



SOLUTION: Milestone



From the flavortext, we can conclude that this puzzle is referencing past BAPHL events. Some internet sleuthing may be required for people who have not attended every BAPHL event, but they are all conveniently listed on the BAPHL website! From the title and “great number” (and A, B, C in the flavortext) we realize that this is BAPHL 26, so we can use A1Z26 on the numbers of the past BAPHLs.

1. You first consider where you are today, running through different potential historical stories for the city. Aliens, Vikings, Hell, Cats... what does it all mean?
BAPHL 26 (Boston's Alternate Past Hypothetical Lore) - Z
2. You then think back to a time when in one location, multiple events happened simultaneously in some sort of twisted inversion of another event...
BAPHL 19 (Same Area Different Hunts) - S
3. Next you think about a time when you were far away, both in time and in space, the furthest way you've ever been! Were you even allowed to be there?
BAPHL 9 (Forbidden Rhode Island) - I
4. Now you remember a time of gallant heroes and phar-phetched stories, and a premature fight against a phearphul radiation golem you had to survive.
BAPHL 20 (Brave Adventurers & PHantastical Legends) - T
5. After that you consider a time when all you cared about was going as fast as possible in some kind of version of a speedy reality competition. You were the amazing Leslie Gallant, and the world was your speedway.
BAPHL 5 (The Great Race) - E
6. You next think about a massive party with gifts of iron, one that you had skipped over, searched for, and finally found.
BAPHL 14 (The Sixth Anniversary Extravaganza) - N
7. Finally, you return to where it all began... where a concerned group of citizens fought against these soft, floccose lifeforms that arrived above the city.
BAPHL 1 (Fuzzy and the Fuzzkins) - A
8. Huh, that's weird... I don't remember anything about this... Did it even happen?
BAPHL 17 (didn't occur) - Q

This gives us the cluephrase

Z SITE N.A.Q. - which clues going to the Never Asked Questions section on the BAPHL 26 site (<https://26.baphl.org/>).

The NAQs each clue a location which was the starting point of a past BAPHL. The easiest way to find them is from the puzzles wiki, which can be found in the puzzle wiki (www.puzzles.wiki/wiki/Boston_Area_Puzzle_Hunt_League), as linked in the FAQ.

We can extract a letter from each in order presented by the numbers at the bottom.

1. Paul Revere Mall - BAPHL 7 - G
2. Old Powder House - BAPHL 15 - O
3. Lechmere Canal Park - BAPHL 19 - S
4. Evans Way Park - BAPHL 5 - E
5. Central Square - BAPHL 16 - P
6. City Hall Plaza - BAPHL 18 - R

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P R O G R E S S

An alternate name for this puzzle (which would be too much of a spoiler) is BAPHL-bet.