

# Model UN group off to a strong start

The G. Ray Bodley Model United Nations Club had their first conference on Saturday at Manlius-Pebble Hill High School. Students discussed topics like, Nuclear Iran, Stem cell research, Disaster relief, and Special Committees addressed old issues in the world like the constitutional convention and the Cuban missile crises.

Students had to come up with solutions to these problems by writing resolutions. GRB

students involved were Ryann Crofoot, Christine Proud, Joseph Medico, Katelyn Holbrook, Zach Mizener and Drew Harmon. At the closing ceremonies two students were recognized for their efforts. Joseph Medico received the Outstanding Delegate award for the Cuban Missile Crises committee American side, and Zach Mizener received Honorable Delegate for the Cuban Missile Crises Committee Russian side.

Both boys worked extremely hard and deserved these awards. The club's next conference will be in January. "This conference was only practice," stated President Christine Proud. "This is only the second year and we still are a little unprepared. But with diligence I think we can really get it going."

Model United Nations is always looking for new members. See Mrs. Hallett for more details.



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## Youth Advisory Council shows spirit of giving

By Kayla Distin

On the brisk morning of November 2, a group of high school students from Oswego County could be seen loading a pile of wrapped Christmas presents into the back of a van.

Although Christmas is still months away, students of the Youth Advisory Council are already in the giving spirit. By teaming up with Project Smiles director Oscar Verdura, YAC participants have been working diligently to put together over 88 boxes of Christmas gifts for orphaned girls living in Columbia.

A child of Columbia himself, Oscar is now fortunate enough to live in the United States, and does everything humanly possible to help Columbian children living in poverty.

Oscar came to YAC a few weeks ago, asking them to help him make the Christmas of many orphaned girls special this year by committing to Project Smiles. Project Smiles is an organization that brings shoeboxes full of American Christmas gifts to underprivileged orphanages in Columbia.

Oscar himself founded the program, and hand delivers every present to its intended child. Of course, the members of YAC unanimously agreed to help him, and it ended up to be a very fulfilling agreement.

"Being able to contribute to this cause has been one of the most touching experiences of my life so far," says YAC member Danielle Gillett. This is because of the feeling that each member felt while loading up the van.

Simply seeing the mass of wonderful gifts piled in the back of Oscar's van, and knowing that each box represented the happiness of a deprived child, was definitely a humbling and

moving experience. Packing the gifts was exciting and all, but seeing them ready to be shipped truly made each YAC participant realize that this would be all that the orphans they sponsored would receive.

Altogether, the project was a success. Through the hard work of YAC members, and

the generous donations of high school students from across Oswego County, nearly 100 orphans living in Columbia will now have a brighter Christmas. Oscar himself was moved to tears, and those who participated first-hand in the project left with a new appreciation of their belongings.

## Junior class fundraiser a warming idea

The junior class is raising money to help pay for prom, class trips and the senior section of the yearbook. To do so, they are selling blankets, and for those people who are familiar with Central New York weather, these are a necessity.

The juniors are selling the blankets from Tuesday, November 2 to Monday, November 15. The blankets come in all shapes and sizes, and all of them are either \$27 or \$30, and all the prices include the necessary 8% sales tax. Most of the blankets are made from a sweatshirt material, and range in designs from the American Flag to basketball to Major League Baseball. There are also NFL designs, which are made from a fleece material, and range from the Dallas Cowboys to the New York Giants to the Philadelphia Eagles.

The new addition to the group is a blanket made from sweatshirt material with the new Raider logo on it! The junior class needs to sell at least 100 of these Raider blankets to make a profit, and their goal is to sell at least five blankets per person. The advisory that sells the most will win a pizza party.

To help raise awareness of the sale, there will be a mystery person each day; and it could be a teacher or a student. The first person to ask if the mystery person would like to buy a blan-

ket will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Raider's Den. Every member of the junior class was given an order form for the blankets, so all that prospective buyers have to do is to talk to a member of the junior class. The blankets will be delivered in mid-December, making them great Christmas presents.. So support the junior class, and buy a blanket! Checks should be made payable to "GRB-Class of 2012."

By Ryann Crofoot

### Fultonian Yearbook dates and deadlines:

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Senior recognition ads due

**Wed., Nov. 17:** Prom and baby pictures due

**November:** Wish List postcards distributed

**Tues. Nov. 30:** Winter sports team pictures

**Fri., Dec. 3:** Deadline for senior activity sheets

**Wed., Dec. 22:** Club, class officer, senior poll pictures

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## Opinion

**'tis the season...way too early!**

By Brenna Merry

As children we often wished that every day could be Christmas. Now that years have passed, we have learned that it is the rarity of Christmas that makes the holiday so special to us. However, the market has not figured that out just yet; for them Christmas is three months long.

Many families bring in the Christmas season following Thanksgiving by putting up lights and cutting down their tree. For department stores and malls, they start decorating practically still wearing their Halloween costumes. On November 1 customers were greeted at a local department store by the presence of an enormous tree in the entrance way, as well as an aisle filled with candy canes plastered in red and green.

Comments abounded from the mouths of shoppers, "That's ridiculous!" or "It's not even Thanksgiving yet!" These types of actions from stores show how commercial the holidays are becoming. It's about making people want to spend money, not appreciating family and the time of year. Today's youth are growing up thinking that Christmas starts in November and that it's all about the gifts. When Santa is at the mall in November the whole concept of the figure of Saint Nicholas is nearly destroyed.

Stores are not going to stop these actions, because they are an economic success. People actually do start their holiday shopping sooner and in more abundance because of this tactic. Therefore it is up to you to remember all that Christmas was and should remain, and to hold onto the fact that holiday traditions are worth far more than the latest gadgets. We also need to know that the spirit of the holidays does not



just come by the presence of a tree.

The industry is attempting to rob society of what is known by many as the greatest time of year. They are the Grinches of the holidays that

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need to discover, "Maybe Christmas, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

## ***End of the first quarter looms, how are you doing?***

The school year is flying by, and some students are not keeping up. Next Wednesday marks the end of the quarter. With the ninth week of school already here, many students still have not turned in their assignments. Those who have late work only have a few more days to turn it in before it becomes a zero. A zero can drag an average down, and a few zeros could easily make a student fail. Even a student who gets 90s could potentially fail a class as a result of the zeros.

It is the student's responsibility to fix their grades. If you care about your grades, you should get your work in. It is not up to the teacher to track you down and make sure you do your work. High school students should be able to keep track of their own work. It is not the teacher's fault if you get a zero on an assignment, as you should be responsible enough to realize that the zero was your fault.

Remember, there is still time to fix your grades...if you care about your average, do something about it. Do the work; you will get the grade that you have earned.

For those who are not sure whether or not they have all of their work in, look on [mygradebook.com](http://mygradebook.com) for any missing assignments.

*By Daniel Summerville*

### **Quote of the day:**

**"It's not about how you achieve your dreams. It's about how to lead your life.**

**If you lead your life the right way, the karma will take care of itself. The dreams will come to you."**

**-Randy Pausch, *the Last Lecture***

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# Historic victory for San Francisco Giants

By Max Fobes

With Monday nights stunning performance the Giants have taken the World Series crown of 2010. After the long 56-year wait, the Giants, who at one time played in New York City but now call San Francisco, California home, have the ninth World Series title in their history but first since 1954.

Leading the team, ace pitcher and Ranger roper Tim Lincecum went eight innings giving up only one run, a solo shot to Nelson Cruz late in the game. Veteran Shortstop Edgar Renteria had a three run blast to left center field that blew this battle of pitching wide open.

Key contributions from players throughout the lineup brought the Giants to the top. Players like first year Giant Cody Ross, veterans Juan Uribe and Edgar Renteria, and young stud catcher Buster Posey were all key parts to the dynamic lineup that San Francisco had. The true ingredient, pitching, was topped off with star guns including Tim Lincecum, rookie sensation Madison Bumgarner, Matt Cain and lights out closer Brian Wilson. Just to name a few these players all made this World Championship dream a reality.

Closing out the Texas Rangers in five games and facing ace Cliff Lee

was not an easy task. The teamwork and heart displayed by the San Francisco Giants has earned them the title "World Series champions" in a year many fans will not forget.

## Bizarre News of the Day:

The mail service in Britain refuses to deliver a family's letters because the household cat attacks the mailman. The postal service claims Lana, a beautiful grey cat, is a risk to its staff after she scratched a mailman's hand when he pushed letters through the letterslot. Now, the the postman has to knock on the door each morning and Lana's owner, Carl White, has to collect the mail in person.

The family say Lana was just being playful, but the mail service says they have to keep staff safe from "animal attacks."

When confronted about it, Mr. White said, "Our letterslot is about six inches off the ground on the front door and our cat often likes to sit behind it. The mailman had put the letter through the door and for some reason Lana scratched his hand. She wasn't being vicious - I think she just saw the hand and was being playful."

The mail service says that, "Unfortunately, animal attacks are a hazard faced by our employees and we record around 5,000 animal attacks a year on our postmen and women. Our main aim is to prevent attacks, supported by an on-going campaign to raise awareness of the issue among our customers."

By Morgan Firenze

## This Day in History:

On this day 53 years ago, the first dog was launched into space from Soviet Russia. The animal's name was Laika, aboard the craft Sputnik 2. She lasted seven days after her life support systems battery ran dead. Electrodes attached to her body provided scientists back on Earth important biological details about the effects of space on an animal's body. At least 12 more dogs would be launched into space, with five of them dying.

On April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin was the first man to orbit the Earth. The name of his spacecraft was Vostok 1, comprised of two sections. One was to provide a place for Yuri to be, the other contained propellants, and the materials oxygen and water etc. that were essential to his take off and return, while still being alive.

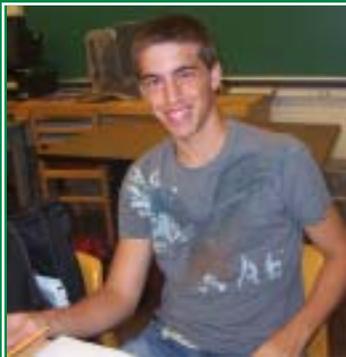
Vostok 1 circled the earth at 27,400 k/ph. The flight lasted 108 minutes, and the craft's re-entry into Earth's atmosphere was controlled by a computer advanced for its time. Instead of landing inside of Vostok 1 back on Earth, Gagarin ejected from his craft wearing a parachute. Before being able to travel into space a second time, Gagarin was killed in a plane crash.

By Andrew Pitcher

## Meet the Reporters

Tyler Crandell,  
Senior

Tyler joined the staff of *The Raider* to write articles about sports, clubs, events and things that relate to students and the school.



Outside of school, Tyler is a member of the soccer and tennis teams. One thing you don't know about Tyler is that he paddled a canoe across the St. Lawrence River (shipping lanes included)

Compiled by Patty Morrison

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**School of Thought** compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

# What is your favorite Winter sport?



"Volleyball."  
Kali Kearns



"College Basketball."  
Mrs. Shortslef



"Wrestling."  
Sam Rils



"Boys Basketball."  
Mrs. Kent

## Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Sun and clouds. High around 50.  
Record high-74 (1982)  
Avg. high-53

**Tonight:**



Partly cloudy. Low in the mid-30s.  
Record low-24 (1951)  
Avg. low-36

**Tomorrow:**



Cloudy with a rain shower. High in the upper-40s.  
Record high-75 (1994)  
Avg. high-52

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