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Happy 104th birthday, Andy

Man's secret to longevity: Bulgarian yogurt

BY MICHAEL MOTT
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The secret to Andy Hallas's winding, 104-year life began with his father. Hallas graduated Cornell University, a young man tired of

desk jobs. He decided to try the family tobacco business, run by his father, Rudolph. So he headed to Bulgaria to learn the tobacco business from the ground up. He spent two years in an iso-

lated village, with no electricity, learning from the villagers how they grew the plant and manipulated it to what would become American cigarettes.

There, while skiing, he met his Bulgarian wife, Bistra, whom all called "Binky". She would teach him how her

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Andy Hallas, a man of experiences from world traveling to working in a predecessor to the CIA, blew out candles to merry applause at Brookdale Auburn Assisted Living Tuesday.

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INSPIRING KINDNESS

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Deidre Chaddock, 5, works on her yoga positions Tuesday. Yoga was one of many activities at Growing Peace Camp in Auburn.

Growing Peace Camp hosts a special speaker

10-year-old Leah Nelson teaches camp about her bracelet-making project

BY TRICIA CASPERS
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Growing Peace Camp Director Natalie Pohley and 10-year-old Leah Nelson are two peas in a big pod, but they hadn't met until Wednesday.

Or maybe they're "to peace" in a big pod.

Pohley was planning Peace Camp when she saw a news clip about Nelson's "Becuz I Care" project – the Sacramentan's plan to spread kindness during turbulent times.

It works like this: Nelson makes rubber band bracelets with notes attached that invite the recipients to do an act of kindness for another person. Along with the small kindness, the bracelet is passed on as well.

Meanwhile, one of the Peace Camp workshops includes talk-



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Leah Nelson, who created the "Becuz I Care" program to encourage people to treat each other with kindness, helps Peace Campers make their own bracelets that can be passed from person to person along with good deeds.

ing to the attendees about world issues and inviting them to come up with solutions. They write their ideas on paper light bulbs. When Pohley heard about Nelson, she knew she

was the perfect fit.

"Here is a little girl putting her ideas in to action," she said. "I thought 'how do I get her to Peace Camp?'"

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Volunteer Linda Leighton helps Laura Armbruster, 9, make a Peace Camp T-shirt Tuesday. Leighton often volunteers her skills in tie-dying and helped children at the camp with at least 100 T-shirts.

ON TWITTER

Leah Nelson asks those who perform an act of kindness and pass on a bracelet to tweet about it with the hashtag #BecuzIcare11

Arrests made in Auburn 'drug house' heroin probe

Aeolia Drive house search leads to arrest of suspects

BY GUS THOMSON
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Three men were taken into custody as a search of an alleged Auburn drug house in connection with a heroin investigation continued Thursday.

Arrests came after a search warrant was served Wednesday morning on an Aeolia Drive house on the outskirts of Downtown Auburn. The quiet, narrow Auburn street of a street leading to some of the city's most prestigious addresses was closed for the rest of the morning when occupants of the house refused to come out.

With guns drawn and pepper spray utilized, the Placer County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Team flushed out four uncooperative occupants, including one hiding in the attic.

Three people left the house before the warrant was served and were found later in the morning in a Red Hawk Lane apartment complex in Auburn.

Once an extensive search was completed, investigators made arrests.

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MEDIA LIFE

May 16, 1848, the day gold was discovered in Auburn, makes the list of Auburn's five worst days ever in this week's Media Life. See the full list on page A2.

Pictured are Maidu tribal headmen and treaty commissioners, who worked on post-Gold Rush agreements in 1851 that were never ratified by Congress.



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