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What in the world is MyTime?

MyTime is not only a page devoted to you, the reader, it's a page produced by you. It's our effort to engage you in the process of sharing news and knowledge. If you need a name, it's called "citizen journalism."

If you can write a paragraph, ask a question or take a picture, you can be part of MyTime. It's open to everyone from middle school up. We're looking for your news coverage, your photos, your experiences, your knowledge.

We're not looking for fiction. We're going to trust that you have enough respect for your fellow Anne Arundel residents that you won't make up stuff for a laugh. No poetry. And no

opinions. This is not a forum for politics.

Like everything in the newspaper, material is published at *The Capital's* discretion and is subject to editing. We will publish as many of your submissions as we can in the newspaper, but depending on the bulk of contributions, some items may appear only on our Web site, www.HometownAnnapolis.com. At this time there is no limit to the number of contributions an individual may make, but if volume becomes an issue, preference may be given to those who do not contribute on a regular basis.

What might you write about? Your news, of course. Next week you'll read about a blood drive at the School of the Incarnation. But you can also write about your history or your encounters. Have you met Mother Teresa? Donald Trump? George Clooney? Let us know. Or tell us how you coped with cancer or recovered after an automobile accident.

Submit your items, including photos, to mytime@capitalgazette.com. We'll send you a short reply when an item has been received, but we won't be able to tell you when it might be published.

Photo guidelines

Photos should be properly exposed, nicely composed and tightly cropped to adequately show the subject matter. Photos containing excessive motion, or that are blurry and out of focus cannot be used. Please avoid backs of heads, and photos from far away. Do not try to crowd too many people into one photograph, no more than four or five at the very most.

Limit your submissions to one or two of your best photographs of the subject, unless absolutely necessary.

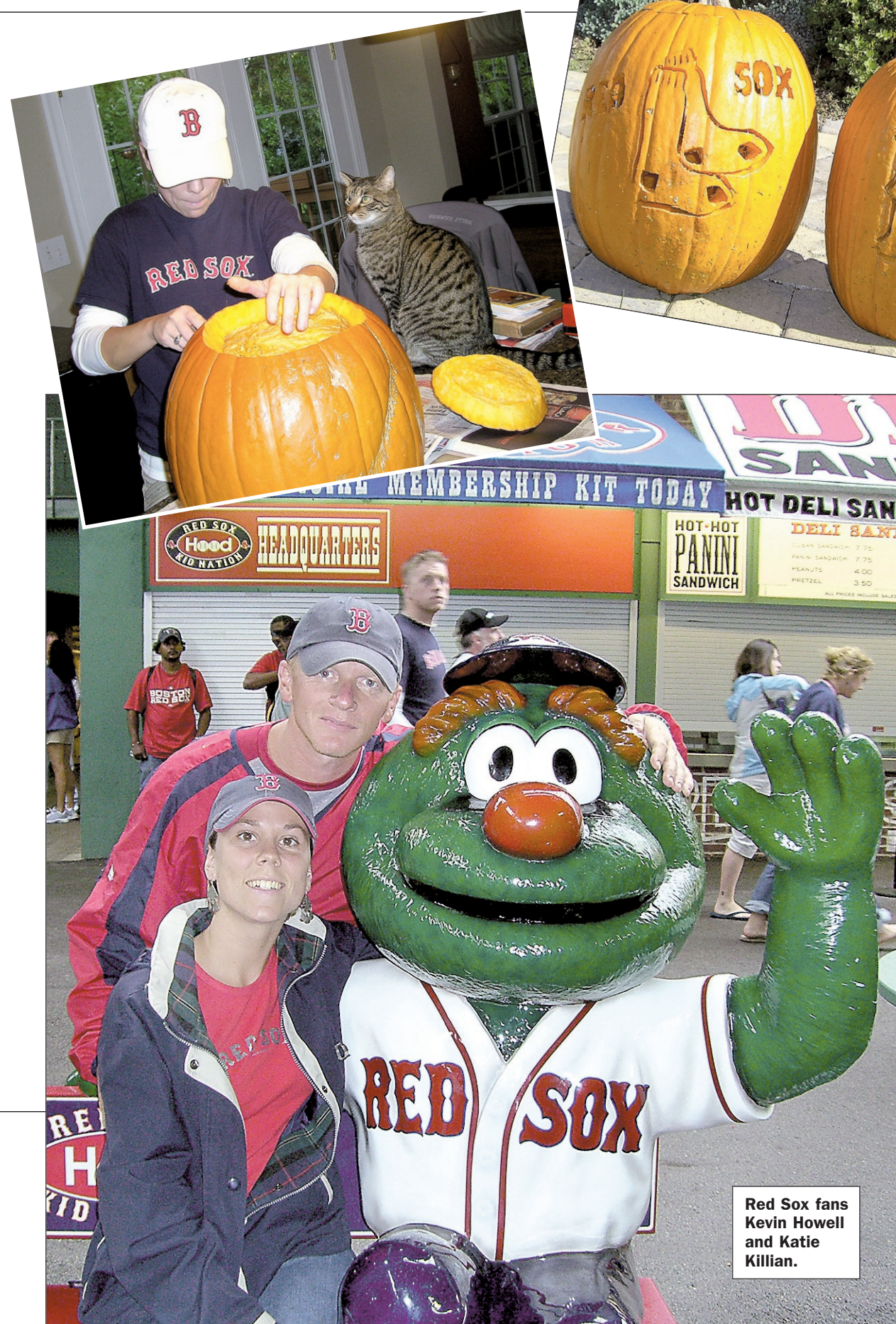
Photos MUST be submitted in the following size and format in order to be reproduced in the newspaper: Minimum size — 5-by-7-inches; resolution — minimum of 180 dpi (dots per inch or pixels per inch); .jpg (JPEG) file format.

Do not embed a photo within a document. It must be included as an attachment.

Caption information must be in the following format:

Date photo was taken (10/31/2007). Include where the photograph was taken and any other information that might help identify what is going on in the photo. Always identify all subjects in the photo from left to right as you view the picture. Include ages, if under 16 years of age, and the community the subject is from. Include the name of the photographer at the end (Photo by Joe Smith).

Photos that do not include complete caption information or do not meet the size and resolution requirements may not be used.



Red Sox fans
Kevin Howell
and Katie
Killian.

Red Sox nation, Annapolis chapter

By KEVIN HOWELL

WOW, what a season! What a couple seasons... For that matter, what a lifetime of being a Red Sox fan. One hundred seventy-six games including the playoffs — and I estimate that I missed just 18 while traveling and even then followed every inning on my BlackBerry.

What a run ... great pitching ... great hitting ... great coaching ... great ownership.

Drama everywhere. Being chased down by the evil empire (N.Y. Yankees), Curt Schilling coming within one pitch of a no-hitter then to the disabled list. Clay Buchholz completing a no-hitter in his second major league start. The dominance of the probable Cy Young winner Josh Beckett ... man is he clutch. The emotion and overpowering stuff of the fan favorite Jonathon Papelbon. The likely rookie-of-the-year Justin Pedroia and late-season rookie sensation Jacoby Ellsbury.

And of course the best 3-4 hitters in the game: Ortiz and Ramirez. The cornerstones of Lowell (best fielding third basemen in the history of the game) and Kevin Youkilis who didn't have an error all regular season.

Wow ... what a season. Even with being tied for the best record in baseball this year, we still had to endure 66 losses ... part of being a baseball fan. Even the best teams lose 40 percent of the time; even the best hitters only get on base 40 percent of the time. This makes for a long season.

But that high fast ball by Papelbon to end game 4 and the sweep of the

Rockies made it all worthwhile to say the least. Now that the season is over, people ask what I am I going to do with my time. I simply relish being a fan of the champs and wait until the pitchers report to spring training next year and man, I can't wait.

Being a New England native, my roots originally led me to being a Boston fan. Yaz was my favorite player as a kid. And there were many great players to grace the shadows of the green monster.

But it hasn't always been easy, as we all know. Eighty-six years without a championship. Horrible ownership. The curse of the Bambino Billy Buckner (although he was great otherwise than that one play in '86), being the Yanks' bridesmaids for so many years.

I was behind home plate at Yankee Stadium for game 2 of the ALCS when the crowd was screaming to Pedro Martinez "Who's your daddy?" ... and we proceeded to go down 3-0.

But it is different now as that series with New York was the start of something special for Red Sox fans everywhere.

Katie Killian and I met four years ago, at which time she was not a Red Sox fan. She soon found out how much fun it is to be a member of Red Sox nation. She adores the Red Sox, and we will follow them through their ups and downs for decades to come.

We have seen them in person over 30 times in five different cities over the past years, and hope to continue that in years to come.

Katie is 26 and an ER nurse at AAMC. I am 35 and loan consultant for SunTrust Mortgage Inc. We have a cat named Boston and a dog named Nala and live in Annapolis.

Birthday girl gives special gift to MTR



Mikayla Lipsetts, 6, of Harwood, asked her classmates and friends to make a donation to the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Center instead of getting her a birthday present. Her parents estimate over \$500 was donated. When asked why she chose to ask that donations be made to the MTR in lieu of gifts, Mikayla said: "I knew my family would buy me a lot of presents. The Therapeutic Riding Center is so special and I want to help so the people can keep riding their horses, and keep riding at the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Center."



Spooked at Broadneck Library



We attended the Storytime Spook-tacular held at the Broadneck Library Oct. 23 and it was a wonderful event.

Samantha Zline was the storyteller and she read Halloween stories to more than 60 children.

After storytime, Samantha led the children on a parade through the library and then orchestrated craft time, where the kids could make ghosts and masks.

Samantha and the children were dressed in their Halloween costumes. There were children dressed as pumpkins, witches, a pterodactyl, dragons, Dracula, puppies, Minnie Mouse, Snow White and assorted other princesses, Incredibles, Spiderman, Superman, the Little Mermaid and many others.

— Jeff Woodbury