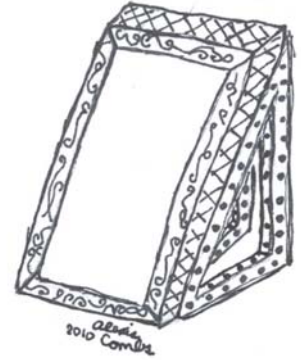


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SCHOOL NEWS

Beauty and the Beast JR.

By Nicole Schofield

Under the direction of Ms. Holmes, foreign language teacher, The New Paltz Middle School presented *Beauty and the Beast*. The shows were on March 4th at 7:00pm, March 5 at 7:00 p.m., and March 6th at 2:00 p.m. The students also performed for the elementary school.

The auditorium at The Middle School was packed to a sold out crowd for all performances.

Over 100 middle school students worked for months singing, dancing and working behind the scenes to make this show happen. Some of the songs that they sang and danced to included: "Belle," "Home," "Gaston," "Something There," "Human

Again," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Mob Song," "Home," and the "Finale."

The Prince/Beast was played by Holden Carroll, the Old Woman/Enchantress was played by Zynab Makki, Belle was played by Julia Cohen, Gaston was played by Ben Kaufman, Lefou was

played by Nora Oukili, the Silly Girls were played by Valerie Blaha, Cierra Bruck, Kristen Chiriani, Morgan Cozzolino, Alli Jacone, Danielle Read, Samantha Schmalz, and Hannah Takacs. Maurice was played by Luke Sturgis, Cogsworth was played by PJ Hunter, Lumiere was played by Lauren Apuzzo,

Babette was played by Tiana Ramic, Mrs. Potts was played by Jenny Rich, Chip was played by Jacey Vaccaro, Madame de la Grande Bouche was played

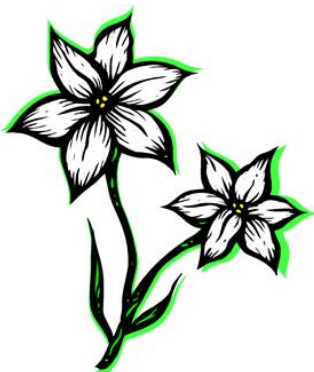
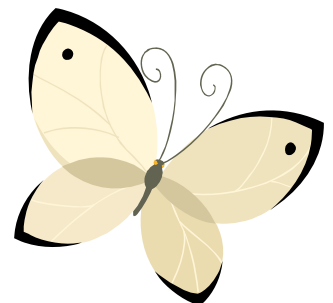


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by Katelynn Demskie, and the other parts were the Villagers, Enchanted objects, Napkins, and the Wolves.

Everyone did an amazing job performing. The back stage crew worked together to make the play run smoothly. The play was a great success!

Ms. Holmes Talks about Beauty and the Beast

By Nicole Schofield and Nicholas Zaccheo

On March fourth, fifth, and sixth the showing of *Beauty and the Beast* occurred. The Mirror staff met up with Mrs. Holmes and asked her some questions.

Q: Why did you choose the play *Beauty and the Beast*?

A: It is a great show with lots of fun music, dancing and acting.

Q: Was it difficult to pick the students for the parts?

A: Yes. We had many very talented people here.

Q: Were you in any of your school plays?

A: Yes.

Q: What is your favorite part of doing the school play?

A: Working with students.

Q: How long have you hosted the school plays?

A: Here, 5 years. But in my old school, 15 years.

Q: Do you know what play you will do next year?

A: No.

“The play was spectacular,” said Charlie Bason.
“Everyone did an amazing job!”

The Geography Bee Comes to NPMS

By Eric Lasko

On January 13th, the Geography Bee came to the school. The Geography Bee is a social studies competition run by the National Geographic Society.

Ms. Naclerio is the adviser for the Geography Bee club.

In this competition, students compete to answer geography-related questions. The winner in each school goes on to face other winners within the state. The winner in each state goes on to face students from around the country in the ultimate geography competition.

The competitors were: Ann Khan, Chris Bendell, Franny Jones, Adriana Crimi, Jamie Meluso, Gina Verney, Mason Secky-Koebel, Alegandra Guzman, Nora Sackett, Lorenzo Megna, Kate Fishman, Kira

Martin, Lia Natzle, Lillian Lawrence-Paine and Alexis Combs.

The competition took place in Room 4, where Mason Secky-Koebel for the second time in a row dominated. Chris Bendell took 2nd place. Ann Khan and Nora Sackett tied for 3rd place. Congratulations to all students who participated.



Dr. Wiesenthal, Chris Bendell, Mason Secky-Koebel and Ms. Naclerio

Books Travel to NPMS

By Nicole Schofield

The book fair was held from November 29th until December 3rd. There were many wonderful things that were planned. Students went with their science teachers to look at the book fair.

On Monday, the first day of the book fair, there were games to enter with prizes and the big raffle was on Friday. On Tuesday there was a chocolate buffet with cookies, and chocolate pretzels, and many more things. On Wednesday, students who wore the school colors (maroon and white) won a free pencil and a bookmark. Thursday was lollipop day. Students who picked the right lollipop with a colored stick won a prize. At night time on Thursday the book fair was open from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 and there were games and raffles to play there too. On the last day of the book fair they picked the raffle winners.

The prize from the big Friday raffle was a catered lunch with Dr. Wiesenthal! The catered lunch was Wednesday, December 8 in 6th period. The lunch was sponsored by the Middle School PTA. The food was from the Main Street Bistro. The lunch was great!

A Real Mummy

By Nicholas Zaccheo

On February 3rd and 4th, the 6th grade went to The Albany Institute of History and Art to see real Egyptian artifacts. Social studies teachers including Ms. Naclerio, Ms. Grey and Ms. Minge arranged this fieldtrip for all the sixth graders.

At The Albany Institute of History and Art, students were divided into two groups. Half the students went to the arts and craft room and made ushabties. The ushabti was made to do the chores of the wealthy in the after life, while the other half went to the museum and saw a mummy, part of the Book of the Dead, and much more. Learn more about the museum at <http://www.albanyinstitute.org>.

After the museum, students went to the Henry Hudson planetarium. There was a spinning globe in the middle of the room that projected a movie and the constellations. They saw what the stars looked like in ancient Egypt. They learned how to find constellations in the sky.



photo by Nick Zaccheo

Coptic jars held the organs of the Egyptians.

Students Recognized

By Nicholas Zaccheo

On February 10, 2011 in the New Paltz Middle School cafeteria, a Student Recognition Breakfast was hosted to celebrate students who helped make the Middle School a better community. Mr. Tantillo spoke first followed by Dr. Wiesenthal. Mr. Kerr, the president of the board of education, spoke about how he was honored to be among



such good students. Students were honored for such things as helping new students, cleaning lunch tables, outstanding work, coming prepared to class and helping teachers if needed.

Congratulations to the following 6th, 7th and 8th grade students: William Aebi, Christopher Bendell, Tyler Black, Poeu Breckinridge, Liam Brenner, Ian Bunce, Christian Bruke, Stephen Capuano, Katherine Curtis, Alexandra Hekking, Kyle Jansen, Tanvir Khan, Skyler Lawrence, Brennan McEntee, Jessica Merten, Cinthia Navarro, McKenzie Osborne, Timothy Otis, Kaela Santos, Christopher Scaduto, Stephanie Silva, Luke Sturgis, and Giovanna Tortorella.

Thank you to Dr. Wiesenthal, Mr. Tantillo, Ms. Magarity, Mrs. Metzger and all the other faculty and staff members who put this special ceremony together.

Rock and Soul Staff Appreciation Concert Rocks the House

By Robert Mercogliano

On February 9th, after school, if you walked into the Band Room, you would have heard some great music, because the Rock and Soul band (directed by Mr. Seymour) was playing jazz and rock for a staff appreciation concert. Their playing was so good that it impressed the entire audience, including me.

The following people were playing in the Rock and Soul band. On the trumpets, there were: PJ Hunter, Anaise Nicholas, Andrew Albrecht, Kelly Vinett, Meaghan McElroy, Elizabeth Cottrell.

On Alto Sax were Lauren Apuzzo, Quinn Berger, Megan Phelan, and Kyle Scagnelli.

Playing tenor sax were Brandon Zapotoski, Chris Bravo, and Lorenzo Mazzuca.

On trombones were Eric Lawson, Nate McPherson, and Louis Navarro.

Playing percussion were Will Kay, Todd Mullins, and Zynab Makki. Zippora Rutty, Sara Stam-

berg, Julia Cohen, and Jenny Rich were the vocals.

On baritone sax was Katherine Curtis, on the guitar was Robert Kelly, and Mr. Melamud (science teacher) played bass.

Mr. Constable, a 7th grade social studies teacher and the drummer for the Rock and Soul band, said, "One of the most exciting bands we've had in years." After hearing the Rock and Soul band play, everyone agreed with Mr. Constable's quote. Rock and Soul will rock your soul!

Project Alert

By Nicholas Zaccheo and Nicole Schofield

The New Paltz youth program and community partnership for a safer New Paltz runs a program called Project Alert. The purpose is to help people understand why some choose to smoke or drink alcohol and why most people don't. They help people recognize pressures to use or try alcohol, marijuana, or cigarettes and how to resist those pressures.

There are 10 middle school students in Project Alert. They meet every Wednesday, after school in room 22. In Project Alert they share information, play games, do skits, and go on field trips. If you want to join Project Alert, it is for free. If you are interested, please call (845) 255-5140. You will also get two free field trips, and free snacks!

6th Grade Greek Plays

By Augustus Scoppa and Eric Lasko

The 6th grade students performed Greek plays within their reading/language arts classes. Ms. Sage's first period class performed the *Sea Monster's Rage*. Her seventh period class performed *Antigone*. Ms. Pereira, Ms. Naclerio, and Ms. Sunshine's classes performed *Prometheus Bound*.

Links to the plays can be found on Ms. Pereira's homepage or at

: <http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/1563201114112623677/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=59287>

Ms. Sage's plays:

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Ms. Naclerio's plays:

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The Mirror Play list

(Typed up by Eric Lasko)

Contributions by the Mirror Staff

1. Live by Paul and Storm (Added by Eric Lasko)
2. Blue Sunny Day by Jonathan Coulton (Added by Eric Lasko)
3. Break by Three Days Grace (Added by Augie Scoppa)
4. The Good Life by Three Days Grace (Added by Augie Scoppa)
5. Fireworks by Katy Perry (Added by Nicole)
6. Forget You by Glee (Added by Nicole)
7. You make me Smile by Uncle Kracker (Added by Ian McAllister)
8. Bad Day by Daniel Powter (Added by Ian McAllister)
9. Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles (Added by Robbie Mercogliano)
10. Back In The USSR by The Beatles (Added by Robbie Mercogliano)
11. Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillip Sousa (7th and 8th grade Spring Concert teaser) 1/2
12. Beat It by Michael Jackson (7th and 8th grade Spring Concert teaser 2/2)
13. Day of the Dead (AQW version) by Voltaire (Penultimate Friday the 13th song added by Eric Lasko)



Student Travels

My Trip to India

By Lia Natzle

Over the summer I went to India. I went there with my neighbors since they are doctors, used to be monks, and it was one of their dreams to go. I stayed there for three weeks and learned more than I ever had about a truly fascinating country.

First stop on my trip was New Delhi and you would not believe the number of people living on the streets. And that was just one city but the poverty in India stretches across the whole country. I arrived in New Delhi during the night but one of the first things I saw as I was driving down the streets to the hotel, were construction workers working in the middle of the night, in mostly darkness, without any professional tools they probably needed. On nearly

every street in New Delhi there was at least a few hotels or motels. It was hard to tell which ones were the best but the hotel we stayed in was not as nice as I had hoped. They gave us bottled water because in India that is the only water you can drink without having the probability of getting sick. I even had to brush my teeth with bottled water. But that was just the beginning.

Later on my trip I took a night train to a city called Varanasi. It is known to be the most polluted place in all of India. By the looks and smells of it, it was. While there I got to go to a silk factory and buy scarves made of silk. The people there even let me go and look at the looms where they made them. It was amazing. Most of it was machine work but there were a few individuals working on a small loom by themselves. Those were the people who interested me. The looms they worked on were at about ground level so the people at them were sitting in a pit with the silk in their lap. There was a foot pedal they would press on and

every time they did the whole loom would move and make a stitch. It worked very slowly so I couldn't even imagine how long it would take to complete a full scarf. All I know is that these people did this all day.

After, Varanasi and I went to see one of the seven wonders of the world and one of the most famous buildings ever: The Taj Mahal. We drove to a parking lot and then either had to walk or ride a camel to get to the real entrance. I got to ride a camel. Once at the main entrance we were searched and then we were in. At first there was no sight of the Taj Mahal. I was standing in a giant courtyard with two giant, red buildings. Through one of them was nothing but through the other there stood the Taj Mahal. At first I couldn't believe it but it was clearly there. Once I got full view of it, it was breathtaking. In front of me was a long, rectangular pool that was filled with water up to about my knee. Past



that was the large Taj Mahal with two pillars on each side. The entire building was white and nothing more at that distance but when I got closer and was on the steps you could see stone flowers and carved designs that were invisible before. The Taj Mahal is made of white marble but the flowered designs were of

different stones such as tigers eye and others. Inside it was mostly one giant room with three coffins in the middle surrounded by high fencing. Off to the right there was a small hallway leading to the exit but that was it. The entire thing was gorgeous with all of the marble and flowers even though it was a little smaller than I expected.

Outside the Taj Mahal were two other buildings. One of them was for Muslims only but the other I got to go see. It was the jail cell for the builder of the Taj Mahal because after he had built the Taj Mahal he wanted to create an exact replica out of black marble for himself. Black marble is extremely expensive so if he had succeeded he would've caused the entire country of India to go bankrupt. Luckily his son stopped him and he was sent to jail.

The Taj Mahal was the last place I stopped before the plane ride home and it is something I will remember for the rest of my life. My entire adventure in India was an amazing experience I wouldn't trade for anything.

My trip to Macchu Picchu

By Alex Guzman

As happens every year, I visited my family in Lima, Peru. And as always I do something new. Last summer I had the chance to go to Cuzco, Peru. One of South America's main tourist attractions is there.

It was a 24 hour bus ride. I got very tired and was sick to my stomach over 11 times., not the happiest way to start a vacation. I was traveling from my family's city Lima, Peru to Cuzco, Peru. I was traveling with my two uncles, Ed and Amilcar , and Amilcar's girlfriend, Dianna. While we were on the bus

the next morning I woke up and we were served breakfast. But because of how many times I was sick to my stomach, I didn't feel like eating. I opened my window and we were on a huge mountain driving on the edge. If anything happened, we would fall an entire tier down. Honestly, I was terrified. It became a very beautiful view. As we were driving, we saw all the town members below doing laundry and farming for their families. The culture is so alive and beautiful.

When we finally finished the bus ride, I was delighted to get off the bus. I could finally feel my legs and breathe. We all grabbed our luggage and searched the town for a motel. Everything was beautiful. Everyone was so different and the town was nowhere near as beautiful as where my family lives. As the day passed, everything got louder and the city became much brighter. Everything in the city was turned into colorful lights. We finally found a hotel. We had eight beds for only four of us and a big balcony! We dropped off our luggage and enjoyed the town. Later, we had dinner and got tired around 11. We decided to head back and go to sleep.

The next day we had to wake up at 5:00 and pack up all ready to leave to another bus station. I was in horror! We took another hour bus ride to Macchu Picchu. It was horribly scary because we were driving again on the edge of a mountain. I was used to it, so I fell right asleep the whole

way there. The view started coming to everyone and I woke up. I was so excited because I was finally here.

The second we got off the bus I immediately called my mom to tell her we were at Macchu Picchu. We paid for a private tour. I can never describe the beauty I saw! I was around the first child to climb Peru's highest mountain. It was a big accomplishment. I started out so happy climbing rocks, jumping over rocks, balancing.

It also started out so easy. But as I got higher, there was less room to climb and walk on. It got very cold, and I felt kind of sick as the air got thinner. There was only about the length or less of a key board on a computer to balance on. If you fell or slipped, you would fall to a very painful death. It was life threatening. It was very hard. I ran out of water half way there. My uncle and I decided to go ahead of the rest of the crew because my uncle's girlfriend

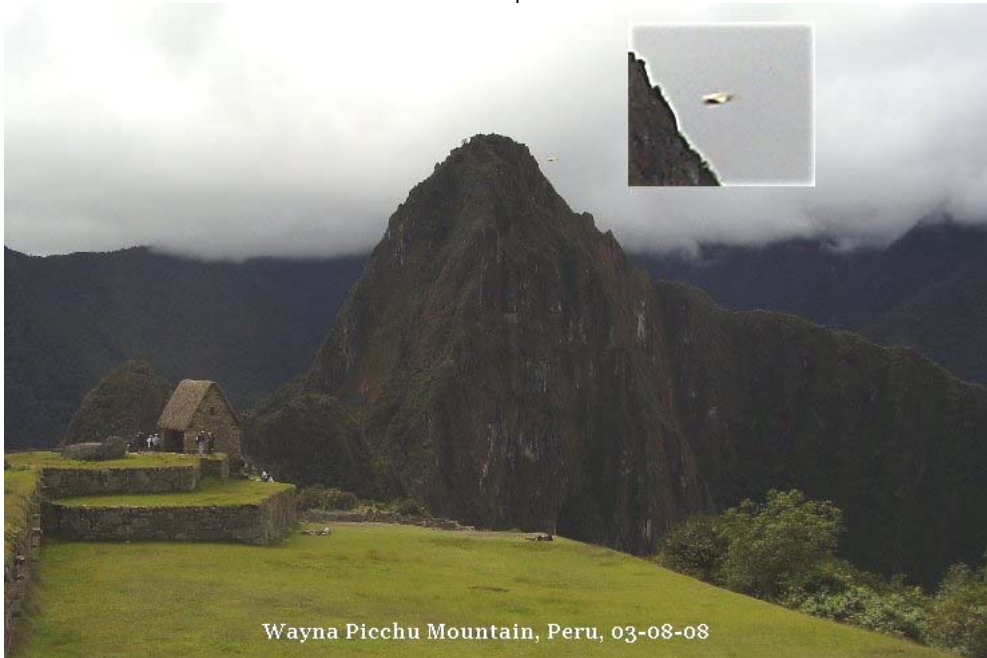
was taking too long.

It was very annoying because after every step or rock we climbed, she wanted to rest. If we had stayed, we would've taken the whole day. So we thought it was a good idea to run off by ourselves.

We were not even close and we met a group ahead, so we wanted to get competitive by racing them. Not the smartest thing I've done. The group

was at the top with us as we were about to walk across the scariest thing in my life!! It was a foot of room we had to walk across and it looked as if it were just going to collapse on me. The group of teens decided to quit and go down. They had told us "good job." Also, they said that they hoped we made it and it was a pleasure meeting them. It was very scary. I felt I was walking on air on how thin the ground became. It took us about another three hours to get to the top. It was the most beautiful thing ever! There was the flag! We took billions of pictures of the flag and me standing next to it. There was a little gazebo to enjoy the view. I sat there for the rest of the day. My uncle caught up and he took a couple pictures. Then he finally said it was time to head off.

I swear that when I came to the flat ground, I collapsed to the floor happy to be finally done. My uncle took a picture of me on the grass sleeping. It wasn't a very pleasant walk back because my feet hurt and I had my uncle next to me showing the embarrassing picture of me on the floor. I fell asleep on the bus, remembering all the things I did this one great day. And the achievements I've made.



Wayna Picchu Mountain, Peru, 03-08-08

Big Bad Hit Wrestling style

By Augie Scoppa and Matteo Danisi

On Nov. 15, 2010 the New Paltz Middle School 2010 – 2011 wrestling team started. The team meets at the cafeteria every school day. The team members are AJ Fazio, Eric McCord, Mitchell Rigano, Steven Schwarz, Miles Whitmore-Parr, Jared Hinson, Augie Scoppa, Brandon Boehm, Karl Linneman (captain), Steven Matus (co-captain), Trevon Makel, and the coach William Hennessey.

The team had an amazing year. They won four games and lost three games. The final match was against Ellenville and Rondout Valley. They beat both teams with style. Coach Hennessey said, “This has been a better team than last year.” The team had three home games and four away games. This team was a team that wouldn’t be forgotten.



New Paltz Modified Softball

By Nicole Schofield
and Nicholas Zaccheo



Photo by Nicole Schofield

New Paltz Middle School has many sports. There are fall, winter, and spring sports. One of the sports in spring is modified softball. The games are at the middle school and sometimes away.

There are many students in softball. This year’s team includes: Bridget Bennett, Valerie Blaha, Mikayla Cochrane, Annalise Connolly, Adriana Crimi, Katherine Curtis, Simone Diaz, Karly Giancola, Alexandra Hekking, Taylor Keller, Megan Mastro, Jessica Merten, Ally Pannuto, Sydney Pece, Megan Phelan, Sarah Rubin, Sarah Stamberg, and Jacorra Webb.

The coach, Mr. Salt, does this because he enjoys playing baseball. He played baseball when he was younger, and he wants others to have the same opportunity. He has coached for 11 years.

REVIEWS

Book review

Among the Hidden

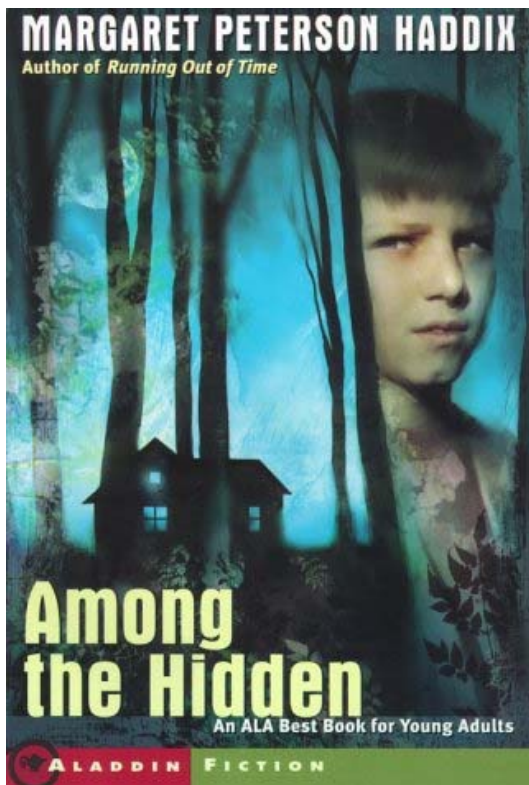
By Atraeju Stoeber

Among the Hidden, by Margaret Patterson Haddix, is a thought-provoking story set in the not too distant future that explores the choices and challenges faced by a young adolescent boy as he struggles to find his place in a world in which his existence is illegal.

Luke, a third child, lives in a future where each family is allowed to have only two children. Because his parents broke the population laws when they let him live, Luke must stay hidden in his house, has never been to school, must eat in the attic stairwell to avoid being seen, and must spend his days with nothing to do except re-read a few old ...

This is a great story I would rate this ten out of ten because it expresses several great opinions and ideas.

For more info go to
<http://haddixbooks.com/home.html>



Movie review

Battle: Los Angeles

By Eric Lasko

Imagine that meteors have fallen on major cities in the coasts of every continent in the world. Now imagine that the United States has lost contact with all those cities not within the United States! Enter Battle: Los Angeles!

The movie Battle: Los Angeles follows a Marine Corps unit trying to rescue people from a Police Station in Los Angeles. On that mission they find out that what has fallen are not just meteorites, but are Aliens. These aliens are extremely hostile and have one goal. Along the way, they will learn a lot about the aliens and will also learn of just how much Los Angeles has changed. What is the goal of these aliens? You'll have to see this movie to find out! Find information about the movie at:

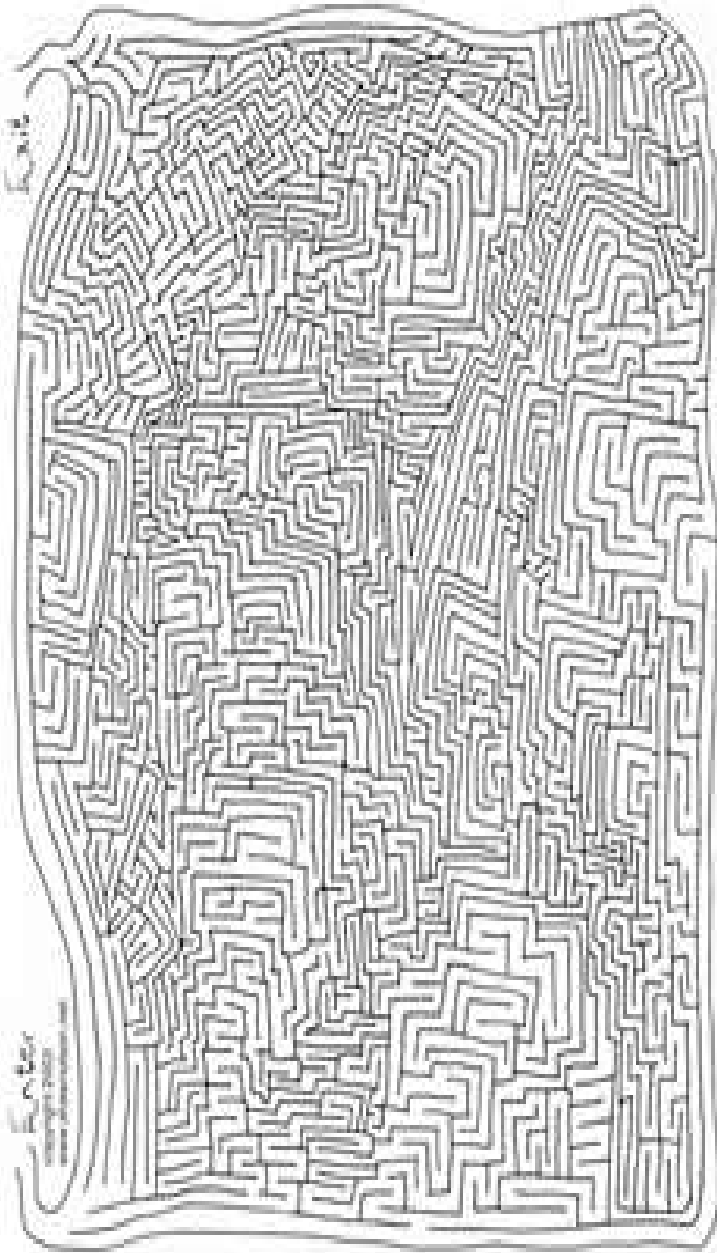
<http://battlela.com/>

I think that this movie is very good. I give it a 10/10 rating because it was an action and suspense packed movie that made me beg for more. I recommend this movie to anyone who likes Sci-Fi and/or action movies.



TIME FOR FUN

The Maze



Sudoku

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Sudoku answer key is on last page.

Funny Quotes and Jokes

By Augie Scoppa

- 1) "Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss." - Douglas Adams
- 2) Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.
- 3) How many trumpet players does it take to change a light bulb? Five. One to handle the bulb and four to tell him how much better they could have done it.



CLUB NEWS

Art Club meets Mondays in room 36. For students who enjoy art and want to make creative projects. Open to all students, you do not have to join, just come! Ms. Sturgis runs the club.



Geo Bee meets every Thursday in room 1. The advisor is Ms. Naclerio. This club is for all students who like geography, fun games and a chance to to compete in the National Geography Bee.



The New Paltz Rock & Soul Revue

This year, Rock & Soul performed at Lenape Elementary with a 5th Grade Select Choir and with our new high school group called "Glee", which is directed by new Choral Director Ms. Ferrante, a graduate of New Paltz.



They also performed at a school assembly for the entire middle school students and staff, as well as a night performance.

Mr. Seymour announced that this was his last Rock and Soul performance. Everyone agrees that Mr. Seymour is an outstanding band director who really knows how to rock.

The Mirror (this newspaper) meets every Wednesday in room 3. Ms. Pereira is the advisor. It is open to all students. Even if you can't attend every meeting, you can still be a reporter, cartoonist, or reviewer for the paper.

Morning Announcements: Join the team of students who broadcast the morning announcements. See Ms. Lamb in the computer lab for details.



Reflections: NPMS's literary and art magazine is open to all 6th, 7th, 8th graders interested in helping to put the magazine together and students willing to submit their artwork and creative writing. The meetings are held in room 38 on Wednesdays, about once a month, so listen to the announcements or ask Ms. Rosen for details.

The purpose of Reflections is to showcase the amazing creative ability and talent of our middle students. Students who just wish to submit work and not be on the staff can give it to me or leave it in my mailbox. A reminder to teachers to submit their students' creative work would also be helpful.

Social Group meets every Wednesday in the art room, right after school. See Ms. Ibrahim or Ms. O'Brien for details.

Project Alert meets on Wednesday after school in room 22.

Spring sports include baseball, softball, and track. Support our modified teams by attending the games.

***Important:** If your club, organization or sports team is having an upcoming event, please let a Mirror staff member know so that he or she can cover the event.

14 MILES DOWN

STOP "DYKE"
"ROCKY"
"ROCKY"
"PATRICK"
"SUN BURN"

by Ian McAllister



The Face of Fire part 2
(Mild reference to blood)
By Eric Lasko

The man appeared in the world of Narlos. He saw an old shack. He was in the middle of woods. Other humans approached him and said, "Are you here for the attack on the palace?"

"What palace? And why are you attacking it?" he responded curiously.

"The Monster palace of course." they said wondering why he didn't know.

"Well, I must be going." He trudged off towards a green building. It was large and he saw several different species of monsters inside. He walked to the door and knocked on it.

A troll walked to the door. "What do you want, you filthy human?"

"I wish to pledge allegiance to the all mighty Ozri Goth." He responded quite truthfully.

"Prove your loyalty. Slash off your left index finger." The man took out his short sword and did just that. His finger fell to the earth as a puddle of blood appeared. The troll called a white goblin to the door. The white goblin healed his wound. They then escorted the man into the palace.

Ozri Goth then spoke. "What is the meaning of bringing a human here, Salaman?"

"My Lord, this human has pledged his allegiance to you," Salaman spoke in his earthshaking tone.

"Human, speak," Ozri Goth said inquisitively.

"Lord Ozri Goth. I wish to warn you. Your brother Nerigoth and the other humans wish to attack the palace and kill you. We must slay them before they can steal the treasure of this place."

"Human, you seem to know a lot. How is this so?" Ozri Goth asked inquisitively.

"I am trained as an assassin. I am *supposed* to know these things," he replied.

Ozri Goth's son Eskane spoke. "So, you seem very familiar. Have I met you before?"

Later the humans attacked. The monsters and the stranger defended the palace. When all hope seemed lost for the monsters, a woman seemingly made out of electricity appeared. She cast a spell banishing the humans away.

"Ah. Sister Karino. It's been far too long."

"Indeed it has Ozri Goth," Karino responded.

"You two know each other," the stranger responded.

"Yes we do, Stranger*," Karino stated.

That night they had a feast in honor of Karino's arrival. She was an elemental as were Ozri Goth, Nerigoth and Eskane. Then Owol, an orc scout that had been sent out earlier limped into the building. He was bleeding horribly. Only an incredibly strong human or even humans could have done that to him. Unless it was Nerigoth. He may look like a human but in his true state he is an elemental. Or possibly one of the many other beings that wander the woods. That night, Owol died.

The next morning the humans once again attempted to siege the palace. The stranger and a handful of Red Goblins created a summoning circle. With the proper incantations and

the skull of Owol, they summoned Iamo and Niola, the parents of the elementals and guardians of magic.

“Why have you summoned us?” Iamo asked inquisitively.

“Oh, mighty Iamo, we have summoned you because your son Nerigoth plans to do terrible things. We ask for your blessing and a shard of magic to use in the summoning of Necrinyae from the netherworld in order to defeat Nerigoth,” the stranger smoothly stated.

“Stranger, Plains walker and wanderer of dimensions we grant you our blessing and a shard of Void magic. You will need the most powerful magic if you are to free Necrinyae from where Ozrigoth has sent him. You and the rest of your army must prepare for the worst. A war is quickly approaching and you best be prepared for it,” Iamo stated.

Glossary:

White Goblin: A healing race also known as “The cleric race”.

Red Goblin: A magic wielding race known as “The mage race”.

*Stranger: The name of the character this story follows (Yes the people that call him stranger know who he is)

End of Part 2!

Sudoku key

7	9	6	8	5	4	3	2	1
2	4	3	1	7	6	9	8	5
8	5	1	2	3	9	4	7	6
1	3	7	9	6	5	8	4	2
9	2	5	4	1	8	7	6	3
4	6	8	7	2	3	5	1	9
6	1	4	5	9	7	2	3	8
5	8	2	3	4	1	6	9	7
3	7	9	6	8	2	1	5	4

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