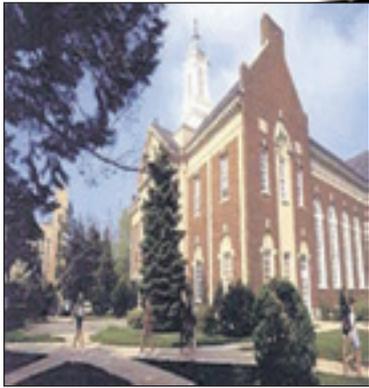


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By Laurel Horwith

Imagine it- the time has finally come, when seniors find out whether or not they will be attending the college of their dreams. Many high school students dream of this day. Their parents, however, may not. Their worries are not just the idea of having to let go of their children but of having to pay a hefty tuition bill over the next four years.

Because of the recent economic downturn, children's college funds may be in jeopardy. The gap between income and college expenses has increased. As a result, parents may not be able to help their children pay for a post-secondary education. Many will resort to loans that will accumulate interest and may take years to pay off, leaving their students with sometimes unmanageable amounts of debt.

Other students may take

Tight Budgets May Affect Seniors' College Plans

a second option: go to community college for one or two years, then transfer after saving up enough money. It appears that this option is growing to be a popular one. Some Northern Lehigh students have already decided that they are either going to Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) or Northampton Community College (NACC) until they can afford to finish at a four-year institution.

The American Association of Community Colleges reports growth rates of 10 percent and higher have been common this fall on many campuses. Last year, nearly 12 percent of all 18- to 24-year-olds or 3.4 million were enrolled in community colleges, up from 10.9 percent the year before.

Because of this change, four-year colleges and universities are feeling the strain. With the current economy and a decrease in applications, post-secondary institutions are being forced to increase their fees. Average tuition and

fees at public two-year colleges ran just \$2,372 this year, according to a study released last week by the College Board, compared to \$7,020 at public four-year colleges and more than \$26,000 at private ones.

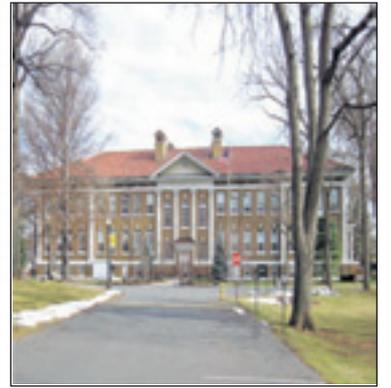
The difficult situation has become so widespread that President Barack Obama is allocating money for community colleges. His goal is for Americans to have at least some higher education credential by 2020, and earlier this year he proposed spending \$12 billion over the next decade to help community colleges graduate an additional 5 million people.

For those who have always had their hearts set on going straight to a four-year college after high school, a local school may be for the best. Some NLHS students plan on attending colleges such as Kutztown, Kingstown, Cedar Crest, Muhlenberg, or DeSales. These schools do not just provide a good education but are also reasonably priced, especially because

students may choose to live at home to save on room and board.

If leaving Slatington and the Lehigh Valley is a primary aspiration, then other schools our students are looking at include Penn State, Pittsburgh, Temple, West Chester, West Point and the University of Pennsylvania. Even though these schools may have a higher tuition price, financial aid options are available. Two popular sites that our Guidance Office recommends are FastWeb.com and Career Cruising. These sites list of thousands of scholarships that are applicable to an individual's personal traits.

However, if applying for scholarship after scholarship does not work out, students may apply for loans that are always available. For example, the Smart Option Student Loan from Sallie Mae cuts the total cost of a student loan because students make interest-only payments while they are in school instead of letting it accumulate after graduation.



The prime goal is to get the best kind of financial help there is - "FREE MONEY!" While rare, many schools are more than willing to ease financial troubles just to attract more students to apply to their university. Even top schools like Princeton, Yale and Georgetown may have lucrative scholarship offers. No matter what state the economy is in, a higher education is always important to have in order to pursue one's dreams.

As a College Board report makes clear, the real-world benefit of college is not simply academic: the unemployment rate for those with bachelor's degrees is just half that for people with high school diplomas alone. Among those with bachelor's degrees, the median family income was \$101,099 in 2008 — twice the family income for high school graduates.

Yahoo hot jobs lists the following careers as sectors that are predicted to remain strong:

* **Energy** - This is a major issue for the global economy, and jobs related to oil and gas, alternative energy and even nuclear are likely to see strong growth.

* **Health Care** - Almost half the 30 fastest growing occupations are concentrated in health services - including medical assistants, physical therapists, physician assistants, home health aides, and medical records and health information technicians -- according to

the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

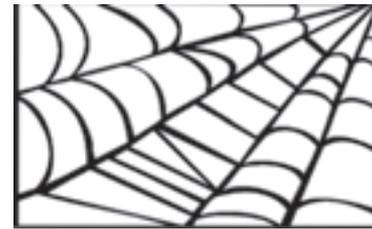
* **The Environmental Sector** - A huge and growing industry is geared to combat global warming.

* **Security** - "Crime doesn't stop during a recession, and police officers, port security specialists and international security experts will continue to be in demand," a CEO of a top placement firm emphasized.





HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS NOT LOST ON NLHS STUDENTS



By Mariah Barber

On October 31st, millions of people celebrated Halloween, a holiday that has been around for centuries. Halloween originated from the Celtic culture and the religion of Ireland, Britain and Northern Europe over 2000 years

ago. Each year, the Celtic people would hold two feasts, Beltane, for the beginning of summer on May 1st, and Samhain, for the end of summer on November 1st. During Samhain, the Celtic people honored the deceased. On this day, it was believed that the division between the dead and the living grew thin. They thought that the spirits of the dead would awaken and roam through their villages. In order to please the spirits and ensure that their crops would grow abundantly the following year, the Celts would offer these spirits presents or treats such as fruits or nuts.

soot. Samhain eventually became known as "All Hollows Evening," which was then shortened to "Hallow-e'en" or what most people today are used to calling it, Halloween.

The traditions of Halloween were brought to the United States by the millions of Irish Immigrants escaping the potato famine in the 1800s. Since then, Americans have adopted those traditions and continued to celebrate them for more than 200 years. Besides Christmas, Halloween is the biggest holiday in the US, with Americans spending about \$6.9 billion on it each year. From huge parades

and their good family friend, junior Michael Hoffman, were finishing up a long night of trick-or-treating. With their pillow cases stuffed with candy and almost too full to carry, they noticed Michael had disappeared. They soon heard a faint, but oh so familiar laugh. The sound led them to a ditch on the side of the road. There little Michael Hoffman lay, his candy sprawled all around him. At the sight Amy and Lauren laughed and laughed, and to this day they still recall this event as their favorite Halloween memory.

When senior Julie Wagaman was asked to share some Halloween memories, she instantly thought of her eccentric neighbor, who would give out hot dogs instead of the traditional candy, to trick-or-treaters. Julie also recalls singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" at the house that required the trick-or-treaters to sing in exchange for their candy.

Although trick-or-treating is one of the best parts about Halloween (who does not like candy?), many high school students have found they have outgrown it, and instead look

forward to choosing and designing costumes to wear. One year, senior Addie George dressed up as school teacher, with a wooden desk and all. The only problem was this desk was very heavy and extremely tiresome for her to lug around all night.

Taylor Fliszar and Paige Mohrey recall dressing up as men one year. This year, as has been tradition in past years, some senior class students dressed up on Friday. The cutest costume awards were given to Bobby Hahn and Amanda Shippers. The funniest costume awards were received by Dominic Barone, Tori Hunsicker, and Nikki Herman. Frank Slater and Zion Moore were awarded the scariest costumes. The most creative costume awards went to Marlena Schnyder and Shawn Boland. Brandon Mohrey and Nick Moore won the cutest couple awards, along with Jake Seiler and Alyssa Dilleme. The best group costume awards went to Gina Krupa, Shawn Williams, and Megan Howells.

Congratulations to the winners and all the seniors who participated in this longstanding tradition.



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This tradition eventually developed into what we now know as trick-or-treating. All spirits, good or bad, would return from the dead on this day. To blend in with the spirits thought to be evil and protect themselves from harm, people would dress in costumes that resembled demonic creatures, wear masks, or even cover their faces in

to gigantic parties, Halloween is a holiday that will continue to be celebrated for a long time.

Northern Lehigh High School students recall many remarkable memories of past Halloweens. Junior Lauren Oertner and sister, sophomore Aimee Oertner, recalled a night of trick-or-treating in elementary school. Lauren, Amy

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Holiday Traditions



By Nicole Czarnecki

From kindergarten on, children have been inundated with information about the first Thanksgiving. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared a fall harvest feast, which many consider the first Thanksgiving celebration. This meal has become a symbol of cooperation between English colonists and Native Americans.



This gathering, a celebration for a successful farming year, became a repeated festival after the fall crop harvest, and soon transformed into the holiday everyone enjoys today.

Another Thanksgiving practice for many families is football, a tradition dating back to the first intercollegiate football championship held on Thanksgiving Day, 1876. After this inaugural game, football rivalries have become a prime source of entertainment for families on the holiday. However, when it comes to Thanksgiving Day football, NFL style, most fans first think of the Lions and the tradition that was started in 1934. It was their first

year in Detroit after a local radio executive, George A. Richards, had purchased the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans and moved the team to Detroit. With the exception of a six-season gap from 1939 to 1944, the Thanksgiving Day game has been played with no interruption.

Anyone who does not like to sit at home watching football might take a trip to New York City to watch

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. First held in 1920, this parade featured floats, bands, and live animals from the zoo. In 1927, Goodyear Tire Company made balloons to replace the live animals. Although Felix the Cat was the first major star, Mickey Mouse gained popularity in 1934. In its 77-year history, more than 300,000 Macy's employees have participated in the Parade.

Once Thanksgiving festivities come to a close, people begin eagerly preparing for the next large holiday, Christmas. Decorations and lights spring up over night on lawns and houses, and Christmas tree farms' businesses are in full swing by

the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Every year, around this time, people get excited about the upcoming holiday season, shopping, eating holiday dinners with the family, or maybe enjoying a tropical vacation. When Christmas music starts playing on the radio, the world seems to transform into a wintry wonderland of magic. More adventurous folks might also

think of outdoor pursuits such as hunting and snow sports when the weather starts getting cold.

Of course, the most common tradition for this time of the year is the harvesting and decorating of a Christmas tree, which has its roots in the 7th century. A monk from Crediton,

Devonshire, went to Germany to teach the Word of God. He ended up preaching in Thuringia, an area which started the Christmas decoration tradition. Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the Fir Tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The converted people began to revere the Fir tree as God's Tree. By the 12th century, it was being hung, upside-down, from ceilings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity. Over time the tradition transformed into the one we know today.

Other traditions besides the decorating of a Christmas tree are part of

the international holiday season. Baking cookies from Grandma's favorite recipes, caroling, or playing songs such as "Let it Snow" are popular American activities.

Christmas is Denmark's largest festival of the year. Traditionally, the Danish celebration includes an elaborate Christmas dinner and a story about the beloved Nisse, the Gnome of Christmas. In Greece, the Christmas tree is always without lights.

Traditionally, and also environmentally friendly, all decorations are taken from nature and made at home. Nuts and garlanded berries, olive branch circles, and holy pictures trim the tree, while a cardboard star sits on top. Freshly sheered lamb's wool drapes around the tree to represent a winter's snow. A homemade stable with the infant Jesus, Mary, and Joseph also plays an important part in the celebration.

Although quorums of people celebrate Christmas in America and in quite a few other countries throughout the world, there are other holidays that people in other countries or religions follow. Chanukah or Hanukah, the Festival of

Lights, is a celebration of the victory of the Maccabees over their oppressors and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It also commemorates the miracle of the oil lamp that burned for eight days without being refilled. Another holiday, Kwanzaa, is a seven day festival celebrating the African American people, their culture, and their history. Celebrating community gathering and reflection, Kwanzaa begins on December 26th and continues until New Year's Day, January 1st.

Whatever the traditions, the holiday season promotes good spirits, joy and a welcome holiday from school and work.



'Imaginarium' A Dazzling Tribute To Ledger

By Laura Grammes

A film that moviegoers have been anticipating since last year, "The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus" brings iconic late Heath Ledger back to life in his last film before his tragic death. Directed by Terry Gilliam and co-written by screenwriter Charles McKeown, this quirky fantasy adventure allows its viewers to discover the depths of their imaginations. Combining elements of action and romance, this film delighted many at the acclaimed 62nd annual Cannes film festival.

The story begins with Dr. Parnassus and his magical Imaginarium, a traveling theater group in modern London that allows the audience to travel through the depths of their imaginations by the power of a magical mirror. Despite the

first-born child reaches the age of sixteen, she will become property of the Devil.

The central conflict arises when his daughter's Valentina's "coming-of-age" draws near, and the Devil comes to collect his debt. Desperate, Parnassus will do anything to protect his precious daughter and once again strikes a bet with the Devil, who is always glad to renegotiate a wager. A competition arises for Valentina's hand as participants travel through the depths of the Imaginarium and battle the unknown of their imagination.

Parnassus puts his faith in Tony, a new recruit to the theater group. Now



dropping visual effects for which director Terry Gilliam is world-renowned. From human-faced hot air balloons to the extreme worlds of the imagination that only the mind can create, Gilliam lights up the screen with effects so surreal that stunned viewers believe that they have walked into the Imaginarium themselves.

An all-star cast appears vividly on screen with the works of Lily Cole, Christopher Plummer, Verne Troyer, Tom Waits, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Colin Farrell, and of course academy-award winner

Heath Ledger.

Upon Ledger's unexpected death, Terry Gilliam's words were "The film is over: it's as simple as that," yet this was not quite the case. Soon, Gilliam thought of an ingenious idea to salvage the film from cancellation.

As Ledger's character fights and travels through the magical realms, his appearance becomes reincarnated into a new physical form to showcase his two-faced personality.

Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell, all friends of Ledger, were cast to fulfill the roles as each one of Tony's reincarnations. Ledger would still remain in the film as his character's "real-world appearance" while Depp, Law, and Farrell take over as Tony travels through the Imaginarium. The overall transition between the four actors is simply breathtaking.

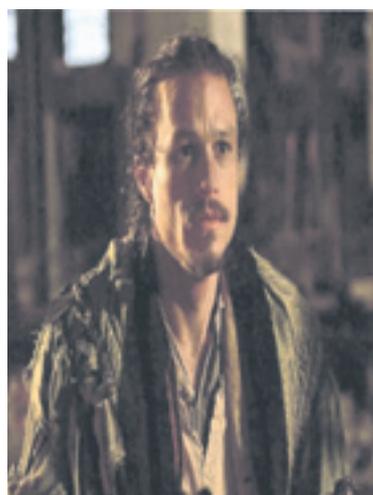
"The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus" is rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). It has sexual situations, scenes of sensuality, violent images, and strong language. Join Heath Ledger for one final, whimsical adventure when the film hits theaters December 25th, Christmas Day.



blessing the magical doctor has for guiding one's imagination, he also hides a terrible secret. One thousand years ago Parnassus made a deal with the Devil for the gift of immortality. However, this eerie agreement came on one condition, when Parnassus's

Tony must race through the realms of his own mind in a deadly race against time in this enchanting tale. Can he save Valentina from the Devil's clutches? Or will he fall from the hands of his own personal demons?

The result is a dazzling spectacular array of jaw-



Film Credits

Sales: Mandate International

Production companies: Infinity Features Entertainment, Poo Poo Pictures, Davis Films

Cast: Heath Ledger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Colin Farrell, Andrew Garfield, Christopher Plummer, Tom Waits, Lily Cole, Verne Troyer

Director, Screenwriter, Producer: Terry Gilliam

Screenwriter: Charles McKeown

Producers: William Vince, Amy Gilliam, Samuel Hadida

Executive Producers: Dave Valleau, Victor Hadida

Director of photography: Nicola Pecorini

Production designer: Anastasia Masaro

Music: Mychael Danna, Jeff Danna

Costume designer: Monique Prudhomme

Editor: Mick Audsley

PG-13, 122 minutes

Local Bands Music Review

By Alyssa Horwath

Not a typical music review, this article features some of the local bands and musicians I found from scouring the internet and from hearing about them from fans.

Kaeyo, whose members hail from Catasauqua, describe themselves as experimental, ambient, and hardcore. I encourage listening to their songs because they all have a unique sound, and if the hardcore influence isn't appealing, one of their more ambient songs such as "Another Lifetime" may be a better choice. Kaeyo's musicians are musically mature for their ages, describing their other influences as alternative, and emo. Their most influential bands are Circa Survive, Between the Buried and Me, Avenged Sevenfold, Tori Amos, and Incubus. Members of the band include Harry Schultz (vocals), Alex Jacobs (guitar), Kyle Fritz (bass), Rebecca St.Koch (piano/synth/keys), and Chris Newman (drums).



Kaeyo will be playing at Friedens Fire Hall on Dec. 5, and Dec. 18.

Another great local act is Slatington's own Dylan Peters. Starting to write songs at the age of thirteen, he currently describes himself as a "one man acoustic band." His sound is acoustic/ looping with influences from Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jason Mraz, John Mayer, Robben Ford, G Love, the Doors, The Beatles, Buddy Guy, Albert King, and the Allman Brothers. His album is also now available on iTunes. Catch his performance at Platz's in Lehigh on December 10th and The Lighthouse in Slatington on December 12th.



Go Guide



Lights in the Parkway

Enjoy a magical journey down the Lehigh Parkway in Allentown. Glittering lights and jolly music will get you in the true Christmas spirit. This is an amazing opportunity to experience the joy of this time of year, and it is only a few miles from your home. The lights shine December 5th-January 4th, from 5:30-10:00.



A Christmas Carol

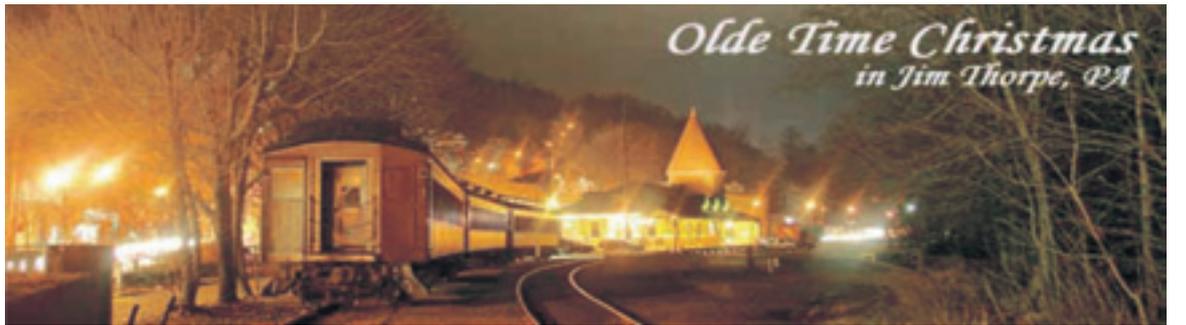
A classic tale that is sure to be a cheerful Christmas treat. Filled with lessons that teach you the true meaning of the holiday, this is something that everyone must experience once. The Civic Theatre in Allentown never fails to put on a great production, so come on various dates throughout December and enjoy.

December 12 : 2 p.m.
 December 13 : 2 p.m.
 December 20, 2009 : 2 p.m.
 Daily 8 p.m. (December 4 through December 5)
 Daily 8 p.m. (December 10 through December 12)
 Daily 8 p.m. (December 17 through December 19)



Olde Time Christmas Celebration

Jim Thorpe is a joyful place to be during the holiday season. Filled with decorations, the town offers lots of festive activities. Commencement of the activities is a tree lighting ceremony on the 5th. A parade with Santa Claus, of course, will follow this. Be sure to stop by the Mauch Chunk Opera House for live entertainment. Savor this old town charm on December 13th, and 14th.



Christkindlmarkt

Holiday shopping can be fun, and this is proven by this merry market. Handmade crafts fill the room, making gift giving a unique experience. Plus, the aroma of delicious food and the holiday tunes will surely get you in a festive mood. Located in Bethlehem, come down on December 10th-13th, or December 17th-20th and satisfy your wishes.



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

This play puts an unexpected twist on holiday production. Full of terrible children, this performance may not lift your Christmas spirit, at first. By the end, however, it is easy to see that this play truly will make you a merry theater-goer. Come to the Pennsylvania Playhouse in Bethlehem on December 11th-13th, and 18th -20th, and you will not be disappointed.



Hershey Park

Experience the merriment of the holidays at Hersheypark Christmas Candy Lane. Nights of Extraordinary Lights is a new attraction that will satisfy your mood with the jolly music and lights. Filled with twinkling decor and rides for all ages, your Christmas wish will surely be granted.

ODST: The next generation of Halo

By Luke Senko

With contributions by Tommy Krupa and Justin Molitoris

Many have enjoyed the wonders of playing *Halo: Combat Evolved* and have gone on to continue playing *Halo 3* at home on their Xbox 360 game systems. But *Halo 3* is nearing its third anniversary, and let's just come out and say it: Matchmaking doesn't always cover it.

On September 22nd, video game developer Bungie released the next generation of Halo. It features another first person shooting game that may seem like the Halo we are familiar and comfortable with; however, unlike the rest of the Halo games, in this version, players do not have super powers as Master Chief does. Instead, a player is an ODST, or Orbital Drop Shock Trooper of the United Nations Space Command. Gamers become rookies who go through

training as marines, not just as guys in suits.

The game features some of the same weapons and vehicles as its predecessors, such as weapons like the sniper rifle, assault rifle and plasma pistol and rideable Warthogs, Mongooses, and Ghosts. Halo ODST also has a new campaign ("story



mode" for all you old-timers) with all new main characters such as Buck, Dutch and Dare, that gamers learn more about as the game progresses.

Another feature of the campaign is the four-player online co-op, which a player can also experience solo. ODST does not have online multiplayer compatibility

like the other Halo games but instead has a game mode called "Firefight" which allows up to four other players to take on waves of enemies on maps unlocked from the campaign. This element allows timeless fun as players rocket, snipe or splatter as much of the enemy, also known as the "covenant" on four different difficulties: easy, normal, heroic or legendary, each becoming respectively more difficult.

Be careful though - players only have a total of seven lives to be shared throughout their squad. In addition, after every five waves, new skills are earned, which dramatically increases difficulty.

This game brings Call of Duty style play to the Halo world, and that creates a wonderful world to play in without versus multiplayer.

We give *Halo 3:ODST* a **4 out of 5**.

Technology Takes A Greener Turn

By Aaron Rarick

"Going green" has been on many people's minds lately. How to go green, why to be green, when to start getting green, and the best ways to stay green are all popular questions in today's world. As a result, technology has taken a turn towards developing greener equipment and machinery to help us live more sustainable lives.

Perhaps the biggest priorities on the green agenda are vehicles and alternative fuel sources. Not only would greening up the auto industry benefit the environment, but it would help Americans save money on fuel as well. It is estimated that in the United States, we spend around one trillion dollars on fuel each year. Back when gas prices hovered dangerously close to the \$4 a gallon price, the typical

American driver spent an upwards of \$14,000 on a year's worth of gasoline.

Those estimates have caused the government to create tougher standards for fuel mileage on cars, eventually working towards creating a greener method of transportation. So far, automakers have taken steps toward more efficient cars with models like the Prius and other hybrid vehicles, but BMW takes it to the next level with its latest concept car. The BMW Lovos, also known as the "Beast," has about 260 exterior solar panels that collect solar energy and double as air-brakes, lifting open like flaps to create air resistance to stop the car.

The concept comes from a young graduate of Pforzheim University in Germany, Anne Forschner. She says the car is not only an example of an alternative fuel source, it is a symbol of voluntary self-restraint. By limiting the design to only one repeating element (the flaps), it encourages consumers to get away from the normal conformism and try something new.

The flaps have special photovoltaic cells built into

them that follow the sun as it travels across the sky throughout the day, allowing for the maximum solar intake. The cells then convert the solar energy into electricity, thus powering the car. According to the blueprints, the panels move independently, creating a variety of fancy but functional looks for the car.

As interesting as the BMW Lovos Concept is, it will likely only remain a concept. Imagine those 260 panels dicing up an unsuspecting jaywalker on Main Street! The design is extremely futuristic, and the idea of solar power is revolutionary, but the Lovos appears to be too complicated for its own good.

The idea of solar energy as an alternative fuel source is not at all new. In fact, solar power is already used for many household tasks like water heating, general heating, and other chores that usually use electricity. However, a solar powered car seems too inefficient, at least at this point in time. Perhaps with a little more research, cars with built in solar panels will become commonplace in our society.



Swine Flu Sweeps Globe

By Emily Mulcahy

During the holiday season in 2005, a 17-year-old boy helped butcher 31 pigs in Wisconsin. Shortly after this event, the teenager became ill with a flu-like virus that seemed to spare everyone else. This incident almost does not seem worth mentioning, except that the boy's mysterious illness was in fact the H1N1 virus we have all come to know as the "swine flu."

Four years later, the Egyptian government chose to have 300,000 pigs slaughtered, which they claimed they were diseased. Around that same time, the deadly H1N1 virus swept across the world, originating in La Gloria, Mexico.

According to some experts, these two incidents mark the beginning of the swine influenza epidemic. Due to human activities, the virus became quickly widespread. Swine flu was reported to have originally been passed from humans to pigs.

H1N1 is now circulating back through humans. This new H1N1 actually has genetic material from three different species: birds, pigs, and humans. The flu in 2009 is the same one found in the teenager in Wisconsin, except people are dying from this strain.

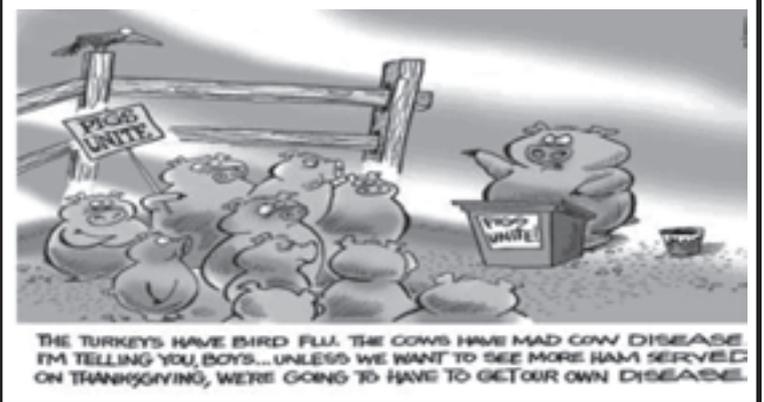
This disease is quickly spreading through human contact, H1N1 has killed a total of 7,092 people since the start of the flu pandemic this year. H1N1 is treatable by antiviral drugs Tamiflu and Relenza, but most other flu medications do not work. Mexico acted responsibly by closing schools, businesses and other places of congregation to try and control the disease's spread, even though the precautions cost the Mexican financial system a sizeable amount of revenue.

Symptoms of H1N1 include: tiredness, headache, runny nose, sore throat, cough or rough breathing, loss of appetite, muscle aches, and vomiting or diarrhea. A simple nose or throat swab test is the only way to differentiate H1N1 from the regular flu.

Researchers have also pioneered the use of gene-based diagnostic testing, which not only provides faster results, but is also more accurate. People with normal immune systems are at less of a risk for contracting serious illness than the elderly or those who suffer chronic diseases.

In order to remain healthy during the next few months, take the following precautions:

- wash your hands
- cough into your elbow
- use alcohol-based hand sanitizer as often as possible
- disinfect surfaces that many people share



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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