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Earthquake Ravages Haiti, Inspires Hope

By Mariah Barber

On January 12th 2010, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake devastated the island nation of Haiti. Not just one earthquake hit this small republic, but more than 15 aftershocks, some with 5.0 magnitudes, struck the island. It was the worst earthquake in over 200 years, and the first earthquake to rattle Haiti since 1860.

The Republic of Haiti is considered to be by far the most impoverished country in the western hemisphere. Over ten million people inhabit Haiti, and 1/5 of those people live in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, where the earthquake

struck the hardest.

A large portion of Haiti is now suffering from deforestation as well as over farming, which is causing Haiti's land to be infertile and arid. As a result, it is difficult for citizens to grow crops needed to feed the Haitian people, thus skyrocketing the price of food and causing riots among the hungry.

In addition, Haiti's government has been in near shambles since its beginning, with corruption and political capriciousness. All of these hardships Haitians face make the nation extremely vulnerable to natural disasters like the earthquake.



To make the situation even worse, just under two years ago, Haiti was hit by Hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike as well as Tropical Storm Fay, combining for over 800 deaths, destroying many of Haiti's bridges, and costing the country over 900 million dollars.

After the earthquake, buildings (mostly built with insufficient infrastructure) were collapsed, dead bodies lay in the streets, and desperate pleas for help were heard from piles of rubble. It is estimated that 200,000-250,000 people were killed. Due to people burying bodies on their own or disposing of them in dumps, an exact total will remain unknown. An upwards of 250,000 people are estimated to be injured, and 1.5 million remain

homeless.

There were also about 200 United Nations members living in Haiti, and so far 49 have been declared dead while others are still unaccounted for. Since Haiti has a scarcity of technological advancements, surgery and medical care needed to help save the injured is hard to come by. It is estimated that each day after the quake 20,000 people die from lack of proper medical attention.

So far, countries from around the world have joined together in order to relieve Haiti. The United States is one of the leading countries in this effort. Anyone interested in helping out Haiti, can make donations to organizations such as the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and Partners in Health.

People can even donate through their cell phones. Simply text "Haiti" to the number 90999 and a \$10 donation to the Red Cross will be automatically be added to your cell phone bill, or you can text "QUAKE" to 20222 to charge a \$10 donation to the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund. Many volunteering programs are available as well, through USAID.



Please [click here](#) and donate to the International Response Fund

Best Places to Refresh

By Jonathan Haab

Water. It is essential to life on earth. Without it we would be nonexistent. So where do you go to quench your thirst? Do you grab a glass? Maybe a bottle? How about take a walk to the dreaded water fountain?

Public water fountains can be unsanitary, dispense warm water, or even emit just a dribble. However, not all are bad. They are simple, quick, and even environmentally friendly, as they eliminate the waste from plastic bottles and paper cups. You just have to know where to find the perfect water fountain, the one that releases a steady, cold, and refreshing stream. Today, we will journey through the depths of Northern Lehigh on a quest to find the ideal water fountain. The following is a list of the school's top ten water fountains from worst to best;

10. Location: Outside of the Boys' Locker Room in the gym
 Temperature: N/A
 Pressure: N/A
 Notes: I would not recommend using this one, as it does not work

9. Location: In between the Boys' and Girls' upstairs bathrooms
 Temperature: N/A
 Pressure: Low
 Notes: A decent choice if you find yourself in the area

8. Location: In the main lobby, near the auditorium
 Temperature: 70° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Low
 Notes: Ehh...

7. Location: In between the bathrooms next to the cafeteria
 Temperature: 59° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Low
 Notes: Decent temperature but barely drinkable due to low pressure

6. Location: Between rooms 311 and 311A
 Temperature: 75° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Medium
 Notes: Warm but at least the water comes up high enough to comfortably reach your mouth

5. Location: Next to room 319
 Temperature: 70° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Good

Notes: Referred to as the Holy Fountain, this water fountain on a sunny day is a strange yet beautiful site due to the sun shining through the skylight directly on the stainless steel. Although this water fountain used to be perfect, its performance this year has been disappointing.

4. Location: Inside the wrestling room
 Temperature: 55° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Low
 Notes: A good refreshment after palates, however, I wouldn't recommend it under normal circumstances, plus the auxiliary gym might be locked.

3. Location: Outside the girls' locker room by the gym
 Temperature: 68° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: High (Almost too much)
 Notes: Great for gym class, decent overall

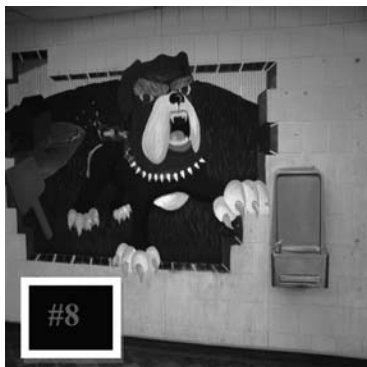
2. Location: All the way downstairs outside of room 101
 Temperature: A refreshing 57° Fahrenheit
 Pressure: Just right
 Notes: Although out of the

way for most students, this water fountain is fantastic. It is cold, reaches your mouth, and offers a refreshing, thirst quenching dosage of water.

1. Location: Outside of the library
 Temperature: Lower- 55° Fahrenheit, Upper- A frigid 53°
 Pressure: Pretty good
 Notes: The number 1 fountain. This fountain is in a reasonable location, offers two height options, has enough pressure for drinkability, and dispenses water that is downright cold, making it the perfect water fountain.

I hope you find my countdown useful and resourceful the next time you find yourself thirsty during school or when you just need to take a break.

* Pressures based on my Haab Scale
 ** Results subject to change over time



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Bullying's Causes and Effects

By Lisa Weinmuller

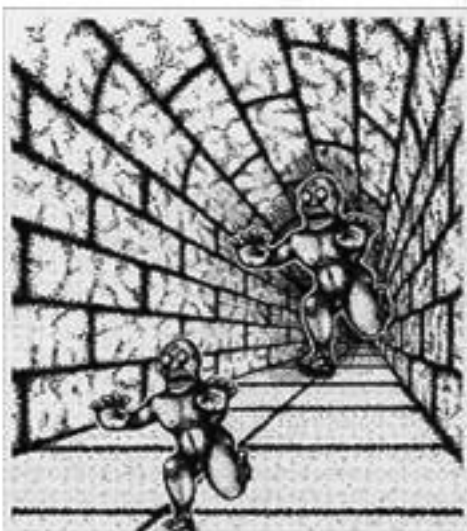
Bullying may be described in many different ways. It may be described as harassment or intimidating smaller or weaker people. Many students tease other students or are getting teased. Psychologically, depression can affect the person being bullied or even the person bullying. An effect as severe as suicide may result from this senseless act. So what makes people want to bully? Bullying is caused by a lack of compassion, behavior control, and social skills. I will leave the readers with this note; bullying others will not only hurt the victim but damage a lot of other people. Therefore you can change the world starting with you!

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Unscramble the Spring Activities around this page, then find them in the puzzle!

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Believe it or not, these two "monsters" are the same size.



Which do you see?
 A horse or a frog?
 Try rotating the paper 90 degrees and looking again.

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 -BC. WFXAVE

There is one mistake on this page. The first person to find it and see Mrs. Turoscy will receive a special prize.

Bowmanstown Diner vs. Miller's Diner

By Luke Senko

About a month ago my friends and I were sitting at my house looking for something to do. We were bored, hungry, and clueless as to where to find a new place to eat. After asking around, we learned that other people had visited a local restaurant called the Bowmanstown Diner. The place is open 24 hours, which put it on the top of our weekend to -do list.

Over the next few days we heard more about the diner as well as information about a competing Diner from Northampton called Miller's. This restaurant is open 24 hours as well. To compare these

dining establishments fairly, reviewers Aaron Rarick, Justin Molitoris, and I decided to visit each place around the same time on the same day of the week and evaluate the dishes that we ordered. For added parity we tried to order the same items at both places. We also timed how long it took to get our food and to get refills on our drinks, which provided another basis for comparison.

Bowmanstown: Service – We were almost immediately seated and ordered drinks. It took about 10 minutes to get our sodas, and then we ordered our food. We

received part of our group's food 18 minutes after we ordered and then received the other half nearly 2 minutes later. I found this timing unusual because only 5 people were seated at our table, and the first 3 recipients devoured their meals while the others looked on hungrily for the next 2 minutes. About the time everyone had finally gotten their food, our drinks had run dry. We waited for the waitress to notice, but she did not do so until Aaron asked for a refill. Overall, the service seemed somewhat lax for a place that was so well referred to us.

Miller's: Service – We were almost immediately seated, but our drink and food orders were taken at the same time. Our drinks came about a minute later and our food nearly 10 minutes after ordering. Drinks were resupplied in a timely and regular manner and the waitress was friendly. Overall, the service seemed superior to the more popular Bowmanstown Diner. This factor, along with all the reviewers favoring the food at Miller's, clearly makes Miller's Diner the winner of this competition.

First Dish: Cheeseburger and French Fries
 Evaluator: Luke Senko
 Winner: Miller's

	Bowmanstown	Miller's
Composition	Tomato, Lettuce, Mayo, Ketchup, Cheese, Pickle on the side	Tomatoes, Lettuce, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Cheese, Pickle on the side
Size	This one did not quell my voracious appetite	This burger was so large I could barely finish my side order of fries
Fries	The fries were surprisingly good; they were fried to a golden brown perfection and served hot	These fries were also good, but had the added advantage of being steak fries



Second Dish: Fried Chicken and Mashed Potatoes
 Evaluator: Justin Molitoris
 Winner: Miller's

	Bowmanstown	Miller's
Chicken	Although fried to a delicious golden brown, it was a little on the dry side	Also fried to tasty goodness, but felt it topped the Bowmanstown chicken
Potatoes	Mashed potatoes were both instant mashed potatoes	
Sides	Came with a salad topped with the dressing of your choice.	Also came with salad, but also included a choice of soup, which was a great addition.



Third Dish: Gyro (Miller's)/ Chicken Cheese Steak (Bowmanstown)
 Evaluator: Aaron Rarick
 Winner: Miller's

	Bowmanstown	Miller's
Cheese steak	I thought they put too much sauce on it. Although it tasted good, it was quite soggy and messy to eat.	
Gyro		One of the best I have ever had. It had a perfect blend of veggies and meat.
Fries	Larger portion than Miller's, but was not included in the meal	Smaller portion than Bowmanstown, but better quality



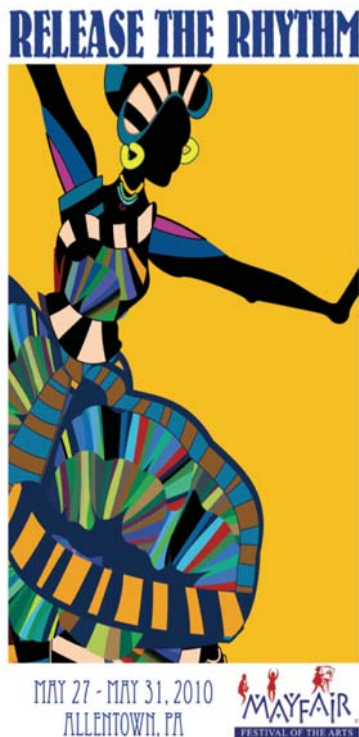


Spring Go Guide

By Ashley Mayberry

Mayfair

An outdoor festival held on May 27-31, this venue offers various concerts that can satisfy any person's yearning for entertainment. Or, if one prefers more laidback activities, the array of art and crafts may satisfy both young and old alike. Make sure to come down with family and friends to take a stroll through the fun located in West End Allentown's Muhlenberg Park on 2020 Hamilton Street. Sample food from all nationalities, watch the battle of the high school bands, or relax under the stars as jazz, reggae and other types of musicians perform.

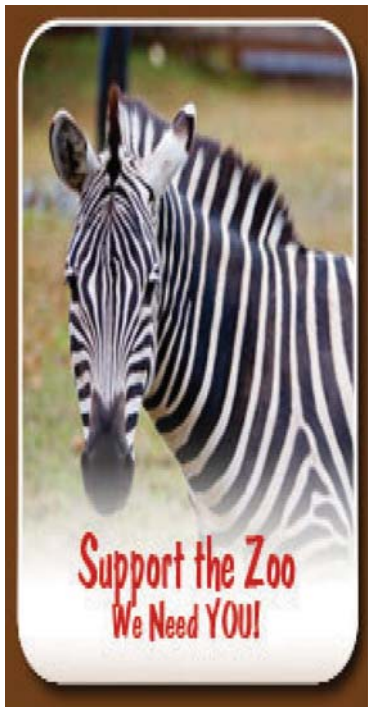


Pocono Whitewater Rafting

Adventure seekers will be certain to have fun at Pocono Whitewater, simply because there is something that interests everybody. Single rafting adventures are available, along with group rafting. If one prefers drier exercise, biking on local trails is an option. Paintball is another form of excitement for the action lovers. With all these choices, everyone will be sure to have a good time.

IronPigs Baseball

Baseball enthusiasts are in for unstoppable fun when they enter an IronPigs game. The local minor league stadium is sure to impress. The excitement starts in April at Coca Cola Park in the Lehigh Valley. With an average of 8,000 spectators per game, this team exhibits obvious popularity. Tickets range from six to twenty dollars, which is only a small price to pay for a thrilling experience. The Pigs begin a nine day homestand on April 14th with three games against the Rochester Red Wings. Following that, they will play five home games against the Syracuse Chiefs and finish with two games against the Pawtucket Red Sox. All weekday games start at 7:05; so get out and enjoy some evening baseball.



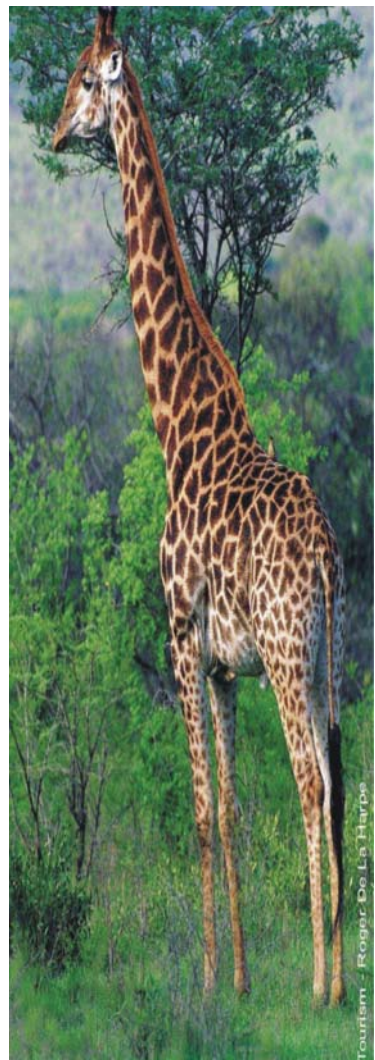
Lehigh Valley Zoo

When spring arrives, consider a visit to a local zoo. Nestled in Schnecksville on 1,100 acres, this campus houses over 200 animals. Visitors can learn about different species, attend family friendly events, or simply observe the animals. Take a nostalgic trip back to childhood by listening to local kids and teen rock and roll bands perform in July, picking out holiday pumpkins in October, or arriving in costume and trick-or-treat around the zoo.



Air Escapes Ballooning

There is no better way to observe the springtime than in an air balloon. Various places in the Lehigh Valley such as Schnecksville and Easton offer launch sites. Weather controls the flight, and winds cannot exceed eight miles an hour. Family and friends are welcome to chase the balloon in their vehicles. Bring a camera because you will want to remember this adventure.



Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Located off the Lenhartsville exit 11, non-profit Hawk Mountain eco-tourist site is home to many birds of prey such as hawks, vultures and eagles. Enjoy everything the mountain has to offer - trails, gardens, and a visitor center. Although it is open year round, the experience is certainly more pleasant when one can enjoy the warm sunshine. Be sure to take a hike through this flourishing mountain and rediscover unspoiled nature.



Hawk Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary



Movie Review: Alice in Wonderland

By: Laura Grammes

A highly anticipated movie, "Alice in Wonderland" remakes a storybook classic and transforms it into a quirky, gothic, and riveting masterpiece. Inspired by Lewis Carroll's tale of a small girl's journey to a topsy-turvy world, this Tim Burton production continues the story by asking the question, "What if Alice visited Wonderland one more time?"

Set in the late Victorian era, this film is a sequel to Carroll's original telling of Wonderland and its many misadventures. Alice, a familiar face to both young and old viewers alike, has now matured into a youthful woman of nineteen years. Shortly after the death of her father, Alice is whisked away to a social gathering full of snobby nobles and socialites. What she expects to be a typical, boring affair turns out to be quite the opposite when a conceited and condescending lord proposes to Alice.

In the midst of her shock and confusion, Alice spots a familiar white rabbit dashing about in a waistcoat with pocket watch in hand. A hazy sense of déjà-vu overcomes Alice as the animal

intrigues her, running off into a nearby maze and out of her sight. Desperate and curious beyond belief, she rushes after the White Rabbit. Alice, being prone to old habits, once again finds a curious-looking hole and tumbles down into its depths to a place known as Wonderland.

As Alice re-explores Wonderland and encounters its odd inhabitants, she experiences once more the strangeness and unfamiliarity of her surroundings. It turns out that Alice has no previous memories of her last visit to this silly world, despite the obvious warm welcomes of her former companions, such as the Mad Hatter. He, as well as many other familiar friends, encourages Alice to aid them in their quest to overthrow the Red Queen.

The cruel, big-headed queen has completely overtaken Wonderland from her sweet sister the White Queen with the help of the treacherous dragon the Jabberwock, which terrorizes the land's citizens. Being the only one who is able to slay the dragon, Alice must embark on yet another crazy adventure full of self-discovery and amazement,

something she realizes she missed for years...

Tim Burton once again hits the silver screen with an astounding piece, an instant masterpiece ready to be cherished for years to come. At first, Burton wondered who would be the lucky actress to play the part of the film's heroine. Many young Hollywood starlets, such as Lindsay Lohan, offered a strong interest in the role, but Burton settled on a relatively unknown actress by the name of Mia Wasikowska.

"There is something real, honest, and sincere about her. She's not a typical Hollywood starlet," the director states, explaining that he wished for an actress that the audience could relate to, and the charm Mia brought to the table certainly fulfilled those qualities.

Also, what would a Tim Burton film be without the legendary Johnny Depp? Depp reprises in yet another film with the famous director as the witty and wacky Mad Hatter, Alice's close companion in Wonderland. Depp was very excited to play the role, stating that it was a dream come true and says, "The Hatter is like a mood ring, his emotions are

very close to the surface." Burton explains how Depp tried to find and bring a personality to the Hatter, instead of just portraying the Hatter mad like in most versions of the tale.

Wasikowska says, "They have an understanding about each other. They both feel like outsiders and feel alone in their separate worlds, and have a special bond and friendship." And with Depp and Wasikowska on screen, that bond is truly visible.

Come with Alice as she tumbles down the hole into the magical world of Wonderland on March 5th at a theater near you. The film is rated PG (Parental Guidance) for fantasy action and violence, some scary images, and of course, a smoking caterpillar.

Film Credits

Production companies: Tim Burton Animation Co., Walt Disney Productions, Walt Disney Studios, Team Todd, Walt Disney Pictures, Zanuck Company, the Tim Burton Productions.

Cast: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman, Anne Hathaway, Michael Sheen,



Stephen Fry, Timothy Spall, Crispin Glover, Christopher Lee, Noah Taylor, Matt Lucas, Marton Lucas, Marton Csokas, Eleanor Tomlinson, Frances de la Tour, Lindsay Duncan, John Hopkins, Jemma Powell, Austin James Wolff, and Barbara Windsor.

Director: Tim Burton

Producers: Tim Burton, Katterli Frauenfelder, Derek Frey, Chris Lebenzon, Joe Roth, Peter M. Tobsyansen, Jennifer Todd, Suzanne Todd, Marcus Walton, Linda Wooverton, Richard D. Zanuck.

Composer: Danny Elfman
Cinematographer: Dariusz Wolski

Casting: Susie Figgs

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Music Review: KE\$HA

By: Michelle Bingert

Songwriter and pop singer Ke\$ha released the hit song "Tik Tok" which stayed on top of The Billboard Hot 100 Chart for 18 weeks. She desperately wanted her first album to be produced by Prince, so one day she entered his home while Prince was playing with his band. She stayed until he noticed her, and when he did, his security guard escorted her out. However, she left him a copy of her demo CD wrapped in a purple bow.

Ke\$ha grew up poor, with her family on welfare. She attended a music school in Tennessee and took songwriting classes. She claimed to have fallen in love with the music written by famous country artists Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, and Patsy Cline. When she was younger, her mom used to tell her that she had a good voice.

When she was 17, she quit high school because she wanted to move to L.A. to pursue music. That was when she met Dr. Luke. He was looking for a female artist who had an incredible, distinctive voice and her own style. Ke\$ha went on to work with executive producer, Dr. Luke, who worked with artists like Britney Spears, Katy Perry, and Flo Rida. He brought

Ke\$ha to RCA records, who signed her in February 2009.

"I want my music to be fun, unapologetic, rowdy, quirky, humorous, and interesting...but with substance behind it,"

Ke\$ha said. "I'm an emotional person underneath all my fronting. I want people to listen to it and feel like they can relate."

Ke\$ha was hanging out with Dr. Luke and Flo Rida when an opportunity came her way. Flo Rida mentioned he wanted a female voice on one of his tracks. Ke\$ha agreed, and the song "Right Round" became an amazing hit in February 2009. It made it all the way up to #1 the first week after its release, and sold over 636,000 downloads. Breaking the all-time one-week digital single sales record, it was a fantastic time for this young artist.

Ke\$ha enjoys storytelling in her songs, and her hard work truly is paying off. Times have changed for her and she has an exciting career doing something that she loves. She has an album out, titled "Animal," which was released in early January. Check out this new successful singer. Mick Jagger would be proud.



I will make history.

I will bring out the best in people. I will stay true to myself. I will meet my destiny with open arms. I will make a lasting difference. I will have faith in myself. I will have faith in humanity.

I will never look back. I will look forward to the future. I will enjoy the loneliness at the top.

I will zig when others zag.

I will put a chokehold on greatness and never let go. I will collect accolades, not dust.

I will dance on the edge of the void. I will have more real friends than virtual ones. I will never stop asking hard questions. I will say what I mean and mean what I say. I will learn the rules, then break them.

I will speak for my generation.

I will take risks and reap the rewards. I will make the footprints for others to follow. I will learn lessons in failure.

I will look truth in the eye and face the consequences. I will write a success story where I'm the main character.

But first, I will go to LCCC for two years then transfer.



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