# MONROE



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## Puerto Rico Earthquake Recorded At Monroe

By: Christian Ramirez

On Sunday May 16, an earth quake that measure a magnitude of 5.8 on the Rictor Scale hit Puerto Rico. The quake struck mainly on the western side at 1:16 AM. The epicenter of the earthquake was located in the town of Moca and was felt on most of the island. The earthquake was so strong that Mr. Juan Betancourt of Monroe captured it on his seismographer located on the 3rd floor. This is an amazing thing; not because it was a 5.8 magnitude, but because Puerto Rico is located at 2,917.09km from Rochester, NY. And this machine captured this event clearly.

Seismographic machines measure and record the shocks and vibrations of earthquakes. These machines are also used to determine the intensity, direction and duration of ground movement. With his seismographer, Mr. Betancout can detect and record

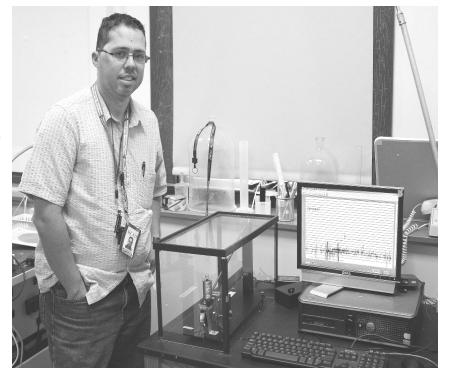
earthquakes all over the world.

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus Department of Geology
Event Details

DATE: May 16, 2010 LOCAL TIME: 1:16:10 LATITUDE: 18.4 North LENGTH: 67.07 West LOCATION: 2.1 km northeast of Moca, PR 21.5 km north-northeast of Mayaguez, PR DEPTH: 113.1 km SIZE: 5.80 Mw

The Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) received reports that this moderate earthquake was reported felt through out

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, with a maximum intensity of VI (Modified Mercalli scale, MM). At the time of generating this bulletin does not damage has been reported, but the size and location can not be ruled out. No tsunami hazard in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.



The image below, was captured by the seismographer in Mr. Betancourt's classroom.

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#### Not 1, But 2 Winners?

By: Alexis Edmondson

If you see Julissa Bermudez or Ashley M. Rivera in the halls, congratulate them both on winning the 2010 Young Citizen



of the Year award for students between the ages of 16-21. These two girls have made our community a better place to live in

To achieve this award you need to be a

resident of Monroe County, and demonstrate through service and actions values that reflect the full meaning of a free and democratic society. Each student must demonstrate a commitment to public service, must be active in volunteer service, set a positive example to their peers and must demonstrate leadership in school.

Julissa Bermudez was nominated by MCC's STEP (Science & Technology Entrance Program). She is an active student who

participates in community service. Julissa is a very modest person who when asked why she received this award replied," I don't know." Upon further questioning, we realized all that she has done for her community. Through her voluntary efforts, she has organized medical supplies intended for Haiti, sorted and packaged food through Foodlink, and participated in Clean Sweep at Genesee Valley Park.

Julissa serves as a Monroe Peer Ambassador, takes advantage of any opportunity available to serve her congregation and has also been involved in her church's holiday gift wrapping and distributing efforts. Julissa also takes on family responsibilities of babysitting her siblings when her mother is working.

Ashley M. Rivera is one of Monroe's top juniors academically. She, is also a Monroe Peer Ambassador, trained in Restorative Practices and peer mediation. Ashley is a member of Restore Monroe Youth's Student Leadership Team

Most recently, Ashley won the Princeton Prize for Race Relations for her involvement in Restorative Practices. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the

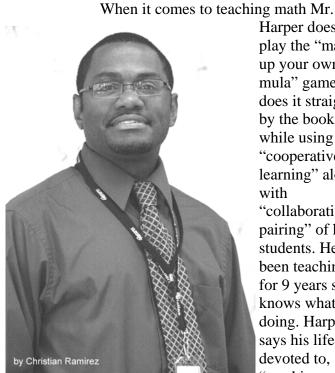
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#### Teacher Spotlight: Ben Harper

By: Jasmine Heath

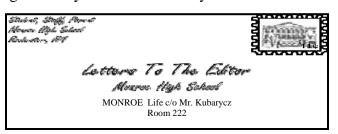
Math. You either like it, love it, or hate it. Our spotlight this month falls on a teacher trying to make the "math" world a little more interesting, Ben Harper- but you probably refer to him as Mr. Harper. Mr. Harper is a rare kind of teacher. Not because this is his first year teaching here, but for the simple fact that he is the only math teacher that is teaching  $9^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade Geometry throughout the whole school. You can find him on the 3rd floor in the room that every teacher "noticeably" only gets to stay in once a year; room 341.

At first glance Mr. Harper seems like your ordinary math teacher and he is. Yet, he's also a golf and chess lover, a martial artist, a math attacker and an inspiration. Mr. Harper came into the math world when he was attending college at MCC. Originally Mr. Harper did not know what he wanted to do with his life in college. Still undecided about what he wanted, Mr. Harper applied himself to liberal arts to cover all of his elective courses in college. But when his grades came in, he found that he was doing great in all his courses except for math. He then came to the decision to aspire to go into the math field to overcome his bad math skills and he became a math teacher. After achieving his goal he transferred from MCC to Brockport College. Mr. Harper then went on to teach at Fredrick Douglas for 6 years and East High School for 2 years. When he applied to teach at Monroe he successfully obtained the job. This year marks Mr. Harper's 9<sup>th</sup> year of teaching.



Harper doesn't play the "make up your own formula" game. He does it straight by the book while using "cooperative learning" along with "collaborative pairing" of his students. He's been teaching for 9 years so he knows what he's doing. Harper says his life is devoted to. "teaching and

living a positive life and continuously focusing on improving". When asked about his passion for teaching he says, "I love it and enjoy it and it comes with it's challenges but can't think of anything else I'd rather do". My last question for Mr. Harper was if it was possible for him to go back in time and change his career; would he? His reply was, "No, I love my job too much and I could never see myself doing anything else but teaching math, helping all my students and other fellow workers throughout the years". Mr. Harper is truly another one of a kind, dedicated teacher in our school. Now let's see if he gets to stay in room 341 next year.



Young Citizen, from PAGE 1

PRIS2M Team, and a very talented artist who designed our "Park Bench on Parade" and recently hosted the ArtPeace Shakedown and the Transfer of Flags Ceremony (see below).

These two girls have done so much to achieve success. They deserve this award ands have done a terrific job for the community.

#### A 121 year old Tradition: Transfer of Flags Ceremony



Every year, the District, with the support of Bausch & Lomb, recognizes each school's top students in academics and citizenship. The students, known as Standard Bearers, are honored at the Transfer of Flags ceremony which will be held at Monroe High School.

This year will mark the 121st observance of the ceremony, the oldest surviving tradition in the District.

Rochester businessman and Civil War veteran Captain Henry Lomb, who presented the medallions until his death in 1908, began the ceremony in 1889. Bausch &

Lomb still provides the medallions for the event each year. The ceremony was held on Sunday, May 16th at 1:30 p.m.



#### 2010 Arson Prevention Poster Winner:

By: Carmen Mercado



If you see Thalia Davila in the halls, give her a smile. She is one of Monroe's 7<sup>th</sup> grade up and coming artists. Thalia won the 2010 Arson Prevention Billboard Contest. She designed and created a poster for the contest

that took 1st place. Thalia will be honored by seeing her artwork become a billboard in the city of Rochester.

If you would like to see Thalia's billboard, it will be located at 248 Monroe Avenue on the east side of Woody's at Linwood place between Alexander and Union streets. Congratulations Thalia. Great job on your poster Thalia. Keep working hard on your art skills. We are sure that we will see more of your work in the future.

# News Bits and Bites

#### Apple Store: Eastview Mall

By: Faith McGinniss



On Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> students took a trip to the Apple store in Eastview Mall to show off their handy work. Ms. Steffen's class got to show off their podcasts from 2:45 until 4:00. The students who participated had a great time and had wonderful projects to show off. Juan Mora told Ms. Steffen "So many people looked at my work and told



me how good it is. I was never so proud in my life." Congratulations to all the students who participated on their fantastic work and opportunity to show it off.

#### Monroe's Green Sweep

Have you noticed that it's a little bit cleaner around the school grounds? There isn't as much littler and garbage left over from the winter's snow? Last month, the Restore Monroe Your Leadership Team ran Monroe's Green Sweep.

They worked on picking up trash and debris in the yards on Prince Street and Alexander Street trying to beautify the grounds around our school and it's surrounding neighborhood. The place looks so much better! Make sure you think twice about dropping that candy wrapper or juice bottle. The team worked real hard to making this area look nice again.

The team has future plans for planting flowers and shrubs, so be on the lookout for them.



Bryant and Stratton Exit interviews



#### United Way 2010 Campaign

By: Alexis Edmondson

Thank you Monroe Staff Members! Our school ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in fund raising for the United Way in the district. Together we raised \$9475 dollars, and are still going strong. We would like to thank all of the 55 staff members that donated this year.



We would also like to thank all the people that came out to the United Way cook out Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. It was such a lovely day. In 2009 we raised a lump sum of \$10,418 dollars, but our percent of giving was only 19.81%. This year it was 32% participation for the building. Once again, a big thank you.



By: Faith McGinniss

The Art Peace Shakedown took place this month. The opening reception took place on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Village Gate. For those who were unable to attend the opening, the exhibition was left up until May 15<sup>th</sup>. It was tons of fun with entertainment by the Ruckus Juice Jug Stompers and the Slam High Poetry Team. There was also a silent auction to raise money for the Open Door Mission which turned out to be very successful. If you were unable to attend the function you can check out cool pictures at www.artpeaceshakedown.org.

Monroe's Regents Review Classes have resumed. You <u>must</u> see your counselor to sign up for the classes. Weekday sessions meet for one hour, from 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Saturday sessions are from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bus passes for Saturday sessions are available in Mrs. Bridges' office and can be picked up at anytime on Friday.



#### **MONROE LIFE**

REDJACKET SPORTS!!!

Congratulations to the modified girls softball team. They defeated Douglass Prep by a score of 26-4. Selena Ferrer led the lady red jackets with 15 strikeouts. Stephanie Aviles went 5 for 5 with two doubles and Janelle Perez went 4 for

5. The girls modified softball team record now stands at 5 wins and 2 losses. Their last game is today at Genesee Valley Park against Wilson Foundation. Game time is at 4 pm.

Are you interested in playing Boys' soccer for Monroe next year? There will be a meeting for all interested students on Thursday after school in the Student & Family Support Center (room 29). Bring shorts, cleats, and sneakers. See Mr. Paufler if you have any questions.

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Free - Girls Basketball Workouts for Monroe on Sundays
3:30 − 5:30 pm at the Carlson Metro Center YMCA, Gym B
for grades 7-11. Includes warm-up's, drills & skills, scrimmages, guest speakers and learn from coaches with high school, AAU, college and professional levels. This is TOTALLY Free and you do not have to be a member of the
YMCA to participate!! Coaches Dunne and Shoniker are
working the program also. We will have other guest coaches
of all levels and former City School District Players as Junior
coaches and role models for the girls.

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Railhawk's Salliew Bundu (9) fakes out

#### Rhino's Soccer

By: Christian Ramirez

On May 1 The Rochester Rhinos started their home games at the Marina Auto Stadium with the support of a lot of their fans. They was played vs. The Carolina Railhawks. The first half hour the Rhinos led with a 1 point lead. The game got more intense with action when the Railhawks scored a goal to tie it up.

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#### Are You Ready For Some Real Action?

Sign up today for a summer to remember! The Criminal Justice Explorer Academy (CJEA) is an exciting co-ed day camp for students that have completed 8th grade and are 14-20 years old. The academy will provide all of the cadets with an opportunity to experience the criminal justice field by learning leadership, and hands-on law enforcement skills. This years' academy will be held July 13-16, 2010, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at The Monroe County Public Safety Training Center, 1190 Scottsville Rd. See your counselor for more information.

# Attention: Juniors and Seniors



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Prom tickets are now on sale! The prom will be held on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and this year's prom theme is Masquerade Ball! If you would like to bring a guest who does not attend Monroe, he/she must be enrolled in an educational setting. See Ms. Sergent to get your prom packet & to purchase your prom ticket!

#### Darien Lake

The Darien Lake Permission Slips are available in the cafeteria during lunches. All three pages need to be filled out, English on front and Spanish on back fill out which one applies to you. The cost is \$22 **cash only** and paperwork needs to be turned in by June 4<sup>th</sup>. First come, first served basis.

#### Summer Jobs!

**Attention students**: are you interested in volunteering at Strong Memorial Hospital this summer? Will you be 14 years of age or older by July 1<sup>st</sup>? Are you available 3-4 hours a week from June 28<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>? If you answered yes to all of these questions, then this is the oppor-



tunity for you! See your counselor for more information.



Ward's Natural Science has summer warehouse jobs available. You must be 18, have graduated <u>or</u> be enrolled in school, have transportation, and be able to lift heavy loads. See your counselor for more details.



Need a summer job? Want to meet and hang out with lots of new people. Do you like going on waterslides and amusement park rides for free? Seabreeze Amusement Park is now hiring for all positions for the summer. Employees get discounts on food; Free admission tickets and access to after hours park parties. For more information check it out at: www.seabreeze.com or visit the park for an application.