



## Aviv String Quartet visits Bodley

By Ryann Crofoot

It was definitely fall outside on Friday, but for a select group of students a breath of spring air made its way into G. Ray Bodley High School. On Friday, October 15, the Aviv String quartet visited the GRB Orchestra.

The quartet consisted of two violinists, one viola player, and a cellist. The name Aviv means, "spring" in Hebrew. The quartet started in Israel, but has played in a number of places such as Italy and many cities in the United States. And on Friday, they came to Fulton, NY.

The G.R.B. Orchestra was not the only or-



Members of the Aviv String Quartet perform for Fulton orchestra students during their visit on Friday. The group also conducted a clinic with their members of the GRB High School Orchestra. (Ryann Crofoot photo)

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chestra present as the Jr. High Orchestra, as well as the orchestras from each of the elementary schools also came to visit. The quartet

### Respect week underway at GRB

On Sunday the Fulton Community Task Force held a Respect Day Kick Off Celebration at the Fulton War Memorial. The theme of this years Celebration is "Respecting Our Differences and Celebrating Our Unity." All this week the high school will be focusing on different aspects of respect including respecting one's self, others, school and the environment. Each day will begin with an inspirational quote to help students and staff focus on respect throughout the school day.

During Advisory, Advisors will facilitate discussions about respect and what one can do to help foster a positive school and community environment.

played three songs for the students; two from a little known composer, and one composed by a Russian alive during Soviet Russia times. After they played the songs for the students, the younger musicians left, and the high school Orchestra got down to work. They separated into their sections, and the violinists from the quartet worked with the violinists in the orchestra, the violist with the viola players, and the cellist with the cellos and basses.

The quartet players helped the students im-

prove one of their songs by helping to improve their intonation and bowing. After the sectionals, the whole group got back together to see what they could do. Bodley orchestra teacher, Miss Santy said, "I saw vast improvement. The group sounded like a group and not seventy different performers." The two orchestras will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when they be performing on Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28. Come support the G.R.B. string players.

### Science Club planning trip to Gifford Zoo

The Science Club held its second meeting on Tuesday, October 11. During the meeting, the club discussed the upcoming trip to the zoo. On either Sunday, October 31st or Sunday, November 7th, they plan on going to Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. About seventeen members of the club attended the meeting and showed interest in going.

Club advisor Mr. Gillard stated that the club would be able to attend the zoo at a lower cost if they had more people going. "The bus costs money," he said, "But if more students go it will cost less for everyone." If more students join the club, the field trips would cost less for everyone. The students would all share the cost of the busses instead of a few bearing the whole cost.

"If more people go, it will be cheaper," commented freshman Nick Summerville, "Then everyone would be able to save a few dollars for the gift shop." The next meeting is Wednesday, October 27 in room 204. If you would like to attend the field trip to the zoo, you should plan on attending for more information. Bring a friend with you, the more people that are interested, the more fun it will be for everyone.

By Daniel Summerville

## Opinion

# Saying "that's so gay" is not okay

By Christine Proud

"That's so gay" or "You're so gay" are phrases from our daily life that we constantly hear. Some think it's comical. Some people don't even know the effects of when they say it. But in all actuality, it's rude and unoriginal. It's also rather frustrating; some people don't realize that when you say 'that's so gay,' you could really be hurting people that are lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgendered. Maybe you don't say things are gay as in a synonym for bad. But still, have you even tried to stop your friends or class mates? Or let alone yourself?

People who make fun of other people's sexual orientation are purposely hurtful, and not creative enough to come up with anything better. The phrase 'That's so gay' is not just offensive to people of that sexual orientation. Many people, including myself, find sayings like this to be obnoxious. We all have great minds so why can't we all come up with something new to say? When you say 'that's so gay' do you even realize what you're saying? Most people rebut and say "That's not what I meant!" or "I meant that it was stupid" But really, that makes it seem like you are saying that gay people are stupid, and no one is stupid. Every person is smart in their own way. And if the intent was to say that something, not someone is "stupid," why not just say, "that's stupid."

In our school that's one phrase I hear more than please or thank you. Most students and teachers don't like hearing it either. It causes simple annoyances, and sometimes in extreme measures involves disciplinary action Junior Alyssa Scruton commented that she has heard it more than 20 times per day, "Saying things such as "that's gay" or "you're gay" is rude and a pathetic excuse for a comeback. Anyone could say "you're gay". Saying offensive things like that doesn't make you look clever at all, just pathetic and unintelligent."

Saying someone or something is gay is just impolite. How would you feel if someone looked at their grade on a test and said "That's so \_\_\_", and filled it in with your name? You wouldn't. Be considerate

and stop using degrading terms.

To make a difference, try to make a pledge to stop saying inappropriate terms towards people's sexual orientation. If you visit, <http://www.thinkb4youspeak.com/GetInvolved/> you can come up with new terms to pledge that you will say instead of something that is harmful to others. Some examples are "That's so Spazztastic Raptor Eating Cupcake" or "That's so epically failed." Join the cause and change your speech. Saying "That's so gay" Is NOT ok!

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## Bizarre news of the day

A Staffordshire bull terrier mix in England was abandoned by its owner just because it was born a little different. Of course, being born a hermaphrodite may put off future buyers. Georgie was born with a very rare condition that made it very hard to give the dog a home.

Georgie had the sex change surgery that removed her male organs and made her a full female. The manager at the Manchester Dogs Home where Georgie was being taken care of said that, "people would see her and were attracted. When we explained the condition she had and that she would have to come back to us for surgery, they were repulsed - it was not the surgical aspect, it was the condition."

The home that had been taking care of over 7000 animals over the years had only ever seen such a condition one other time before.

*By Morgan Firenze*

## Quote of the day:

"I like nonsense. It wakes up the brain cells."  
- Dr. Seuss

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# Words to plan your week around

## Aries: March 21 -April 19

Having had a taste of victory last week, this week may seem like the ideal opportunity to go wild. Distinguished guests will honour you today with their presence. Armchair politicians will affect your life today as they rise from their dank pits and begin to conquer the known world.

## Taurus: April 20 -May 20

Screaming loudly only serves to wake the neighbors. They'll only investigate once they're sure you're dead and the murderer has left the crime scene. Day time television can motivate you to rethink the monotony of your life. You may decide to pep up your life by going on a short cookery course, it'll be worth your time when you can roast a cactus.

## Gemini May 21- June 20

To the rest of the world, you are like brine shrimp; fun, but ultimately useless and short lived. Reading through a dictionary is the least effective way to learn more about the world. Get out there! Make something of that dullness that you despise. Have some fun!!

## Cancer June 21- July 22

Think of a number. Now times that number by eighteen. I can confidently predict that your number does not rhyme with "Golfing Umbrella." Everything you read online today may turn out to be a complete sham, or alternatively contain very inciteful tidbits detailing the most intimate details of your unconscious self. Your heroic attempts to liven up various classes and extra curriculars are all for naught this week as you are finally brought down to ground by a professional clown. Clowns are scary. That's a fact.

## Leo July 23- August 22

Your worst fears may come to light today when you are shoved into a small hole filled with sharks insects, spiders and snacked moths in the ironically immortal words of the Mortal Combat voice over guy: Finish Him! Luckily it was only a dream. You will come to realize that you have been playing way too many video games.

## Virgo August 23- September 22

Your appetites for love are not dampened by the loss of something important, but your partner might be. Today you will hear things dif-

ferently than normal, so be easy about your response. You might find yourself growing to hate cats. Chocolate desserts are your friend today.

## Libra September 23- October 23

The age you should be acting like is written on the soles of your shoes. One of the things you've always liked about life is how seemingly lucky you are. Expect big changes this week, and by big I mean

a bunch of small things.. Although you may try to pass yourself off as a second level wizard, your skills are so feeble I doubt you could open a book by only using your tongue. Go ahead try it. I dare you.

## Scorpio October 23- November 21

Pants, socks, t-shirts, sweaters. These are all parts of your wardrobe. Remember this. You may be left to pick up the pieces of someone else's failures today. You're a great friend. Be a pal. Buy them a slushie when they fail.

## Sagittarius November 22- December 21

Try not to get the wrong end of the stick today, especially the pointy end. Can you be held responsible for everything you \*don't\* do? Who knows, maybe you didn't do it. But you might want to get a defense attorney. It's up to you.

## Capricorn December 22- January 19

The day is as long as the night. That person who promised to bring you a dollar for the candy bar you bought them won't. You have many more years ahead of you. Most people are shady and sketchy, but within time you'll find the good seeds of a bad bunch.

## Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Hope will always get you through your problems. Let's hope that your girlfriend didn't find a new boyfriend on her vacation. Most of your ideas will turn out to be excellent ones today. Avoid having too many ideas, otherwise you may fall from your station. And that fall would be a long way down.

## Pisces February 19 - March 20

The number of times you walk into a door will today cause you to seek out new ways of thinking. The opportunities you once had are all but gone. Seize any new opportunity with all your might. And maybe invest in some glasses. Those bruises on your nose are not that attractive.



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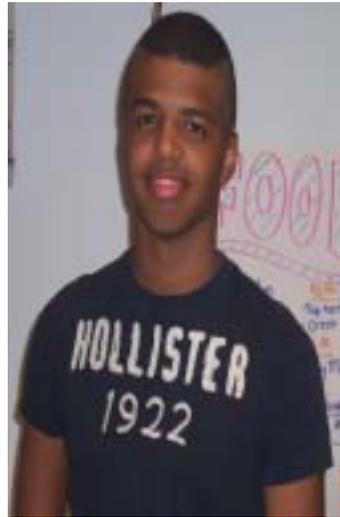
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***What would be a good theme for a school dance?***



"Like an underwater theme, that'd be sick."

**Donny Watson**



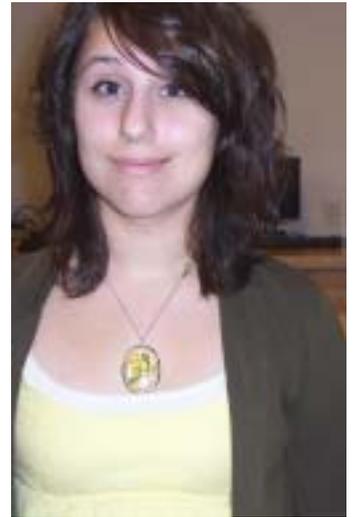
"A fifties theme."

**Joey Weller**



"A redneck theme."

**Mrs. Kells**



"Pirate theme, no no no. An outerspace theme."

**Danielle Gillett**

**Morning announcements for Monday, October 18**

Submit your entry in the Photo Club's first competition of the year. The theme is animals and there are two categories: Silly, and serious. One entry per category please. Bring a printed photo, 5 by 7 or larger to Ms. Amerault in room 120 by November 12.

The next meeting of the Photo Club will be held on Thursday after school in room 120. Bring vacation shots!

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, October 21 for all students interested in participating in the Battle of the Books. Students should meet in the library promptly at 2:20. See Mrs. Scalfaro for more information.

Wrestling signups are currently underway in Mr. Fasulo's room 217.

Signups for JV and varsity volleyball begin this week in the girls phys. Ed. Office. See Coach Richardson or Mrs. Rossi to sign up.

***Meteorology and you***  
by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Sun and clouds. High around 60.

**Tonight:** Becoming mainly cloudy. Low near 40.

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny. High in the mid-50s.

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