

Finals pressure comes early for AP students

By Brandon Teetsel

Finals week is still more than a month away at G. Ray Bodley High School. But for a select few students the pressure of the last big test is already here.

Advanced Placement tests for G. Ray Bodley students started Wednesday, May 5, with the AP Calculus test. On Thursday, the AP English test took place, and on Friday, AP US History will commence. The following week is just as, if not more, packed than the current week. AP Biology will take place on Monday, AP Chemistry on Tuesday, and finally on Thursday, the AP Macro and Micro Economics tests, which is an all day affair. All of the AP students will be relieved once their tests are over, but unfortunately, many will take some sort of final, or do a final project.

For most of the AP tests, a student arrives at the Fulton Alliance Church between 7 and 7:30 a.m.. Once there, the students wait for the rest of their peers to arrive. Once they do, the entire group walks into the back of the church, into a quiet and secluded room. Bodley Assistant Principal Mr. Green will be there, proctoring each of the AP exams. After much paperwork has been fulfilled, and after about 30 or 45 minutes have passed, depending on how well fellow test takers listen to directions, it's time for the exam to begin.

Once the test has commenced, there is absolute silence from everyone taking the test. There is no passing of pencils, pens, or water bottles, to prevent any and all types of cheating. For the tests, depending on how many different parts to the test there are, there will be a brief break in between parts.

If a student is late coming back to the testing room, they will be locked out and unable to finish the exam. As this itinerary clearly indicates, the AP exams are nothing to joke about. There are many infractions one can perform to be kicked out of the testing area and unable to finish the test, as well as forfeiting the \$86 it costs to take the test.

Many of AP students are seniors, except for the various juniors who take the AP US History, AP Chemistry, or AP Biology. Senior Alicia Vann commented on the AP Calculus Exam, saying, "The time frame that we had to com-

plete the parts weren't as limiting as the SAT was, and after the test was finished, I was so relieved!" Her comments sum up the feelings from the students who take AP exams. Spending all year working towards this exam, cramming for judgment day the night before, and hoping that they receive that 5 that they strived for.

For some, achieving a 5 is all they've worked toward all year. Others only took the AP class to challenge themselves, and to see the material beforehand to better be prepared for the college experience.

In short, taking an AP examination is a very

serious matter, and is completely different from taking a high school test or regents exam. For anyone currently enrolled or planning to enroll in one of these elite classes, remember this advice: Don't slack off near the end of the year, always do your best, and ask questions if you get lost in class. The material for these classes is quite tough, and in no way a walk in the park.

For all those preparing for an exam in the next few days, get a good nights rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and grab plenty of pens and pencils, and a water bottle. Perhaps do a little yoga and center your mind, and good luck!



On Thursday, April 29, the main hall of the Education Center was alive with students, parents, Administrators, Board Members, Art Teachers and Community Members at the Fulton School District's yearly Art Show. The great art work of 25 students from each school; Fairgrave, Granby, Lanigan, Volney, the Junior High and G. Ray Bodley High School were on view. A violin, cello duo by high school students and refreshments were part of the program. The show will continue through the third week of May. All are welcome to visit the show during the building's normal hours. Pictured above are, from left, Sophia Giovannetti, Oriana Castelluccio and Julia Ludington. (photo submitted by Ms. Koblentz)

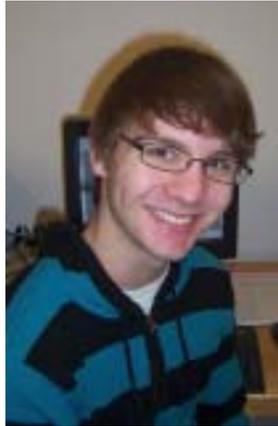
Opinion

Simple steps can help prevent hearing loss

By Travis Cowart

Every day, people are around countless sounds and noises. If you walk down the road, you hear a car go by, people talking, radios, and just about every other noise you can imagine. At a maximum, the human ear will take in an average of 90 decibels (the measurement of sound) while walking through the city. Ninety decibels is roughly the maximum amount of sound an ear can handle without the risk of hearing damage or loss. The problem is that people do not actually feel the damage being done to their ear unless it is too late, and their hearing is lost.

Many teens find it necessary to blast their music at the maximum volume when listening to their Ipods or other MP3 players. By doing so the people can listen to their music at a shocking 120 decibels. That is roughly how loud an airplane is at take off! In order to avoid damag-



ing your ears, try turning down your music a little bit more.

Another thing teens do to damage their hearing at an early age is to think that they are too cool to wear those earplugs at certain events. Events such as monster truck shows, air shows, and nuclear reactors tours have certain areas that require people to wear earplugs. An unusual number of teens will not wear those earplugs, risking a dramatic loss of hearing at an alarming rate. So please, for the sake of your hearing, wear earplugs when necessary. They're not that easy to see and even if someone is making fun of you for them you will not be able to hear them in the first place.

So why would a person listen to sounds at a dangerous level? Well, the answer is excitement. Hearing loud thumps and booms get a person's adrenaline higher, which in turn gets them energized. For example, when you go to a concert and you are right in front of the stage you feel the vibrations of the music because it is so loud. It makes you bounce around and feel great. Doing that is okay sometimes, but making it a regular experience will dramatically damage your hearing.

So take heed to my advice and your hearing might end up being so good that you can hear a pin drop a mile away.

Phillies security went too far with taser

By Courtney Falanga

Monday night at Philadelphia's Citizen's Bank Stadium, families entered the gates with expectations to spend the jump-start of summer watching America's favorite past time, a baseball game featuring their very own Phillies. Hot-dogs, cotton candy, nuts, and the aroma of beer filled the stadium, but emptied wallets while fans made their way to sit. People sat there that



night expecting it to be just another night at the ballpark. And it was, until the eighth inning rolled around. At that point, a 17-year-old-boy hopped the fence and ran onto the field. As a result of this harmless prank, he was tasered.

The boy got his few seconds of fame in attempt to run across the field, until a police officer tagged him with a taser. After the 'attack' the boy hit the ground. A taser? For an average 17-year-old-boy who pulled a harmless prank? That's a tad too much. I would understand if it was apparent to security that the guy was attempting to harm a player or coach, but all he was doing was fulfilling his want for exhilaration. Officials even know that before the incident, the boy called his father and asked for permission for the hoax. The dad's reply, "It wasn't the best of ideas" and "He wasn't drinking, he wasn't on drugs." Exactly...the boy is fine, it was just a joke.

The boy's identity has not been released, but it is known that he is going to attend Penn State starting in the fall semester. So now it is obvious that he is smart, but he still is in high school, so I'll throw in immature as well. Kids do stupid things, which is how I believe that anyone truly learns anything. In this case, the guy knew the clear consequences but wanted to take a risk, have some unconventional fun, and show up his friends who were to afraid to follow through.

Major League Baseball is used to seeing harmless mischief such as this, but this is one of the first times a stun gun has been utilized. Now, "Phillies spokeswoman Bonnie Clark said the police department is investigating the matter and discussing with the team whether using the stun gun was appropriate. Police spokesman Lt. Frank Vanore told The Philadelphia Inquirer police internal affairs will open an investigation to determine if the firing 'was proper use of the equipment,'" according to the Associated Press. And a Yahoo journalist reported, "This kid was fine; after he regained the ability to walk, he did so under his own power as security took him into custody.

Do we want fans running onto the field? No matter how entertaining it seems at the moment, no, we don't. They don't belong out there. But what we really don't want is security pulling out Tasers at a baseball game when it's not necessary." So the next time you visit to watch the Chief's play, or any other sporting event, just make sure you don't run out on the field and get tasered; and your trip should be a normal and safe one.

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Iron Man 2 headlines weekend features



It's Friday, so that means there are new movies in theaters. This week there will be three new movies that you could see. These movies include *Iron Man 2*, *Babies*, and *Mother and Child*.

Iron Man 2 is the sequel to the original Iron Man that came out in 2008. This movie is an action/adventure/thriller. The stars of this

movie are Robert Downey Jr., Mickey Rourke, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Scarlett Johansson. The movie picks up where the original blockbuster left off. Now that the world is aware of the dual life of Tony Stark who is also the Superhero Iron Man, he is getting pressured by the public, press, and the government to share his knowledge with the military. Iron Man does not want to release his incredible invention to the military. Also Iron Man and his alliances will have to confront some powerful enemies.

Babies is a documentary that has mothers playing themselves with their children. This movie shows four different babies living on different continents. These places are Opuwo, Namibia, Bayamchandmani, Mongolia, Tokyo, Japan and San Francisco, California. This movie also shows the life of these newborn children for a year and how their lives differ from the others. This movie is limited and will only be playing in certain theaters at certain

times.

Mother and Child is a drama that stars Naomi Watts, Annette Bening, and Kerry Washington. The plot of this movie is based on three women, a 50-year-old medical professional, the daughter of the medical professional whom she gave up for adoption 35 years ago, and an African American woman who is looking to adopt a child of her own. This movie is also limited and will only be playing in certain theaters at certain times.

Since the weather is not going to be so nice this weekend, you should go to the movies and watch one of these new features. If you are looking for something new and exciting to do this weekend maybe you should go to the Midway Drive-in for a triple feature. The drive in will be playing *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Last Song* and *When in Rome*. As always check your local listings for the location and times of movies that you would like to see.

The Zany Zodiac

Sage advice, "if you know what I mean"

Aries- the first person on your left at this very moment is your soul mate. If there is no one to your left, sorry...

Taurus- take time to say hello to your neighbor, if you know what I mean

Gemini- Everyone love everyone, if you know what I mean

Cancer- Knowledge is power, if you know what I mean

Leo- live every day like it's your last, if you know what I mean

Virgo- buy groceries in bulk, if you know what I mean

Libra- be a proud American, if you know

what I mean



Scorpio- take life seriously, if you know what I mean

Sagittarius- you need to get out more,

if you know what I mean

Capricorn- time is of the essence, if you know what I mean

Aquarius- you get more flies with honey than you do with vinegar, if you know what I mean

Pisces- it's the little things in life that count the most, if you know what I mean

By Noah Carroll and Andrew Kush

Upcoming events:

May 3-10: Gone4Ever display, sponsored by SADD. Exhibit open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. @ GRB.

May 10-12: Class of 2012 days at Mimi's Drive-in.

Friday, May 14: Junior Prom at DoubleTree Hotel, 7 p.m.

GRB Photo Club Contest

Theme: **SPRING**

submit your entries to Mlle Amerault
contest deadline is Friday, May 7

Sports

Second round of playoffs has lacked the drama

By Nick Millard

From past knowledge and experience, it is ideal that the second round of the playoffs in any sport should be more thrilling and exciting than the first. However, this has not been the case for the NHL and NBA, both of whom have experienced their fair share of lopsided series thus far.

After an outstanding opening round in the chase for Lord Stanley's Cup, NHL fans were left drooling. With the like of high seeds New Jersey, Buffalo, and most of all Washington being upset in the early rounds, the lower seeded victors have made their claim to be top contenders deep into the post-season. First off, what the Boston Bruins are doing to teams thus far is by far more impressive than anything. The sixth seeded team out of Boston has been showing signs of life on the offensive side of the puck in key times, which they failed to do in the regular season.

After a dominating 4-2 first round series win over all-world goalie Ryan Miller and the Buffalo Sabres, the Bruins came out firing against Philadelphia, earning their way into a 3-0 series lead and a chance to sweep the Flyers to night.

Top seeded San Jose has lived up to expectations thus far, as they handily defeated the Colorado Avalanche 4-2 in their opening series. Up to this point in the conference semi-finals, the Sharks have made it clear who the favorite is, as they are on the verge of sending Detroit packing with a 3-1 series rout. The second seeded Chicago Blackhawks defeated their lower seeded opposition Nashville in the first round, 4-2. However, Chicago came out of the gates slow to open up round two, as they dropped game one against Vancouver in a 5-1 blowout. Choosing not to accept defeat, the Blackhawk's responded well in games two and three, as they downed the Canucks, taking a 2-1 series lead. Defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh is being pushed to limit against the Montreal Canadiens. With the series notched at two a piece, Crosby and the Pens are staring into the eyes of defeat, much like top seeded favorite Washington. The second round is proving to be predictable and lacking the suspense the first round produced.

The NBA is facing much of the same, as the conference semi-finals lack any kind of raw suspense. In the Western side of the bracket, top seeded Los Angeles has found their way into a 2-0 series lead against a Utah Jazz team which struggles heavily in L.A. After a ques-

tionable first round 4-2 series win against Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder, Kobe Bryant and the Lakers have stepped up when it matters most, and it does not appear they are prepared to slow down.

A surprise thus far in the playoff are the Phoenix Suns, who are playing their best ball of the year at the right time. The Suns downed a very dangerous Portland Trailblazer team in round one, and were pitted against the seventh seeded San Antonio Spurs, who just dismantled Dirk Nowitzki and the second seeded Mavericks in round one. The Suns are taking no prisoners, as they find themselves up with a 2-0 series wins in dominating fashion.

In the Eastern Conference, The Orlando Magic continue their pure and utter dominance against the field. After a 4-0 series sweep in the conference quarter-finals, The Magic have not slowed down as they are putting Atlanta in their place with blowouts in games one and two for a 2-0 series lead. The only series thus far that is not a one sided affair is the Cleveland Cavaliers vs. the Boston Celtics. Boston, which many critics considered 'too old', has shown signs of significant youth and life this post-season.

After losing game one, the Celtics shut up sports writers everywhere as they blew out the top-seeded Cavaliers by 18 points, 104-86. To make it all so much sweeter, the dominating victory came on the same night that LeBron

James received his MVP award from NBA Commissioner David Stern.

With other news around the sporting world, Tiger Woods teed off for the second consecutive week at the Players Championship. Last week Tiger missed the cut at the Quails Hollow Championship after shooting a 79, 7-over par in the second round. Tiger is sitting at two under after the first round, and is eyeing his seat back in the winning circle. If Phil Mickelson wins, and Tiger finishes outside of the top five, Tiger will lose his number one world ranking for the first time since 2004-2005.

A black cloud has put a damper on a time when eyes should all be set on the playoffs. Former New York Giant Hall of fame linebacker Lawrence Taylor was arrested Thursday morning, and is being charged with raping a 16-year-old girl. Taylor, who is 51, has a history of being in trouble with the law. In the past he has been charged in cases of drug abuse and tax evasion.

In free agency news, the Cincinnati Bengal have taken a chance by signing troubled cornerback Adam 'Pacman' Jones. The Bengals had success with this before, as they revived the career of star tailback Cedric Benson. Oakland has cut their ties with young, struggling quarterback JaMarcus Russell. This comes after seasons of failure as their young project failed to find his niche in the NFL.

Raiders run to pair of victories

Victory at last! Wednesday evening at East Syracuse Minoa, the Fulton boys defeated both ES-M and Homer in a battle that will be remembered for quite some time! Going in the outcome was not in favor of the Riders. But despite the odds and all of the intangibles, Fulton athletes rose to the challenge.

Right from the gun, the boys took control of the meet, beating ES-M by a little over a second in a barnburner 4x800-meter. Noah Carroll led off giving the team a lead, while Zach Howell and Dylan Coppola ran personal bests to stay even with an ES-M side with far better stats on paper. With Sam Stevens on the anchor he just waited until the last 100 meters to make his bid for the win and came out victorious. Fulton followed up by winning all of the relays that they were picked to win. Most of the races were very tactical for the individuals. In the 1600, a very slow first lap played right into the hands of Noah Carroll who just sat off the leaders and took the race in the last 500 meters, winning by over eight seconds.

John Strong remains undefeated due to some obvious skill and a lucky break where his top competitor tripped over a hurdle, giving Strong a huge lead. The windy conditions were, however, very aggravating. Despite his win in the triple-jump, senior Ryan Shue was somewhat unhappy with the weather. Shue did though win every single event he was in, which included the high jump, the triple jump, and the 4x400-meter relay.

A brief rest period is in store for the boys team before they gear up for a full week. They will start off on Monday running against two tough teams in Chittenango and Mexico, following up on Wednesday with a meet against Cortland and Fowler, and will top off their week at the Annual Van Dusen Invitational in Odgensburg in which the boys will try to defend their meet title at this prestigious North Country track and field gathering.



The Fulton baseball team was in action this week at home, and has often been the case, RaiderNet Daily photographer Taylor Harvey was there.

Starting in the top left and moving clockwise, pitcher Bobby Bonnie delivers a strike with the ongoing construction looming in the background. Fulton catcher Max Fobes makes a putout at home plate on a throw from Chris Frontale. The Raiders gunned down two CN-S players at the plate on Tuesday. In the bottom two photos Max Ambuske prepares to take a cut and literally was cut in the bottom photo after tagging the runner out at third. Max took a cleat to the leg, but continued to play.

(Taylor Harvey photos)



THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Today: Tennis @ ES-M (4:30).

Sat. May 8: Softball @ Phoenix Tourney (TBA); Baseball @ Corcoran (11 a.m.); Girls lax @ Manlius-Pebble Hill (V-noon).

Mon. May 10: Girls lax vs. J-D (V-4:30/JV-6 p.m.).

Tues. May 11: V baseball & softball vs. CBA (4:30); JV baseball & softball @ CBA (4:30); Tennis @ Fowler (4:45); Boys lax @ ES-M (4:30/v-5 p.m.);

Wed. May 12: Track @ Cortland/Fowler (4:45); Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30);

Thurs. May 13: V softball, JV baseball vs. Homer (4:45); JV softball, V baseball @ Homer (4:45); Tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); Boys lax @ Whitesboro (5 p.m.); Girls lax vs. Whitesboro (V-5:00/JV-6:30).

(due to weather conditions, spring sports schedules are subject to change)

Raider Lacrosse

Raiders put it all together in 8-5 triumph

By Eric Belair

And the Raiders strike again. Fulton tallied another win last night against the New Hartford Spartans, prevailing 8-5. This victory over a league opponent raises the Raiders record to 2-11 on the season.

Fulton came out ready to play after a long bus ride. The Spartans struck first on the scoreboard, but Fulton quickly answered back with two straight goals of their own in the first quarter. The second quarter was the opposite of the first quarter, as Fulton only scored one goal, while the Spartans recorded two goals to create a halftime score of 3-3.

To start the second half the score was tied and the Raiders put on a lesson for New Hartford as they took them to school. Putting together one of their best quarters of the season, Fulton rattled off five goals in the third quarter. The Raider defense held the Spartans scoreless for the quarter which gave Fulton an 8-3 lead heading into the fourth quarter. New Hartford started to rally back in the fourth quarter as they scored two goals, and things started to seem familiar from the last match-up when Fulton watched a 7-4 halftime lead transform into a 9-8 loss.

The Raiders did not score in the fourth quarter, but they held on and fought through numerous obstacles to come out victorious with an 8-5 win to avenge an earlier home loss to the Spartans.

Once again junior Brett Williams led the Raiders in scoring with four goals and added one assist. Senior Bobby Earnshaw scored two goals and one assist. Rounding out the scoring were juniors Nate Parsons and Colin Shannon, each with one goal. Senior Jack Howard dished out three assists for Fulton while senior Eric Belair had an outstanding performance in the goal for the Raiders with 23 saves.

The Raiders played an exceptional game in all aspects: offense, defense, transition, man up and down advantages, face-offs and groundballs. Everyone on the team put in an excellent performance as the players did their part to win the game. Standing tall in the defensive end were senior Jake Tallents and juniors Jim Marsh and Donnie Watson. Contributing big efforts as defensive middies were sophomore Justin Bowering, juniors Mark Henning and Jake Sereno and senior Cody Hogan. Controlling the faceoffs for Fulton were sophomore Steven DeLisle and junior Colin Shannon.

Fulton will travel to East Syracuse-Minoa on Tuesday for the next game. The Raiders will

try to avenge another loss for earlier in the season against the Spartans.



Goaltender Eric Belair and the Raider defense, shown here in recent action against East Syracuse-Minoa, stood tall on Thursday as the team notched its second win of the season, 8-5 at New Hartford. (Taylor Harvey photo)

Despite loss, girls show improvement

For the Lady Raider lacrosse team, it is a season-long goal to continue to grow and get better, and last night they proved that they have made vast improvements. On Thursday they traveled to Mexico to take on the Tigers, a team they lost to 15-4 earlier in the season. But it was not so easy for the Tigers this time as the Raiders held them under double figures while battling to a 9-5 setback.

Right from the first draw, the Raiders played hard defense and kept the Tigers from scoring on their first drive to the goal. But it was the same for the Tigers as they kept the Raiders from scoring on their goal as well. Mexico then rallied and put one in to make the score 1-0. The Tigers put in another one, but the Raiders responded with three to make the score 3-2. Mexico then added three more while the Raiders only put one in to make the score at half time 5-4.

The Raiders knew that one goal was nothing, but it was not enough to keep the Tigers from the Raider end of the field as they scored four goals in the second half to Fulton's one to make the final score 9-5. Leading the Raiders was senior Emily Rothrock with two goals and one assist followed by Kirsten Francis with one goal and one assist. Sophomore Caitlin LaVoie and freshman Alannah McClellan each added one while freshman Erica Knaub contributed one assist. Junior Kara Pafumi ended the night with 12 saves from inside the net. Leading the Tigers was Stevie Lombardoni with three goals and one assist. Goaltender Cassandra DeLong had nine saves for the Mexico Tigers.

The Lady Raiders will be back in action on Saturday at noon when they travel to Manlius Pebble Hill in a non-league game where the girls will look to improve their record to 2-11.

By Emily Rothrock

School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Lindsay Navagh

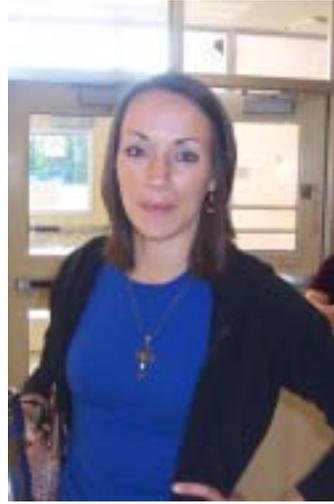
What is your favorite television show?



"South Park."
Kody Ravesi



"The Pacific."
Mack Wheeler



"24."
Ms. Erken



"Family Guy."
Tim Jacobs

Morning announcements for Friday, May 7

Attention seniors! The final due date for all cedar point money as well as paperwork is Friday, May 14th. The total cost for the trip is \$125, which includes entry to the park and unlimited soda. Seats are limited, so hurry and grab one today.

Senior shirts are in. Please pick them up in Mr. Perry's room.

Senior dinner dance tickets will be going on sale soon.

FBLA members take note: there will be a mandatory meeting on Monday to elect new chapter officers and listen to a guest speaker. To run for an office, please stop by room 110 to sign up.

Help support Timmy Connors and others by buying an orange bracelet. They will be available for five dollars during all lunch bells.

There will be a presentation in the auditorium on Thursday, May 13 during advisory entitled "your college search-what to consider" for all juniors thinking about college. Students need to report directly to the auditorium following bell two on Thursday.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Sun and clouds with an afternoon shower possible. High around 60.

Tonight: Widespread showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid to upper-40s.

Tomorrow: Mainly cloudy with a few scattered showers. High in the mid-50s, low in the mid-30s.

Sunday: Sun and clouds. High around 50, low in the mid-30a.

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