Salina man aids in-law on 'Super Millionaire'

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Erik Nordman, of Salina, is waiting for the final answer tonight to whether his brother-in-law will advance past the $500,000 level to win $1 million or even the $10 million jackpot on "Super Millionaire."

Nordman's $50,000 answer as a phone-a-friend on Sunday night's show helped Patrick Headley, of Erie, Pa., move on in the game.

Headley is chairman of the mathematics department at Gannon University in Erie. He picked Nordman from among five relatives and in-laws to help answer the question.

Nordman is married to Headley's sister, Jennifer, and is a doctoral student in
natural resources, economics and policy at the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He also has an interest in music.

The latter may have helped.

Headley's $50,000 question: "Which of the following songs has Weird Al Yankovic not done a parody of?" The choices: A. "Gangsta's Paradise"; B. "My Sharona"; C. "Like a Virgin"; and D. "I Will Survive."

The answer, Nordman said, was "I Will Survive." It was the same answer Headley had been leaning toward. And it was the correct one.

As Headley vies for the jackpot at 10 p.m. today on WIXT (Channel 9), he'll have to depend on his brains, wits and the Double Dip - two chances to make one answer. But he won't have phone-a-friend Erik Nordman to rely on again.