



## Senior goaltender is Binghamton bound

The oncoming winter sports season has been the talk of the town at G. Ray Bodley High School, but on Friday the impending new campaign had to take a back seat. Instead spring sports owned the spotlight for an afternoon when the Library Media Center took on the role of a celebratory hall.

And centered in the middle, like she has been for both the Raider hockey and lacrosse teams, sat GRB senior Kara Pafumi, the unassuming stopper of so many pucks and rifling shots off the stick of opposing attackers. It is the nature of the game that hardly anyone notices the goalie until things go wrong. But on this day when so much went right, there was no way of escaping the attention of reporters, teammates, friends and family as Pafumi made her first giant step toward the rarified air of Division I Collegiate Athletics by signing a national let-

ter of intent to play for Binghamton. The senior standout didn't even make her lacrosse debut until joining the Fulton modified team, but she has certainly made up for lost time, perhaps in part due to an extended career as a hockey goaltender.

The three-year member of the Fulton boy's hockey team made Raider sports history two seasons ago when she became the first girl to record a victory in goal for the Red and Green. She followed that up with the school's first shutout by a female goaltender, and the accomplishments on the ice have continued on into this, the start of her senior season.

"It really helped my hand speed," Pafumi noted about the advantages she brought to lacrosse after playing hockey for so long, and certainly the endurance and toughness of be-

ing a goaltender in the physical world of boys hockey has served her well on the grass.

"This is a great opportunity for her," Coach White commented. "It shows what a student athlete can accomplish if they put their mind to it, both on the field and off." While her athletic ability was a major factor in receiving a scholarship, academics were also a major component, according to the coach. To that end Kara is also a member of the National Honor Society, showing that good grades and great athleticism can truly go hand in hand.

"It is really exciting," the soft-spoken senior noted. "I'm proud to represent Fulton." Joined by her parents, Tony and Heidi, and younger sister Kaylin, it was a proud moment for the Pafumi family, Fulton athletics, and the entire G. Ray Bodley High School community.

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Come next fall, she will be living the dream of so many high school athletes when she enters Binghamton as a pre-med student and member of the Bearcats girls lacrosse team, no small feat when one considers how few of her peers have ever made the grade at this level.

"This is just the beginning of a new dream for her," Raider girls lacrosse Coach Drew White commented, noting that Friday's signing was the culmination of a process that carried through both her high school and club team performances where, "she was recruited heavily by Division I and Division III teams."

A first team All-League selection last season, her first on the varsity, Pafumi averaged 22 saves per game, a statistic Coach White



It was a proud moment on Friday for the Pafumi family when GRB senior Kara, seated, signed a national letter of intent for Binghamton University. Kara, a standout goaltender for the Fulton girls lacrosse and boys ice hockey teams, is also an Honorr Society member who will enter college in the fall to study pre-med. Looking on are her younger sister Kaylin, left, and her parents, Heidi and Tony Pafumi.

## Opinion

# Call of Duty: moderation is the key

By Kayla Distin

The new release of the much-anticipated video game called Call of Duty: Black Ops has had teenage boys excited for weeks. On the night of its release, many fanatics rushed to their video game stores at midnight to be one of the first to have their hands on it.

Since that night, the majority of male teenagers, as well as a number of females, have been glued to their gaming systems. They

claim that they love the game, and have fun while they play, but what long-term affects will this gruesome game have on its players?

Though many will be quick to defend the game and deny any negative accusations against it, it has been researched and proven that violent games such as the infamous CoD series increases the amount of aggression in many teenagers. "The latest brain research shows that violent games activate the anger center of the teenage brain while dampening the brain's conscience," states David Walsh, Ph.D. In a recent



affects that this game has on teenagers and young adults that are noticed by other students who may or may not play the game themselves. For example, the obsession with the game clearly interferes with the lives of students, especially during the first few weeks of its release.

It has become a public laughing matter, as there is now a Facebook page that states, "Teen Pregnancy Down 50% due to Call of Duty: Black Ops Release." Thousands have "liked" it already, and it goes to show that friends, family, and significant others of those who obsess over the game have noticed how anti-social it makes people. Rather than spending time with family and friends, gamers spend countless hours and days with their controllers in hands.

Not only does the game affect the social lives of its players, but also their academics. Students are leaving school, or skipping it entirely, in order to go home and play for the entire day. And forget about studying, instead many students can be seen sitting in front of the television as soon as they get off their buses.

For at least the next few weeks, parents, siblings, teachers, friends, and significant others will be forced to act patiently with their obsessed players. As the initial excitement and anticipation of the game finally wear off, teenage boys (and girls) across the world will return to their normal social lives. Perhaps eventually, teenagers and young adults will take less interest in murdering video game characters, and take more interest in their school and social lives.

## Bizarre News of the Day

An insomniac man from Australia narrowly missed being crushed by a car when he got up to surf the Internet. In the very place where he had been lying not minutes before, there was now a car parked on his bed.

The man said that his bed was, "completely shattered. I'm sure I wouldn't have made it had I been in bed at the time." Police say that the car crashed into the man's house when it hit a curb and became airborne. Luckily, the driver and passenger only sustained minor injuries.

*By Morgan Firenze*

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experiment, a group of teenage students were asked to play a video game involving military combat in one room while another group participated in a nonviolent game. Both groups were then subject to functional magnetic resonance imaging, which scanned the kid's brains while they performed tasks.

The results showed that the group of students who played the military combat game showed more activity in the amygdala, the part of the brain that helps control emotional arousal, and showed less activity in the areas of the brain that control focus, control, and concentration.

This is not to say that those who play Call of Duty will eventually turn into bloodthirsty and aggressive adults, but it only goes to show that violent video games are not to be taken lightly. There are other

## Quote of the day:

"Blink our eyes, life's rearranged,  
to our surprise, it's still okay.  
it's the way things happen."

*Take a Breath, Jonas Brothers*

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## Hip hip hooray for Turkey Day!

As Thanksgiving quickly approaches many families are realizing that there is much to do. For most, the Turkey needs to be purchased, not hunted like in the first days of the festive holiday. The stuffing needs to be slaved over to make the final product just right and the mashed potatoes need to be a perfect consistency for the occasion's guests.

Overall Thanksgiving can feel like a workday for the many families who celebrate it, but the final reward of sitting down and turning on football after the pumpkin pie and ice cream is the ultimate experience for many Americans.

As many students and their families prepare for the holiday many wonder, "will Grandma have that pie I love this year, or will Grandpa

make that special dish?" The special part of Thanksgiving is just this, along with the stuffing and mashed potatoes there are also many dishes that add to the holiday. Whether unique or classic, these dishes are also a big part and are usually anticipated by guests who come together for the special day each year.

Along with the food, the most important part of the holiday may be the time spent together with family and friends. Similar to any other holiday, Thanksgiving gives a reminder of what really matters in life, family and friends.

*By Hunter Gorton*

### Sportsman's notebook:

## Plenty of outdoor winter activities in Oswego County

Oswego County provides great hunting and fishing, but there are also many more opportunities that the many parks and nature centers offer. There are activities to take part in year round, including canoeing, hiking, bird watching and cross-country skiing.

Now that winter is almost here, the days of canoeing and swimming are over, but that does not mean that there are no outdoor activities to enjoy in the winter. In many different places throughout Oswego County, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are offered as soon as the snow begins falling.

There are over 150 miles of skiing and snowshoeing trails in Oswego County. Winona State forest recreational area in Boylston contains 31 miles of trails for snowshoeing and skiers, and the 26-mile long Oswego County trail from Fulton to Cleveland is a great place to ski. If your sense of winter fun is not so ambitious, there are many public sledding hills throughout the county.

For those who think that skiing and snowshoeing are not challenging enough, there is also the opportunity for ice climbing on Salmon River falls. Once the waterfall freezes solid, it is open to those brave enough to climb the slippery cliff. Because climbing the 110-foot cliff is such a dangerous activity, climbers must register at the registration box at the trail entrance. The registration form is available at [http://visitoswegocounty.com/?page\\_id=426](http://visitoswegocounty.com/?page_id=426).

Ice climbing is done at your own risk, as the area is not regularly patrolled.

No matter how adventurous you plan on being this winter, get outside and enjoy nature.

*By Daniel Summerville*

### This Day in History

Confetti is flying through the air, and crowds are cheering...its November 22, 1963 and people are excitedly waiting to see President John F. Kennedy, who just happens to be touring through Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. He can be seen sitting in a convertible car with the roof down, waving to the masses with a fixed smile. A loud crack of gun fire echoes and screams of "the Presidents been shot" can be heard.

People are ducking and some are even knocked down, trampled by fleeing groups of horrified citizens. Men in black suits are surrounding the Presidents vehicle as a blockade. Hours later a news report beeps in on the radio, suspected Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald has been tracked down by the police after shooting officer J.D Tippet to death with a revolver forty-minutes after three rifle shots were heard.

Several people claimed to have seen suspect Oswald on the sixth floor of a Texas School Book Depository window peering out upon the masses, a mail-order rifle with a palm print almost identical to the shooters was found on books arranged into a snipers perch. The next day the Dallas newspaper headline reads, "Oswald finally apprehended by police officers in Texas Theater," after withdrawing a pistol, but it had misfired, police grabbed him.

Lee Harvey Oswald was shot two days later through a police car window while being transported between jails by restaurant owner Jack Ruby. No attorney needed.

It happened 47 years ago today, long before any of the current high school students were born, but to anyone who was alive at the time it still stands as one the most infamous days in United States history...the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

*By Andr4ew Pitcher*

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"I'm thankful for my good looks."  
**Sean Fink**



"My family."  
**Mr. Mainville**



"My friends and family."  
**Morgan Stafford**



"Friends, family and freedom."  
**John Strauss**

# Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with rain showers. High in the mid-50s.  
Record high-71 (1953)  
Avg. high-45

**Tonight:**



Cloudy with a few showers. Low in the upper-40s.  
Record low-11 (2008)  
Avg. low-30

**Tomorrow:**



Mainly cloudy with a few morning rain showers.  
Record high-68 (1979)  
Avg. high-44

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