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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

UP ALL NIGHT

We are looking for parents to chaperone the Senior Class “Up All Night” on June 2nd. No senior parents, please.

ANGIE UPDATE

Angela Miller, our American idol, has made it to the top 8. She took the audience’s breath away with her rendition of “Yesterday,” by the Beatles. Go, Angie!

DANCING WITH THE TEACHERS

Tonight, your favorite teachers will be performing choreographed dances with some of our students. Tickets are \$4, and you can purchase them from any Dance Team member.

STUDENTS, TEACHER WIN REGIONAL VIDEO AWARD

BHS students received 3 awards from the Alliance for Community Media Northeast 15th Annual Regional Video Festival. 1st and 2nd place in the PSA category went to “Rommel Eco-friendly” by Makayla Townsend and “Teen Depression” by Mackenzie Swensen. 1st place in the non-professional category went to “The Assignment” by Jo-Anna Lloyd and BHS Media Class.

AEGIS WINTER ISSUE

The winter issue of *Aegis* has been printed and can be purchased for \$2 apiece from Mrs. Lara Collins, or from club editors carrying copies. Submissions for the spring issue of *Aegis* can be left in the white mailbox located in the library, or E-mailed to bhsaegis@gmail.com.

Exchange Student Highlight

Armand Martinez Ferrer ‘14, Spain

Jacqueline Tetrault '13
Staff Writer

Recently, *The Ledger* interviewed exchange student, Armand Martinez from Madrid, Spain, who is currently a junior at BHS. He discussed his experience in America, and the impact his travels have had on his view of the world.

The Ledger: “What’s the difference overall between the US and your native country?”

Martinez: This is the question, the question that everyone asks an exchange student, and we never know what to answer.

First of all, and most obviously, is the language. But more importantly, something I would like to highlight would be the “mind of the people” which is really different here than in Europe. I love this country and I love the people, almost as if it were my home country, but the cultural differences are the most difficult ones to get used to. There’s a lot of smaller differences that I have witnessed that show how our cultures are different. Some of them include that we use public transit, walking and biking more in Spain, and we eat healthier, but we eat well.

The Ledger: “What are some interesting experiences that you have had in the USA?”

Martinez: There are lots of interesting experiences that I could talk about. However, two of the most interesting ones, so far, have been the musical production of *West Side Story* and the cast party afterwards. It was an experience that changed me completely, it was just amazing.

The Ledger: “Do you feel any significant impact on yourself as a result of your time in America?”

Martinez: Yes. This experience is making me think about a lot of things that I never thought about before in Spain. The first and most important is the respect for other people, and the fact that everyone in the world is the same no matter ethnicity, language, appearance, or interests. The other really important thing is that I realized that travel is the best thing I can do, and is what I want to do for the rest of my life by being a pilot.

“West Side Story” Huge success! Sell-out every night



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The spring musical is always a treasured time for students in the Music Department, and this year’s production of *West Side Story* was even more revolutionary than usual. Mrs. Pilenen-Kudlik professed that she has wanted to put on a production of this musical for a long time, and was pleased to finally have a cast and pit band up for the challenging task. It was the first time the pit band was led by new band director Mr. Costa.

Another first was that the cast that included faculty in addition to students: adult characters were played by Principal Gallagher as Officer Krupke, Mr. Bauer as Lieutenant Shrank, Mrs. Fecteau as Sister Mary Gladhand, and Mr. Riordan as Doc.

Four exchange students were also in the

cast, with Cecelia Bouffenoir and Molly Feiring in the ensemble, and José David Cermeno and Armand Martinez playing lead roles as Bernardo and Chino, respectively. The sets and scenery included graffiti walls, chain link fences, and raised platforms to serve as a dress shop and an apartment bedroom.

Despite carrying heavy and ominous themes of prejudice and gang violence, the show also includes some lighthearted and comical numbers, such as “I Feel Pretty” and “Gee Officer Krupke,” making it a fun experience for cast and audience alike. The final performance on Sunday, Saint Patrick’s Day, culminated in a presentation of flowers for the teachers, lead volunteers, and student directors Emily McDermott and Peter Fickenwirth; this was followed by a surprise performance of the Harlem Shake onstage.

Maxx Manfre ‘14 wins Congressional Art Award



Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Borsetti

Ben Ayers ‘14
Staff Writer

The 6th Congressional District Art Competition was hosted by Montserrat College of Art on March 6-9th. The works of many BHS students were featured at the event. Most of the winners were given scholarships to Montserrat College, as well as other prizes. The Grand Prize winner, Riley McCarthy, had a piece hung in the Capitol Building. It will remain there for a year with those of prize winners from other districts.

Beverly’s Maxx Manfre won First Prize, for his photography piece entitled “City,” created on Photoshop. The piece featured a busy street, detailed and littered with signs and city life. Maxx won a scholarship to Montserrat College of Art and was presented with his award by Congressman Tierney.

Best Buddies Prom

Kristen Woodworth '16
Staff Writer

One of the many exciting clubs at BHS is Best Buddies. The Best Buddies program creates opportunities for students to create one-on-one friendships with other students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Led by Haley Albert (President), Matt Garrity (Vice President), Hunter Zimmerman (Secretary), and Erica Albert (Treasurer), Best Buddies has many events/fundraisers over the course of the year. Throughout the 2012-2013 school year, Best Buddies has thrown many fun events including a Thanksgiving dinner, a game night, and an apple picking trip.

On Saturday night, Best Buddies participated in their most anticipated event of the year, the Prom.

After taking pictures at the high school, the club took a bus to Hopkinton High School to join a variety of other schools from all across Massachusetts for the dance.

Beginning at six o’clock, everyone enjoyed a delicious pasta dinner set up in the cafeteria. Following dinner, Best Buddies enjoyed a night of rock-and-roll themed dancing in the Hopkinton High School gymnasium. In addition to dancing, karaoke and Guitar Hero were set up for everyone to play.

Freshman Katie Garrity who attended the Prom said, “It was great to be with the BHS Best Buddies dancing, having fun, and meeting people from other schools.”

One of the many highlights of the evening included a visit from Miss Teen Massachusetts 2013, Madyson Milord.

All who attended the Prom had an amazing time and hope that the next Best Buddies event will be as fun as this one!

Above the Influence

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The social ladder of today’s teenage generation is seriously screwed up. Being “cool” and “popular” is what most kids want, but in this day in age, popularity and social stature almost always go hand-in-hand with alcohol.

Being “popular” typically means getting invited to wild parties where everyone gets drunk and dances on each other and acts stupid and pretends not to remember the next day. Sure, it makes a good story, but good stories are not worth risking your life.

Some people are smart about transportation and get a designated driver, but others either do not think about that or simply do not care. Some people walk home. Contrary to popular belief, walking home drunk after midnight is actually not very safe. You could fall and get hurt. You could get lost. You could wander into the street and get hit by a car.

Other people think they are invincible and decide that it will be just fine if they drive home drunk. There is no regard for the fact that you could kill yourself, or your friends, or the random young mother and her two year old in the car you crash into.

As unlikely as some may find it, sober parties can be just as crazy, if not crazier, than parties with alcohol. The rule should not be that you have to drink to be cool. A good group of people who know how to have fun together can have a fantastic time without being under the influence of anything at all.

Don’t drink. Be smart about your social life. When weighing the options, being alive the next day should be more important than having a good story to tell.

FOUND≠SOUND

Students start cutting edge music blog

Ryan Noss '14
Staff Writer

I love music, and if you read the Ledger regularly, you know that I love to write about music, so when my friends came up with an idea for a blog of music reviews, “Found Sound Review,” I was eager to get in on it.

You might be thinking, “Hey, aren’t there already countless bloggers trying to pass themselves off as music critics?” and the short answer is, “Yes, there absolutely are.” What sets us apart, however, is that we have a very specific focus.

Bandcamp.com is a website that thousands of unknown bands use to connect with fans and hopefully win some new ones. Artists release their music for purchase, but also make a free stream available.

At “Found Sound,” we like to focus on these unknown bands, whose music is as current as it gets. If a review goes up on our site, the album has come out within the last 7 days, and sometimes as little as 1 or 2. Bandcamp.com also allows for the imbedding of the stream on blogs, so we include a link with every review we publish, allowing readers to easily find music and form their own opinions.

The mission of Found Sound Review is to give publicity to deserving bands who are on the scene right now and to expand the musical minds of our readers by keeping our reviews as diverse as possible.

The contributing reviewers are currently Liam Beaudoin '14, Alex D’Alfonso '14, Owen Bolas '14, Alex Walsh '15, Peter Fickenwirth '14, Justin Healy '15, Dylan Ricci '14, who is already an established blogger and music critic, and myself, Ryan Noss '14. If you are interested, check us out at found-soundreview.blogspot.com.

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What do you do on a snow day? What was your greatest snow day adventure?



Christina Pothier ‘15

“During the last snow day, I went to my friend’s house and had a pajama day, which was good because usually I just shovel.”



Sydney Rutledge '15

“I walk to my friend’s house, and we watch movies and play in the snow. In the blizzard we went sledding.”



Ally Pia '15

“I literally just stay home all day and sleep.”



Luis Acevedo ‘15

“On a snow day I go hiking. The best adventure was playing man hunt in the blizzard with all my friends.”



Ashley Augulewicz ‘15

“Last week I slept in and built a snow man.”