



Meet the cast of *The Odd Couple!*

Neil Devendorf

Grade: 12

Years in Quirk's: 5

Role in show: Vinnie (Stortego)

Neil is a member of the varsity swim team and varsity tennis team. Neil is a life scout in the Boy Scouts, and is a proud member of the drama club. Neil is



also a member of the National Honor Society.

He tells future Quirk's members, "Enjoy it while it lasts. Have fun. And, here is where you can make some of the best friends you could ask for."

Meet the crew of *The Odd Couple!*

Ryann Crofoot

Grade: 12

Years in Quirk's: 4

Ryann loves reading and writing and plays the violin.



Ryann's message to future Quirk's Players is, "Just do it."

It's one of the best high school experiences."

Compiled by Laura Perwitz

Seasonal changes fill nurse's office

It's about that time of year again when kids and adults alike are all coming down with some sort of sickness. Whether it is a stuffy nose or feeling like you are going to throw up, it seems like people everywhere are not feeling their best.

High school nurse Mrs. Blount says that she has been seeing a lot of kids in her office lately. There have been two to three times the amount of visitors than there should be on a regular basis.

Mrs. Blount reports people coming in for upper respiratory problems like allergies and sinus infections as well as nausea, vomiting, feeling faint, and various cold symp-

toms. She says that this is not even the worst time of the year yet for sickness, and that more is sure to come in the near future.

Mrs. Blount has a few suggestions for staying healthy, or to help students get better if they are already sick. It is important to eat properly, get enough sleep, and wash your hands thoroughly. Also, she advises students who are sick to stay at home instead of coming to school to help prevent the spread of germs.

This is not an excuse to skip school because of minor symptoms, but merely a precautionary measure to help cope with this time of year.

By Nick Abelgore

French Club makes plans for new year

The French Club has started off the year smoothly, and have elected officers. President will be Hannah Dunsmoor, vice president Nathan Deavers, secretaries Heidi Neider and Shawna Frost, with treasurers Devyn Viscome and Adrienne Perry. The club is advised by Mrs. Honeywell.

They recently had a meeting to plan out

this year's events, and it is full of fun events. Instead of a trip to Montreal this year, which may not be done because of a lack of students interested and the high cost, there is an attempt to have various small events planned. There is already a planned trip to see *Les Miserables* at the Syracuse OnCenter. There are two days that are available to go, and as a group there will be a vote on whether to go on the February 22 or 23. both starting at 7 pm.

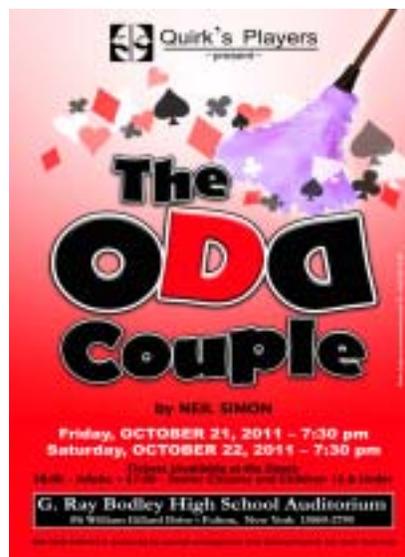
The prices of the tickets depend on where people would like to sit, and are either, \$30, \$48, or \$57. A \$20 deposit to Mrs. Honeywell will be required to guarantee the group a spot. The play might fall during winter break, so students should be aware in case they have plans to go away. Parent drivers are needed to transport to the show.

There will be a game day on October 26, show up and enjoy snacks and games after school, right in Mrs. Honeywell's classroom, room 119.

The annual canned food drive is set to start during November, and more details will be announced soon. Members of the French Club run the drive for a local food pantry, to help families in our community.

Anyone interested in the French Club, or events held should contact Mrs. Honeywell, or one of the officers listed above.

By Sierra Maher



7 days until showtime!

Opinion

Red Raider Pride was on display at Pep Rally

By Mariah Munger

It seems like the only news one ever hears about Fulton is bad news, as there is more than enough negativity directed toward this small city. But as members of this community, we can usually differentiate between what is rumor and what is actually factual.

During G. Ray Bodley High School's annual homecoming Pep Rally a spectator could observe a number of different things. Some students completely engulf themselves in the week jammed with school spirit. They are involved in every single day of spirit week and anticipate nothing more than Pep Rally Friday.

However, other students do not look at it in a fun way. As always there are different views, but no need to ruin other's fun. Some are only present because they are happy and chatty that they are not in a class, which can distract the others trying to enjoy the show.

During this year's Pep Rally, both of these types of students could be found within the bleachers of the GRB sports complex. There were students wrapped up in the announcement of every name on every sports team, and they did not miss one move from the dance team or cheerleaders. But there were students who were rude, and who distracted those around them. Through the whole Pep Rally constant "Shhh's" were being given.

Throughout most of the announcements, students clapped for a

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specific person or team and usually nothing more. The fact that the cheers and the claps were so scattered through the entire Pep Rally makes this next part so special. Within announcing the names of all GRB's football players, one name stood out. It was one name that every single person in that complex shut their mouth for.

When Tim Conners name was called over the loudspeaker, a wave



of excitement, pride and empathy filled the air, twisting around everyone. Getting an entire population to feel the same way about something is not an easy task, and when Tim took his steps toward the bleachers, everyone came together. But as his name echoed, EVERYONE was almost weightlessly brought to their feet. The cheers and applause completely over-flowed the area and the respect everyone gave during that time was remarkable. It was an amount of respect many would not expect all high school students to have for one cause.

As a witness to this, tears were gathering in my eyes as well as those of many others around. Tim Conners is a role model for many in Fulton, and his experience is one most will never know. But something we will also never completely understand is how strong he is. He wanted, above all, to come back to GRB, and he was welcomed.

Clearly Fulton is not as bad as some people make it out to be. Of course perfection is a universe away, but during the correct times, we do come together. Regardless of what others say about our city and our school, who cares, it is ours. And at that moment the all-elusive Red Raider Pride was there for all to see and feel.

Bizarre News of the Day:

Penguin gains acceptance

A featherless penguin abandoned by its parents just days after its birth has been accepted back into the family. The successful re-introduction of the little penguin was thanks to the efforts of keepers at LHT Pole Aquarium in China's Liaoning Province.

The little penguin was born on August 17 and was ill treated by its parents in the first few days after its birth. A keeper said, "Its parents kicked it out from time to time, or even left it on the icy ground to let it die".

Keepers at the aquarium decided that the baby penguin's lack of feathers and weak condition was due to difficulties digesting food and absorbing nutrition.

Spokeswoman Wang Dan said, "In the beginning we tried to send it back to its parents, hoping they would still take care of it and help it grow stronger, but they neglected it and even kicked it out. We then decided to feed it by ourselves." *By Morgan Firenze*

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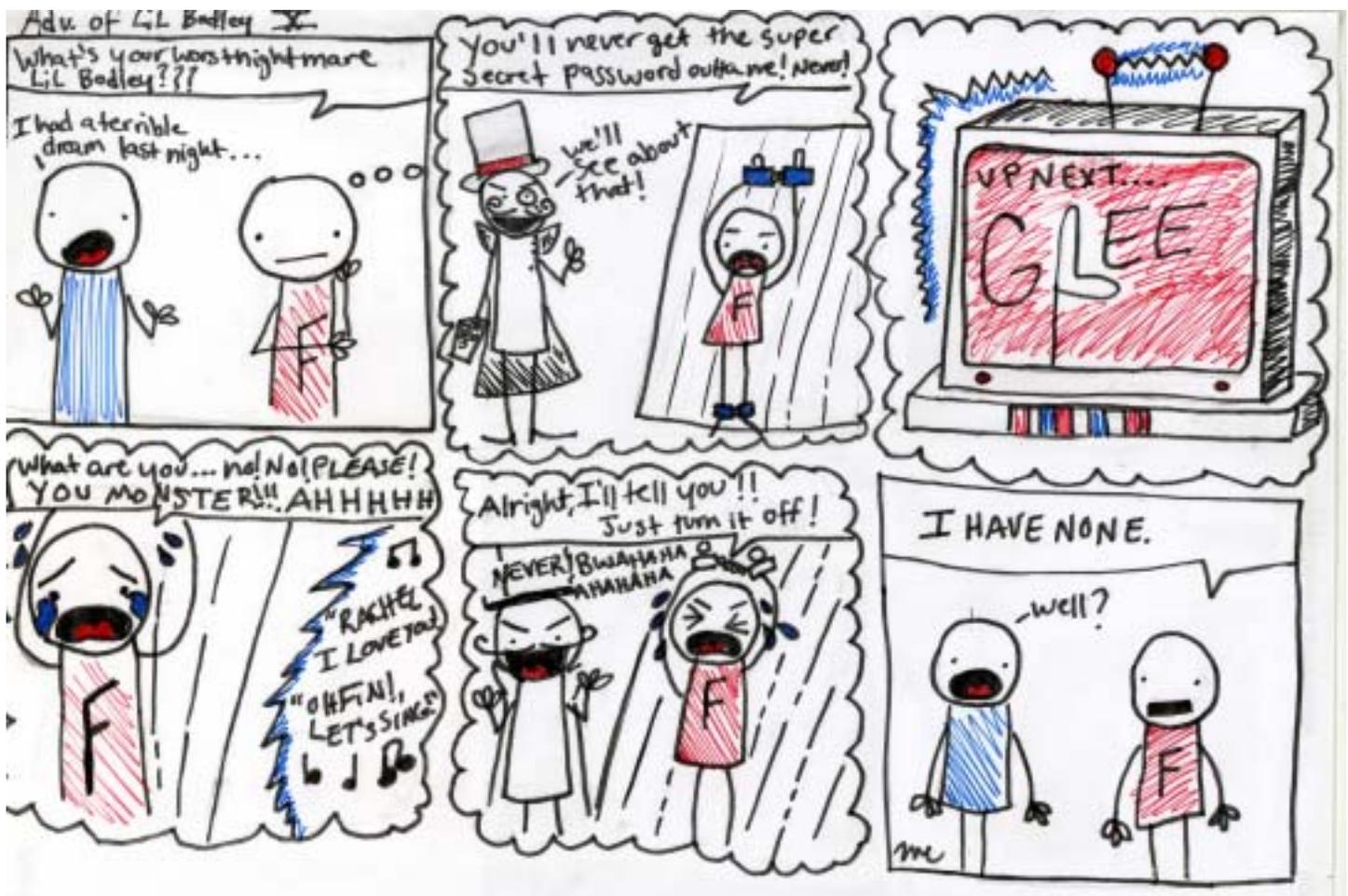
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Opinion

By Madeline Clark



The Great Outdoors Make safety the number one priority

By Daniel Summerville

As every true bow-hunter knows, this Saturday marks opening day of archery season in the southern zone of New York. Hunters will be heading into the woods, hoping to bag a deer and fill their tags.

Unfortunately, with bagging a deer on their minds hunters may not remember that safety is much more important than filling all of their tags.

Over the past fifty years hunting has become a much safer sport. The average number of hunting incidents per year in the 1960s' was 137 in New York State. Since then, the number of incidents has fallen to about 38 in the past decade. However, last year broke this trend; the 2010 hunting season had fifty percent more incidents than 2009. Hunting incidents are defined as any injury that occurred during hunting seasons. They can be caused by a hunter or the hunter can be the victim. All of the incidents could be avoided with some amount of common sense and patience.

Last year, there were four fatalities not related to tree stands. Three



out of the four fatalities occurred when the victims were engaging in illegal activities, and two of those involved self-inflicted wounds. Each of these incidents could have been avoided if everyone followed the safety precautions that are talked about during hunters' safety courses.

A gun or a bow is not a pencil; once you pull the trigger you cannot erase the consequences. Hunters need to make sure that they know where their firearm is pointed at all times, and that they have full control over when it will discharge. The safety on a gun is a precaution, it should not be depended upon, it can fail. By making sure that they are as safe as they can be, hunters can prevent incidents that could potentially ruin their lives.

Statistically, hunting has fewer injuries than almost any other sport.

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However, the few incidents that do occur are relatively serious. By taking the time to learn and practice safe hunting methods, outdoorsmen can make sure that the 2011 hunting season is much safer than 2010.

NFL Picks

Mr. Senecal

Last week: 7-6
Overall: 30-15

Miami @ NY Jets

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any worse for Miami, they are. With quarterback Chad Henne out for the season, the Dolphins currently look like the team to beat, weekly (or should I say weakly?)

As fellow 'Fins fan and Physics teacher Mr. Galek noted to me just this morning, we may well be in the driver's seat for the first draft pick and possibly Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, although Miami has a history of not using top picks on quarterbacks. Funny, the last time they did draft a QB in the first round, it was some guy named Marino.

But back to the game at hand.

The Jets have been a major disappointment after nearly making the Super Bowl in each of the past two seasons. They have looked sloppy, made numerous mistakes and taken foolish penalties. Even so, they must be relishing the thought of playing the Dolphins on Monday night with a chance of jump-starting their season. Miami's defense will hold them in the game for a while as the offense settles for field goals instead of touchdowns, which will give New York's Mark Sanchez all the time he needs to get his own game back in gear. Just a few seasons back Miami went 1-15 with an overtime victory as their lone triumph. It seemed like they were on the way back up, but with an 0-4 start and heading nowhere, they could be staring at infamy once again.

Mr. S. says:
Atlanta
Washington
Green Bay
Cincinnati
Buffalo
Pittsburgh
San Francisco
Oakland
Baltimore
New Orleans
New England
Chicago
New York Jets

**Mark Aldasch**

Last week: 8-5
Overall: 30-15

Philadelphia @ Washington

This week's matchup between the Philadelphia Eagles (1-4) and Washington Redskins (3-1) looks to be a great game for Redskins fans.

The Redskins are coming off a bye week, which should help them in this game because they have had an extra week to prepare for this game. The Redskins are led offensively by quarterback Rex Grossman, and with the help of Fred Davis, Santana Moss and Jabar Gaffney the Redskins have developed a pretty good air attack. But the rushing attack has been a real threat for teams they have played, as they are led by running backs Tim Hightower and Ryan Torain.

The Eagles, on the other, hand are struggling a bit with injuries and turnovers. The Eagle offense is led by quarterback Michael Vick, who has faced several injuries this season and has thrown seven interceptions. The rushing game for the Eagles has done very well as they are ranked first in the NFL for rushing yards a game, led by running back LeSean McCoy, who has 443 rushing yards with five touchdowns.

While the offense has been keeping the games close, the defense has struggled a bit this year as they are 30th in the league at stopping the run and they are facing an explosive set of backs this week. I think this will be a hard fought battle from both teams, but I think Washington will win 28-24 because they are home.

Mark says:
Atlanta
Washington
Green Bay
Cincinnati
New York Giants
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Oakland
Baltimore
New Orleans
New England
Chicago
New York Jets

**Ross Maxam**

Last week: 8-5
Overall: 29-16

Houston @ Baltimore

When I look at this game I see a battle between a high powered offense and a stout defense. Baltimore is ranked ninth in the league in pass defense and second in rush defense. Many experts thought they were getting a little too old, but the defensive unit has shined so far. They are led by Terrell Suggs from the outside linebacker position with four sacks and two forced fumbles. The vocal leader on the front seven is middle linebacker Ray Lewis. Lewis, a 16 year veteran who leads the team in tackles with 30. Controlling the secondary is safety Ed Reed who is a sure fire hall of famer in his 10th season, all with Baltimore. His 56 picks are tied for 16th all-time.

On the other side of the ball, Joe Flacco controls the game very well at the quarterback position with 973 yards for seven TD's and only three interceptions. The star of the offense is definitely running back Ray Rice with 300 yards and two scores running the ball along with 242 yards and two touchdowns receiving. He leads the Ravens in both categories.

The Houston Texans are a solid team at 3-2 with one of the high powered offenses in the league with Matt Schaub at the reigns. The quarterback has 1,377 yards, nine touchdowns, and five interceptions. It helps that he gets to throw to one of the best playmakers in the league in freak athlete Andre Johnson, who is a beast on the outside with 367 yards and 3 TD's so far. Another bright spot for the Texans is getting their star running back, Arian Foster, back from injury. He has played well so far in two weeks, gaining 256 yards and a touchdown. He seems to be back on track from leading the league in rushing a year ago.

The Ravens will play shutdown D and the Texans will struggle putting points up.

Ross says:
Atlanta
Philadelphia
Green Bay
Cincinnati
Buffalo
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Oakland
Baltimore
New Orleans
New England
Chicago
NY Jets



NFL Picks

Tyler Terramiggi

Last week: 10-3
Overall: 29-16

49ers at Lions

Two of the most surprising teams in the league are squaring off in the 4-1 49ers at 4-1 and the 5-0 Lions. The 49ers, coming off a very impressive 48-3 walloping Tampa Bay, are having a great season behind the efficient passing game of resurgent quarterback Alex Smith, and hard nose running game of Frank Gore.

San Francisco is seemingly full of pleasant surprises, maybe none better than the former number one overall pick Alex Smith, who had a rough start to his career. Under the coaching of Jim Harbaugh, Smith is seemingly torching the league with a 66% completion percentage to go with a superb 965 yards, seven touchdowns and one interception, on pace to set career highs in every passing statistic. Frank Gore is displaying another ram headed attack at every defense he faces. With 94 carries on the season, Gore has amassed 400 yards and three touchdowns.

But as good as things are looking for the 49ers, the grass is even greener for the 5-0 Lions, who are taking the league by storm. Matt Stafford is having an outstanding season as has already thrown for 1,436 yards, along with 13 touchdowns and a 64% completion percentage. Jahvid Best is also having a solid season; last week he had an 88 yard scamper and 163 yards rushing total on 12 carries to boost his season average to 4.9 yards per carry. Best's season totals don't jump out at you, as he's only rushed for 353 yards; but he has the speed and elusiveness to be a star. The Lions also rush the passer very well, which could mean bad things for the passing game of Alex Smith. Though this should be a good game I have the Lions prevailing in a high scoring 34-24 final.

Tyler says:

Atlanta
Washington
Green Bay
Cincinnati
NY Giants
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Oakland
Baltimore
New Orleans
New England
Chicago
NY Jets

**Sean Fink**

Last week: 9-4
Overall: 28-17

Buffalo @ NY Giants

The Bills are coming off a 31-24 win last week against the Eagles and this week they look to defeat the Giants at the Meadowlands. The Bills are not just surprising their fans, but other teams in the league as well with a 4-1 record. Ryan Fitzpatrick has an impressive 1233 yards throwing this year and averages two touchdowns per game. Fitzpatrick averages less than one interception per game this year, which is helping the team stay on the winning track. Fred Jackson, Bills key running back is looking to get major yards on the Giants defense. Jackson averages 5.3 yards per carry on 90 carries this year. Jackson also averages one touchdown per game and is looking to blow by the Giants defense to get another one for his stats. Wide receiver Steve Johnson is averaging 12.3 yards per catch this year with already three touchdowns this year. Also David Nelson having a great year averaging 11.2 yards per catch and has two touchdowns for the year. These two men help get the Bills in the red zone to get Jackson and C.J. Spiller score in the rushing game.

The Giants have a respectable 3-2 record coming off a 36-25 loss last week against the Seahawks and are looking to get the win this week, so they can get off their one game losing streak. Eli Manning has 1486 throwing yards this year with 11 touchdowns. Manning averages one interception per game, and this could be crucial against the Bills in a game that could go either way.

This week I have the Bills over the Giants 35-28. I feel that the Bills have just the momentum they need to win because their fans believe in them this year to do very well.

Sean says:

Atlanta
Philadelphia
Green Bay
Cincinnati
Buffalo
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Oakland
Houston
New Orleans
New England
Minnesota
New York Jets

**Jeriann Parker**

Last week: 9-4
Overall: 20-9

Jeriann's picks were not received in time for this edition of *RaiderNet Daily*.

**Raiders fall to #1 ranked Rams**

The varsity boys soccer team traveled to face the Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams Thursday night. The Rams are currently 12-0 and are ranked as the #1 Class A team in the state. The Raiders were not impressed, however, and came out with a fire in their game.

The match started well for Fulton and it looked as though the Raiders would leave with a win. Both teams played even through the first 15 minutes until senior midfielder Noel Williams, for the Rams, hit a chip shot over keeper Tyler French from about 30 yards out. The Raider side figured a goal would be scored eventually so they brushed it off. In the next 10 minutes the team had a flurry of chances. One of the best was sophomore midfielder Jeff Waldron striking the ball into the box while fellow classmate ran onto it and redirected it towards goal. The ball hit the woodwork and the Raiders knew their chances were coming.

Five minutes before the half J-Dís star, Jimmy Fazio, scored on a penalty kick due to a Fulton hand ball.

Going into the half the Raiders felt very comfortable with the 2-0 deficit. They knew opportunities were there to score. Senior Sean Fink stated, "We had our ups and downs the first half. I could see we could contend with the Rams if everyone was healthy and was playing as one unit." Coach Wilson and Coach Murray were relieved that their game plan was giving the team chances.

Starting the second half, JD added another goal early to make it 3-0, and from there the top-ranked Rams cruised to a 5-0 victory. Despite the loss, the Raiders were able to use many of their substitutes as freshmen Shawn Walberger, Chris Grow and Avery and sophomore Logan Carvey all saw extensive playing time, along with freshman goaler R.J. Borrow. Now 6-3-3 on the season, the Raiders will be looking to get back on the winning track on Saturday when they host Solvay at 2 pm.

By Ross Maxam

School of Thought compiled by Tony Torrese

How do you think you did on your five week report?



"Good, like 90s I hope!"

Caitlin Chrisman



"Terrible..."

David Mattiaccio



"I think I did pretty good."

Kristen Budd



"I did great. My-gradebook said all 80s"

Ryan Salisbury

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Windy with rain showers.

67°

Average: 61°
Record: 85° (1954)

Tonight:



Cloudy with showers.

48°

Average: 42°
Record: 25° (1993)

Tomorrow:

Windy with rain showers.

58°/45°

Average: 60°/41°
Rec. high/low: 81° (1956)/ 29° (1996)

Sunday:

Sun and clouds.
Chance shower.

63°/46°

Average: 60°/41°
Record high/low: 82° (1962)/28° (1994)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyork-weather.com