for the State of New Hampshire for 35 years, his love for the New Hampshire landscape shines through his work. Brian passed away seven years ago. The exhibit is open M-F from 9 am to 5 pm as the Conference Room is used for meetings, please call (603)224-9945 before visiting to confirm that the room is open.

Henniker school hosts artist-in-residence

For more than ten years sixth grade students at the Henniker Community School have experienced artist-in-residency programs that have expanded and enriched their study of geography and culture of ancient and modern indigenous people from around the world. This year's area of in-depth study is India.

During the last week of January, potter Shana Brautigam of Rooted in Clay, Rindge, NH, taught students about different types of Indian clay vessels. Students then spent four days working with Brautigam hand-building two vessels using both pinching and coiling techniques. She will return later in February to work with students applying glaze to their pots.

In March, three artists will arrive for a week of intensive study and work with students in several areas of Indian culture.

Storyteller Angela Klingler will immerse the students in the stories of India and teach Henniker sixth graders the art of storytelling. Jasmine Shah of the

Aangikam Dance Academy in Nashua, NH, will work with students teaching traditional Indian Folk dances, and Meghan Girouard of Mehndi Spirit in Spofford, NH, will offer instruction about the ancient art of henna.

Also during this week, all students at the Henniker Community School will be able to partake in an authentic Indian meal at lunchtime.

Prior to the residency artist visits, Henniker Community School's music teacher Ann Hueglin has been teaching students the Hindi song Ji Ho along with the choreography and drumming that accompanies the song.

The public is invited to the final performance showcasing all the students have learned about Indian culture on Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Henniker Community School gymnasium. Admission is free. The Henniker PTA and Henniker taxpayers support the artist residency program at the Henniker Community School this year.



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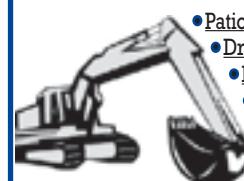


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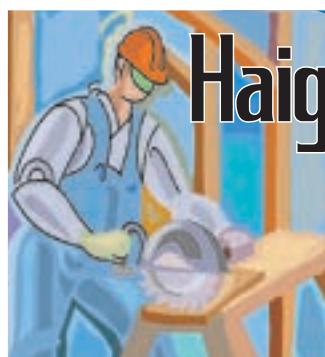
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The Great Brook School gym was filled with crafts, food and games during Winterfest last Saturday.

ConVal voters reject budget and bond cuts

ConVal School District voters were unsuccessful in attempts to cut a \$4 million gym renovation at the high school and the proposed operating budget at the District's Deliberative Session last Wednesday evening. Greenfield's Myron Steere moved to reduce a proposed bond, designed to update the gymnasium wing to make the gym, locker rooms and bathrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Steere believed a lower bond could make the ADA updates but the new classrooms and a new gym, floor were unnecessary. Board members countered that a \$2 million bond was too little and would not allow the school to do away with two modular classrooms currently rented for \$40,000 a year. The motion was defeated 50 to 314. Another Greenfield resident, Al Burtt, then proposed cutting the School Board's proposed operating budget of \$44,312.350 by 1.2 million or 2.3%. By a vote of 51-257 Burtt's motion failed and voters supported the proposed budget which is up \$602,748 or 1.3% from the current budget.

Sunapee Seniors Thrift Shop contributions

The Sunapee Seniors Thrift Shop volunteers recently met to distribute their annual contributions to local organizations. They are proud to have awarded the following: Sunapee Recreation Dept., \$500; Sunapee Elementary School Music Dept., \$200; Sunapee Middle High School Music Dept., \$200; Ausbon Sargent Fund, \$250, LSRVNA and Hospice, \$400; Sunapee FAST Squad, \$500; Sunapee Fire Dept., \$200; Friends of Abbott Library, \$400; Sunapee Food Pantry (for fuel), \$500; Sunapee Food Pantry (for food), \$200. The Thrift Shop is located in Sunapee Harbor at the Old Harbor House Livery building and is open Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Thursday 6-8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon.

HDMS January Students of the Month

Conroy, Jordyn; Dupont, Anthony; Gregg, Colton; Murdough, Brianna; O'Malley, Connor; Pletcher, Allison Atkins, Maggie; Audette, Samantha; Beard, Dylan; Costello, Gina; Gibson, Emily; Greene, Kyle; Kozdra, Chloe; Mooney, Nicole; Nadeau, Caitlyn; Pushee, Meghan; Vincent, Madison; Bucia, Alexandra; Coy, Arthur; Cuddy, Mariah; Eckle, Mercedes; Ferguson, Thomas; Grady, Mara; Gatlin, Sabrina; Parisi, Madeline; Pellicano, Pia; Peschel, Jessica; Snair, Kaelyn; Wightman, Emily; Wilkens, Colby.

Legion learns of Employer Support group

Photos and text by Rich Dahlgren

James E. Goss, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Employer Support Of The Guard And Reserve (ESGR), made a presentation of his department and described how it could benefit all veterans at the Mid-Winter Conference of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, held recently in Laconia, NH on January 28, 2012.

The ESGR is a Department of Defense organization established in 1972 to "promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment."

H-D Spring Sports Sign-Ups

Hillsboro-Deering HS will have sign-ups for Baseball, Softball, and Track + Field on Monday, March 5th @ 2:15. All students interested in playing a spring sport, need to attend. Baseball will meet in the Gym. Softball will meet in the Cafeteria. Track/Field will meet in room 222.

H-D Spring Sports Tryouts

Hillsboro-Deering HS spring sports tryouts and practices begin on the following dates: Baseball Tryouts - Monday, March 19th - 2:30-5:00pm @ HDHS Gym Softball Tryouts - Monday, March 19th - 5:30-8:00pm @ HDHS Gym Track + Field Practice - Monday, March 19th - 2:30-5:00pm @ HDHS Cafeteria

All athletes trying out must either have a physical already on file with the school nurse, or they must have a current physical for 2011-2012 ready to turn in to their coach. Any athlete who does not turn in a physical or have one on file, will not be allowed to participate until doing so.

Goss indicated that the "nation's Reserve components from all branches of the service comprise approximately 46 percent of our total available military power." The ESGR is a national organization operating through a network of volunteers and also in Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Europe. Their "customers" are all employ-

ers, all uniformed service members and families of affected service members. This is an organization truly dedicated to our service members and their families.

Following Goss's presentation, Statements of Support for the Guard and Reserve were distributed to all District and Post Commanders.



District and Post Commanders with their individual Post's Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Peterborough man dies in plane crash

A retired Peterborough man died in a plane crash at Lebanon Municipal Airport Thursday. Paul Schlieben of MacDowell Road was flying his 2006 Cessna 182 Skylane fixed-wing single engine when he crashed near a runway at the airport Thursday afternoon. Police and firefighters

received a report of a small plane crash at the airport at 1:45 p.m. The FAA control tower had notified Lebanon Emergency Services Dispatch, and on arrival, units found a single-engine Cessna 182 heavily involved in fire. The crash is under investigation.

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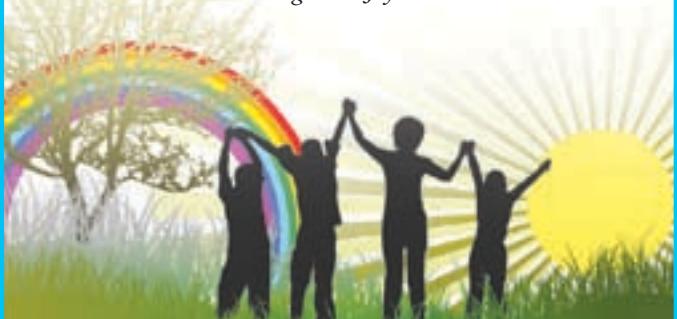
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Leigh and Joyce Bosse



Mount Royal Academy celebrated Catholic School's Week with numerous spiritual, academic and fun activities. The events were held in conjunction with the national Catholic Schools Week celebrated by over 45,000 schools across the United States. The week's activities centered around the school's theme "Academics, Service and Faith".



Alma Mater

Southern NH University Dean's List

Contoocook: Dennis Dikmak, John Wescott

Deering: Christian Page

Dunbarton: Charles Chandler, Tex Whiting

Henniker: Abigail Myskowski

Hillsborough: Heather Stafford, Kayla Paquette, Jennifer Sheehan

New Boston: Melissa Daigle, James McMillen, Rachael McMillen, Jessica Oltman, Brian Royce

Newport: Caryl McDevitt

Peterborough: Stephanie Appleton, Morgan Boutwell, Mary Le Blanc

Warner: Lauren Benward, Jedidiah Kirchner

Weare: Kristopher Begin, Nathan Brochu, Julie Elwood, Jeffrey Gibbons, Michael Jutras, James Ryan, Nickolaus Saggau, Amanda Weber

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Hartwick College junior **Kelly Fayton**, of Newbury, NH, daughter of Catherine and Oliver Fayton, has been named to the Dean's List.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that **Jacqueline Foti** of Hopkinton, NH, a junior majoring in Management Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List.

Tyler Whitney, a Junior Management major from Peterborough was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University.

Michelle Boule, daughter of David and Kristy Boule of Antrim, a junior Cinema & Photography major, and **Emily Flemming**, daughter of David and Catherine Flemming of Peterborough, a sophomore Television-Radio major, were named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Joseph Getts, of Henniker, NH, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham, has been named to the Honor's List.

Hunter C.H. Hague, of Bradford, a member of the class of 2012, who graduated from Proctor Academy; **Daniel P. Mulcahey**, of Henniker, a member of the class of 2014, who graduated from Bishop Brady High School and **Tai A. Nixa**, of Henniker, a member of the class of 2012, who graduated from Kimball Union Academy have been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University.

Crotched Mountain Wild takes on Bruins' alumni

In front of a crowd of over 1,000 people on Sunday afternoon, the Crotched Mountain Wild took to the ice against the Boston Bruins Alumni in the second annual Bruins Alumni Classic. The game, to benefit Crotched Mountain Foundation's Accessible Recreation and Sports program (CMARS), was held at the Sullivan Arena at St. Anselm College in Manchester.

This year's event raised \$15,000 to support the CMARS program, which brings people with disabilities together with family and friends in a range of accessible recreational and sport activities including skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, paddling, hiking and yoga. The Bruins Alumni Foundation also awarded CMARS an additional \$5,000 grant earlier this year. Following the singing of the national anthem by Crotched Mountain School's para-educator Stephen Smillie, nine-year old Isabelle Tenters of Jaffrey dropped the ceremonial first puck. Isabelle, who has spina bifida, has been taking skiing lessons

with CMARS for the past three years and paddled for the first time with CMARS this summer. Her parents joke that she has a "need for speed," which becomes apparent during her skiing lessons. Always one to take on a challenge, Isabelle is most often seen in the terrain park and is known to take the occasional jump or two.

During the hockey game's two 30-minute periods, The Crotched Mountain Wild's hometown team, including co-captains Philip Grisafi and Geoff Garfinkle

of Peterborough as well as ConVal High School goalie Parker Wheeler of Franconia, played against Bruins legends Rick Middleton, Terry O'Reilly and Bob Beers, to name a few. The Wild's roster also included players Kit Rautio, Reuben Lyons, Joshua Sipe, Peter McLaughlin and Mark Leger of Peterborough; Tony Parisi of Bennington; Harry Payne of Antrim; Scott Tucker of Hancock; Adam Aho of Rindge; Tim Hogue of Warner; Brent Patterson of Nashua and Bill Sweeney of Somersworth.



Both teams with Isabelle and Emma Tenters.



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GUEST EDITORIAL By Grant Bosse

The Sad Legacy of a Say-Nothing Governor

Governor John Lynch managed to speak for nearly an hour this week, without ever saying anything. The four-term Democrat delivered his final State of the State Address to the joint session of the Legislature, cementing a legacy that is long on rhetoric and short on substance.

The Governor tends to like alluding to hot-button issues without actually saying the controversial words out loud. No issue had been more controversial than Right To Work legislation. The House narrowly upheld Governor Lynch's veto and he spent a large chunk of his speech praising government in general and public sector employees in particular.

"I will never take away their right to organize," Governor Lynch promised. He may have been talking about Right To Work, which doesn't take away anyone's right to organize, though union officials argue it does. He may have been referring to a bill that does eliminate collective bargaining for state and local workers. Unfortunately, the Governor chose obscurity over precision.

Governor Lynch broke out the watchword for big spenders who want to label their penchant for handing out other people's money as a noble pursuit: infrastructure. Governor Lynch exhorted the Legislature to find the money to complete the horribly delayed I-93 expansion project in the next four years.

"Words alone will not raise the \$365 million need to complete this project," he said, offering words alone. "I am willing to put reasonable options on the table," he continued, without putting any options on the table. Gas taxes. Higher tolls. That's what he meant. He just didn't have the courage to say it.

"I will stand firm against any legislation that would strip any of our citizens of their civil rights," Governor Lynch proclaimed. Here, here! I wonder what civil rights he could be worried about. Surely he doesn't consider same sex marriage as a civil right. Otherwise, he wouldn't have opposed gay marriage during his first two terms in office. A bolder Governor might have pointed out which legislation he saw

as endangering civil rights, but not John Lynch.

"I believe in balanced budgets," the Governor insisted, though there is no evidence in the fossil record to prove it. Governor Lynch let two balanced budgets pass into law without his signature, while signing two budgets that raised state borrowing extensively. Last year, he let the Legislature clean up the billion dollar budget mess he created, and is now nitpicking how they did it.

"There's a harshness in the air," the Governor complained. "We can disagree, without demonizing one another." He alluded to frequent complaints about House Speaker Bill O'Brien without saying his name. Governor Lynch also called O'Brien's policies "nonsensical", "senseless", and "shortsighted." To be fair, he did not call them demonic.

Governor Lynch's last big speech wasn't entirely substance free. He reaffirmed his support for a constitutional amendment on education funding, drawing a standing ovation from House Democrats who won't actually vote for it. He proposed consolidating 34 Boards and Commissions into a single Office of Professional Licensure, a long-overdue reform to the vestigial tails on New Hampshire government.

And he stated his support for a state-based Health Care Exchange that would implement the whims of federal bureaucrats at state expense. Sure, it's a bad idea, but it's an idea.

The empty calories served on Tuesday were especially disappointing because Governor Lynch had actually showed some interest in governing during his final year as Governor. Whether you support state-run slot casinos in New Hampshire or oppose them, Lynch's firm, reasoned, and transparent statement on why he would veto expanded gambling was a sterling example of how a Governor should behave. It's an endangered species in the corner office, but it's called leadership. Maybe we'll see some at the State House next year.

Grant Bosse is Lead Investigator for the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free-market think tank based in Concord, NH.



Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Hillsborough and Deering taxpayers got a double dose of good news last week when the filing period for town and school offices ended.

First, Marjorie Porter did not file for reelection to the H-D School Board. When the H-D Board, for the first time in years, proposed reducing the budget, Porter was the only one to oppose the cuts. Not only did she decry budget reductions, she wanted to add taxpayer money to it. Luckily, tax-payer friend, Dan Donovan from Deering has filed to run for the seat. Now, all we have to do, is vote Porter out of her State of NH Representative seat this fall.

The second bit of good new came when Hillsborough selectman, Louann Rousseau

announced she would not seek reelection. Unfortunately, she made the decision after signing up to run again.

The flip flop is reminiscent of Rousseau's sudden and unexplained resignation from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Rousseau's indecision and lack of business acumen was apparent during her term on the board when she cast the deciding vote against Russ Galpin's motion to provide town employees with a 2% COLA increase after several years with no raises.

Thus, we have Louann to thank for our now unionized workforce. David Fullerton and Paris Wells have filed to run for the seat. Either one will be an improvement.

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OPINION Letters to the Editor

To Deering Citizens/Voters:

The Board of Selectmen are the governing body of the Town. Their role is to carry out the directives of Town Meeting and "to manage the prudential affairs of the town." RSA41: 8. New Hampshire law vests the Board of Selectmen with a number of other managerial responsibilities as well. However, NH law does not enable the Board of Selectmen to make decisions FOR the citizens/voters of the town. Consequently, when presented with a reasonable request by any voter, it would be reasonable and prudent to respectfully receive and honor the request. 1. The recent petition (Fall, 2011) of 385 Deering voters asking the Board to rescind their cancellation of the Parks & Recreation contract with Hillsboro (They did not.) and 2. Their recent (February, 2012) refusal to comply with a voter's simple request to have an article which asked "to see if the town would vote to become part of a recently formed exploratory committee made up of citizens from Deering and Hillsboro committed to researching, exploring, and providing a senior citizens program for our area and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist in this endeavor, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Contrary to Michelle Johnson's statements, the voter presented a draft of an article.

Both are examples of the board not functioning in the interests of the "greater

good."

The Board does have the power to add articles to the Warrant for the Annual Meeting. I encourage you to register to vote, (if you are currently not registered) and then vote on Tuesday, March 13th. Please attend Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17th to vote on the budget and warrant articles. This is a critical year for Deering and its citizens.

Doris E. Beane, Deering

Dear Editor:

Plans are being made for the big events in Hillsborough NOW. It takes a lot of planning to put these things on and it takes time. I especially need one person to be taking registrations at the Balloon Festival Auto Show from about 11:00 A.M. to about 1:00 P.M. in order that I can take pictures of the parade. Anyone that loves cars is welcome to have fun helping with other parts of this event. Money from this and the other activities in the Balloon Festival go to the Lions Club, Hillsborough Fire Department, and the Chamber of Commerce which all do good things for our town. Anyone interested in helping in this event or just helping with the Balloon Festival can contact me or anyone in the above organizations.

**David Fullerton, Chairman
Balloon Festival Auto Show**

◆ Please see LETTERS page 16



Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

DOG WASH: The Mutt Hut will be hosting a dog wash to benefit The John Stark Lady Generals softball team. The event will be held from 8:30am-12pm. There will be a massage therapist on site donating her proceeds to the cause. Dog baths \$20, Nail Trims \$5, massage \$1/minute. ALL proceeds will be donated to the girls to be used for their tournament at Disney in March.

WINTER WILD RACE: Pats Peak, 7 a.m. Participants ski, snowshoe or hike uphill then come back down using the same gear. This is a four mile fun, family-friendly and challenging event. All participants required to wear helmets. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 race day. Organized by Team AMP (Athletes Multisport Partnership) and Eartbtec Apparel Company. Info: Chad Denning, Team AMP LLC; 748-1070.

TIMBER HARVEST TOUR: Reney Memorial Forest, Grantham, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Moderate hike along skidder trails with forester Jeremy Turner. Sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and Meadowood Timberlands Ltd. Snow date, Sunday, Feb. 19. Preregistration required. Info: 224-9945 BLUE-

BERRY PANCAKES: Robb's Ski Hut, Pine Hill XC Ski Area, 220 Mt. Rd., New London, noon - 2 p.m. \$5 donation. Pine Hill is a Not for Profit NH listed organization, Info and to check conditions: www.pinehillskiclub.com.

DANCE TEAM INVITATIONAL: At the Kearsarge Regional High School Gym, 1 p.m. Cost: \$5 general admission; \$3 for students, children and seniors.

WINTERFEST: Newbury Town Center, 3-6 p.m. Family event featuring ice skating, adult hockey tournament, guided trail hikes, warming bonfire, children's crafts and painting, concessions, fireworks and much more. Co-sponsored by Newbury Recreation Department and Relay for Life Team Fit to Fight with generous support from Noise R Us Fireworks of Newport.

FOX FOREST OUTING: At 1p.m. Snowshoe/ski cross country led by Inge Seaboyer. 5:00 p.m. Pot luck supper with speakers to follow. "It's Not About The Hike" with Nancy Sporborg and Pat Piper.

HARRIS CENTER: Muskrats and Habitat Phragmentation. Join Antioch graduate student Tamathy Stage for a presentation of her research on how invasive plants are (or are not) being used in the construction of muskrat lodges. Followed by optional walk/snowshoe hike with Senior Naturalist Meade Cadot to local muskrat habitat, in search of winter lodges. 9 am to noon, at the Harris Center.

ANIMAL TRACKS: The Little Nature Museum will sponsor the first program of its 2012 season from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Community Room, Hopkinton Town Library, Contoocook. "Who Goes There? Identifying Animal Tracks and Signs" will be presented by award-winning environmental educator, Ruth Smith. The program is free; donations are appreciated. For more information or weather-related cancellation information call 603-746-6121.

SRKG HIKE: Looking for wildlife while walking from NH 4A to Wilmot Center (SRKG trail 7) and climbing over Bog Mountain's ledges to Wilmot Center. 4.6 miles. (M). Nick Baer (526-8233).

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

FREE SENIOR DINNER: American Legion Post #59 Hillsboro, 1:00 p.m. No take outs.

HENNIKER HISTORICAL: The Henniker Historical Society will host Dwight Phetteplace, a New Hampshire born and raised singer, songwriter, and finger style guitarist, at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street at 2:00 p.m. Mixing familiar folk and oldies with his own New England flavored originals; Dwight is well known in the New Hampshire music scene. Best known for his CD "Down the Merrimack", which contains two award-winning originals, he is an audience favorite throughout New England. Over the last few years he has regularly performed at the Henniker Farmers Market. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY SUPPER: Please join us for a free community supper at the Congregational Church of Henniker at 5p.m. in our parish hall.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21

BOOK SIGNING: Colby-Sawyer College will host Tom

Weiner, author of the heart-breaking "Called to Serve: Stories of Men and Women Confronted by the Vietnam War Draft," which includes the rich stories of those who fought and those who, for whatever reason, chose not to. A discussion and book signing will be held on at 7 p.m. in Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center. Admission is free, and both students and community members are invited to attend.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE: United Church of Warner, 45 East Main St., Warner, 11:30 a.m. Free program to discover simple ways to make small changes in diet, exercise routine and overall wellness. Sponsored by the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. Info: 224-4093 or 800-924-8620 ext. 5815.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS: Andover Town Hall meeting room, Main St., 7-9 p.m. A Button Up N.H. program focusing on the basics of home energy costs and the values of home weatherization. Led by home energy experts Bob Eldredge and Bob Tortorice. Funded by the NH Department of Energy and Planning. Info: 735-5135.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

AUTISM NETWORK First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London, 6-8 p.m. Navigating New Hampshire's Systems of Care: How to stay on course without sinking the ship will be the topic presented by Kirsten Murphy, the Administrative Director of the NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Childcare available by reservation, limited. Info: Jennifer Pike, 526-2456, Susan Clark, 763-2523 or Mary Collins, 526-8310.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23

COFFEE CHAT: The next "Coffee Chat" at the Deering Public Library will be held on Wednesday, Feb 22 at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Visit with neighbors, look over our collection of new books, and share some stories about the history of our town. Materials on the history of Deering will be available. If you are new to town, meet some new friends. Each Coffee Chat will be at the Library/Conference room in the Town Hall. If you need more information, please call Kathy at 464-6187.

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NEC THEATRE: The New England College Theatre Department in partnership with the American Foundation for Equal Rights (AFER) and Broadway Impact announce a one-night-only reading of "8," a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8. The New England College performance of "8" takes place on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Simon Center Great Room. Tickets are FREE and reservations are not required.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25

CANCER LIFELINE: Pats Peak is hosting the 12th Annual Childhood Cancer Lifeline fundraiser weekend on February 25 & February 26, 2012. This event promises to be a fun-filled weekend, full of activity and promise. Be an extension of the "lifeline" by supporting the annual fundraising event at Pats Peak on February 26, 2012. This is a great opportunity to enjoy skiing/riding and support New Hampshire families who have a child with cancer.

INDOOR YARD SALE: Grange Hall in East Andover 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$20 a space, tables provided. Lunch and baked goods available for purchase. To benefit a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Info: Linda McGrail, 934-3896.

KIDS ICE FISHING DERBY: Eagle Pond, off Rte. 4, Wilmot, 9 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by the Andover Fish and Game Club, the 28th Annual Willis Nowell Memorial Kids' Ice Fishing Derby is for kids 15 and under. Tackle and bait will be provided. Free food and drink. Lucky prizes, ribbons and trophies awarded. Bad weather date, Sunday, Feb. 26. Info: 735-5311.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY: Warner, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. N.H. Telephone Museum and Firefighters Museum, \$1 off admission; free coffee tasting at Runner Stone Market, Wellness Open House at Brookside building; events at the library; cross country or hike meeting on Bartlett Loop; wagon rides; free afternoon tea at the Maples; indoor games at the United Church of Warner; guided family snowshoeing tour at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Mu-

seum; and much more. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - hot buffet style meal at United Church of Warner hosted by Warner Time Bank / Warner Connects; pay by donation.

ICE FISHING TUTORIAL: Wilmot Public Library, 11 North Wilmot Rd., 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Elkins Fish and Game Club. Equipment, procedures, safety and other related topics will be discussed. Cost: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under at. Register elkinsfishandgame@gmail.com so enough handouts will be available. Info: www.elkinsfishandgarne.net.

SNOWSHOE/SKI TOUR: of the Cline Property, Andover, 1 - 3 p.m. with Beth McGuinn and landowners, John and Lorraine Cline, for a tour of their 33-acre conservation easement. Discuss their trail system, wildlife habitat and a maple sugaring operation. If no snow, a hike. Wear warm layers. Parking limited. RSVP: Nancy Smith, 526-6555.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Immaculate Conception Church, Andover, 5-7. p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children 6 to 12, under 6 free. Info: Loretta Bates, 735-5790.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

WVFD BREAKFAST: Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department, 7-10 a.m. buffet style with French toast and real maple syrup; scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and more. Cost: \$7 per person, under 10, free. Park behind the fire house, not on Rte. 11.

FAMILY SNOWSHOE WALK: The Fells, 456 Rte. 103A, Newbury, 1-2 p.m. Animals in Winter led by Kathleen Stowell, Education Director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, to discover what animals do to cope with snow and cold of winter. Members free, non-members pay site admission. No registration required, appropriate for beginners.

JOSA JAZZ CONCERT: The Center at Eastman, Grantham, 4 - 7 p.m. with Richie Cole, world class saxophonist. Cost: adult, \$18; senior over 61 or student under 17, \$16. Info: 763-8732 or josajazz.com.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET: 9 am-Noon, Washington Town Hall. Children's story time at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

COMICS WORKSHOP: A program for grades 6 and up (adults welcome!). Comics Workshop from 4-6 p.m. with Graphic Novelist Marek Bennett. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before each event and stay 30 minutes after to help clean up. For more information, please call Leigh Maynard at 746-3663.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

CREATING COMICS: The Library Arts Center Studio, 58 North Main Street, Newport, 9a.m. - 3 p.m. during most schools' winter break. Led by instructor Marek Bennett, cartoonist and for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Sponsored by Communities United Regional Network for Sullivan County and The Library Arts Center. Info: 863-3040.

CANDIDATES DAY: Sunapee Methodist Church, 1 p.m. All candidates for Sunapee School and town offices are invited to present their views and qualifications to members and other interested Sunapee residents. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the same time and place. Sponsored by the Sunapee Seniors.

THURSDAY MARCH 1

BOOK DISCUSSION: It's book discussion time! Need something good to read? Pick up a copy of the book Without a Map by Meredith Hall and take part in the discussion at Fuller Public Library on Thursday March 1 at 7 p.m. For more info please call the library at 464-3595.

SATURDAY MARCH 3

ART PROGRAM: Art Trailworks, an environmental art program, for children in grades 2-5 will be presented by environmental art teacher, Cynthia Robinson. The program will be held on March 3, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Hopkinton Town Library, Contoocook. This program is sponsored by The Little Nature Museum. Preregistration is required; call 746-6121. This program is free but is limited to 15 children in grades 2-5.

Attention Candidates for School and Town Offices

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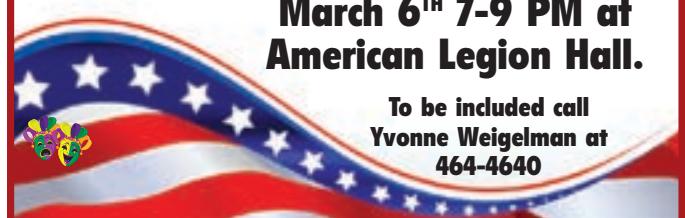


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OPINION Letters to the Editor

Letter To The Editor:

Recent news of the high yearly cost of ambulance services coincides with my horror story. Three days after major orthopedic surgery at the Concord Hospital I was given the choice of several ambulance services to select from to transfer me ACROSS the street to the Pleasant View Health Center for physical "rehab" therapy. During my 4 weeks there several bills from Lifeline Ambulance Service dutifully began arriving at my home address. (I learned from their billing they are headquartered out of state- Massachusetts!) Imagine my shock to discover this .05 mileage, 15 minutes journey (with no medical paraphernalia i.e. IV's, drainage tubing)-just strapped to a gurney with a thin 'blanket' it was a cold and windy day)--came to a stunning figure of \$985.00

Upon being discharged home considerable time was spent via the phone to seek insurance help with this to me catastrophic bill which I feel was more than out-of-line. There was help eventually but I feel, I and my insurance, are being shafted.

Merle C. Dustin, Contoocook

To The Editor:

Crossing the Line at H-Deering High School. As one of some 100 students and 30 adults participating in the Challenge Day anti-bullying program at Hillsboro-Deering High School yesterday, I crossed the line. Actually, I crossed the line quite a few times.

I knew my birth parents, so I didn't have to cross the line that time, but they were divorced so I did cross that line. I haven't had anyone close to me injured or killed by a drunk driver, so I didn't have to cross the line that time. No one in my family is incarcerated and I haven't had a close

friend or family member murdered so those three times I didn't have to cross the line, but someone close to me does suffer from mental illness and someone else took his own life, so I crossed the line both of those times. No one in my family has physically assaulted me and I wasn't ever bullied in school, so I didn't have to cross those times. In the end, because I did get to enjoy a childhood, I didn't have to cross the line for the last time. Way too many of our students—and some of our staff—crossed that final line yesterday. Way, way too many. Because of family matters, deaths, divorce, hunger, poverty, discrimination, addictions, disease, assaults, lack of support, unstable and unsafe environments, they were robbed of the gift of being carefree and cherished children.

Yesterday was a day for listening to each others' stories, a day supporting, for noticing and listening and soothing and embracing. And then for choosing to break old patterns that hurt others. It was a day for healing and asking for and granting forgiveness for mean, intolerant, thoughtless acts that hurt others. And for giving thanks for the people in our lives who somehow help us get through the most difficult times. It was a day I will never forget because it helped me understand the real issues in our schools. If you really knew their stories, you would know how brave and generous and caring the Hillsboro-Deering community is and how hard students and adults together are trying to move forward. If you really knew them, you would be very proud of our high school.

Babette Haley, Hillsboro

Hillsborough Youth Services director

Peter Brigham submitted the following on behalf of one of his students.

Letter for Newspaper:

It's January 1st, 2012 and it's the start of a new year, new beginnings. The decisions I made in 2011 for myself have affected me in many ways. My life is a lot different but with the New Year here I'm ready for a new beginning and to evaluate what changes I need to make in my life. My poor decision making in 2011 resulted in my parents losing all trust in me, suspension from sports I love, everyone knowing about it and talking about it, my teachers treating me differently, my friends becoming distant and my self confidence spiraling downward. I was "a minor in possession of alcohol". I was at rock bottom. I was no longer looked at as "a good athlete", "an excellent student", or "a trustworthy daughter". I still don't quite understand why I made such poor, impulsive decisions when I have so much to offer. I am working on that with the help of my parents and others that care about me. I'm an honor roll student and hard worker with so much motivation and talent. I think I felt that because I was a good student and a good person that I was invincible and nothing bad could happen to me. Bad decisions affect everyone! I have learned that the decisions you make on a daily basis can have far-reaching and long-lasting consequences in your life. You make them everyday and you can't blame peer pressure. You need to take ownership of the decisions you make. I am so sorry for the decisions I made and for the people I have hurt and disappointed. If I could go back in time I would, but I can't and that is where a bad decision hurts the most. They are irreversible. It is a new year and I need a new beginning. My hope is to rise up from the bottom and change myself into the girl I know I am and the better person I know I can be. Happy New Year!



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