



## Philadelphia trip is exhausting, yet exciting

By Nathan Deavers

On the morning of April 27 at 6 am some of the students in the chorus and orchestra from GRB embarked on their journey to Philadelphia. This was sure to be a weekend full of activities and non-stop action. It took about five hours to get there from GRB and once the two buses full of teens got there, they started their full schedule.

The first place that was visited was actually in New Jersey, as all the buses had to do was cross a bridge from Philadelphia to get there. An aquarium was the first stop, where many sharks, sting rays, turtles, and fish were seen. Students were also able to pet certain sharks and sting rays.

The next stop was at the hotel, dropping off luggage and getting settled into rooms where most rooms were full, some even having five kids in a room. After some settling and relaxing at the hotel, the young musicians got spiffed up to go to a dinner cruise. The cruise consisted of a great meal, and a

night full of dancing with a lot of energy. The students of G. Ray Bodley were not the only ones on the ship, sharing a boat with other schools and having a few dance offs. But that was just the first night of this full weekend.

Saturday, April 28 was a complete day as well, where the buses set out at 8am for the National Constitution Center to perform. They loaded and unloaded all of the equipment and set it up when they got there, in dress clothes and all.

The women's choir, orchestra, and concert choir performed respectively. After that, the group stayed there for a multimedia presentation. The Bourse was the next place that was visited for lunch and then it was off to Independence Hall to see the famous Liberty Bell.

The students then got back onto the bus for a tour of Philadelphia, checking out some of the 3,000 murals that decorate the city. Dinner was next at the Hard Rock Cafe, stuffing many of the young people's stom-

achs. Grand Slam USA was the next stop, where there were batting cages, and arcade, laser tag, and a basketball court. The night was full of energy at Grand Slam USA and the students would then go back to the hotel for the night after a long, tiring day.

The next morning started at 8 am with breakfast and getting everything packed up for the trip home. The students loaded their entire luggage on the bus and set out for their trip home, making stops at the QVC Shopping Network studio, and Mercer Castle.

First was the QVC studio, where the students went on a tour of the studios, seeing some live shows on the way. After that they set out to see Mercer Castle on the outskirts of Philadelphia. The castle was built by Henry Chapman Mercer, a tile maker. It was a castle built about 100 years ago and made out of concrete and steel support. Inside one could find tile throughout, on the floor, ceilings, and stairs.

After that was the long trip home to Fulton

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Members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Chorus and Orchestra pose at Mercer Castle, one of the many interesting places they visited over the weekend during a field trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The groups performed at the National Constitution Center during their brief visit. (photo courtesy of Mr. Nami)

## Opinion

# Doesn't every student need financial aid?

By Kara Yakel

While spending time in the G. Ray Bodley High School Guidance Office for tutoring or other activities, students have come to the realization that not all scholarships apply to them. Many scholarships are only available to students who are thinking of majoring in engineering, health, and more.

You not only have to find a scholarship that applies to your major, but this also applies if you apply for financial aid! What if you don't, and you have a high average? Where is the fairness in this?

Many students have been dedicated to academics and school activities, but if those students have a high enough income at home, they do not receive financial aid. They have worked as hard, or even harder than some of the students who are getting their college paid for.

There are students who graduated last year who have already dropped out of college while having it all paid for them from finan-



cents who receive good grades and have a decent income at home still need financial aid and scholarships?

Yes, some students who do not have a lot of income at home have gone through college and gotten good jobs, but shouldn't financial aid and scholarships also be given based on effort or dedication? It just does not make sense that students who barely graduate high school receive a large amount of financial aid solely based on income, but then the students who have tried hard and graduated with high honors may get next to nothing if the guidelines deem that their family makes too much money. And believe me, with the cost of college, the amount a college deems as "too much money" really isn't that much.

College is not cheap for any student or adult, so shouldn't everyone get the chance to receive help? Just because their family has more money coming in, that does not mean that the student shouldn't receive help in paying for their education. Some students here at G. Ray Bodley High School are beginning to realize that their parents aren't even going to help them with paying for it! How does the parents income matter when the student is the one paying for it?

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cial aid. They should honor the fact that they qualify for it, and that it even exists. Students who will not drop out of college and have been committed to academics do not get that luxury.

Some scholarships are strict about who can fill them out. Students who do not qualify or do not absolutely need financial aid cannot fill them out. Does the government not understand that stu-

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only stopping for dinner at the Old Country Buffet and a quick stop at a rest stop.

This trip was action packed and tiring for the young people from GRB but they also had fun. The main part of this trip was the performance of the choruses and orchestra at the Constitution Center but there was still fun throughout. There was a lot of time spent on the bus to and from each activity which made the weekend never stop. Most people were tired, also sleeping on the bus because of all the time that was spent on it. Tired or not, the kids kept moving and continuing with the trip that was greatly planned by Mr. Nami and all of the time that he put into this fun filled weekend.



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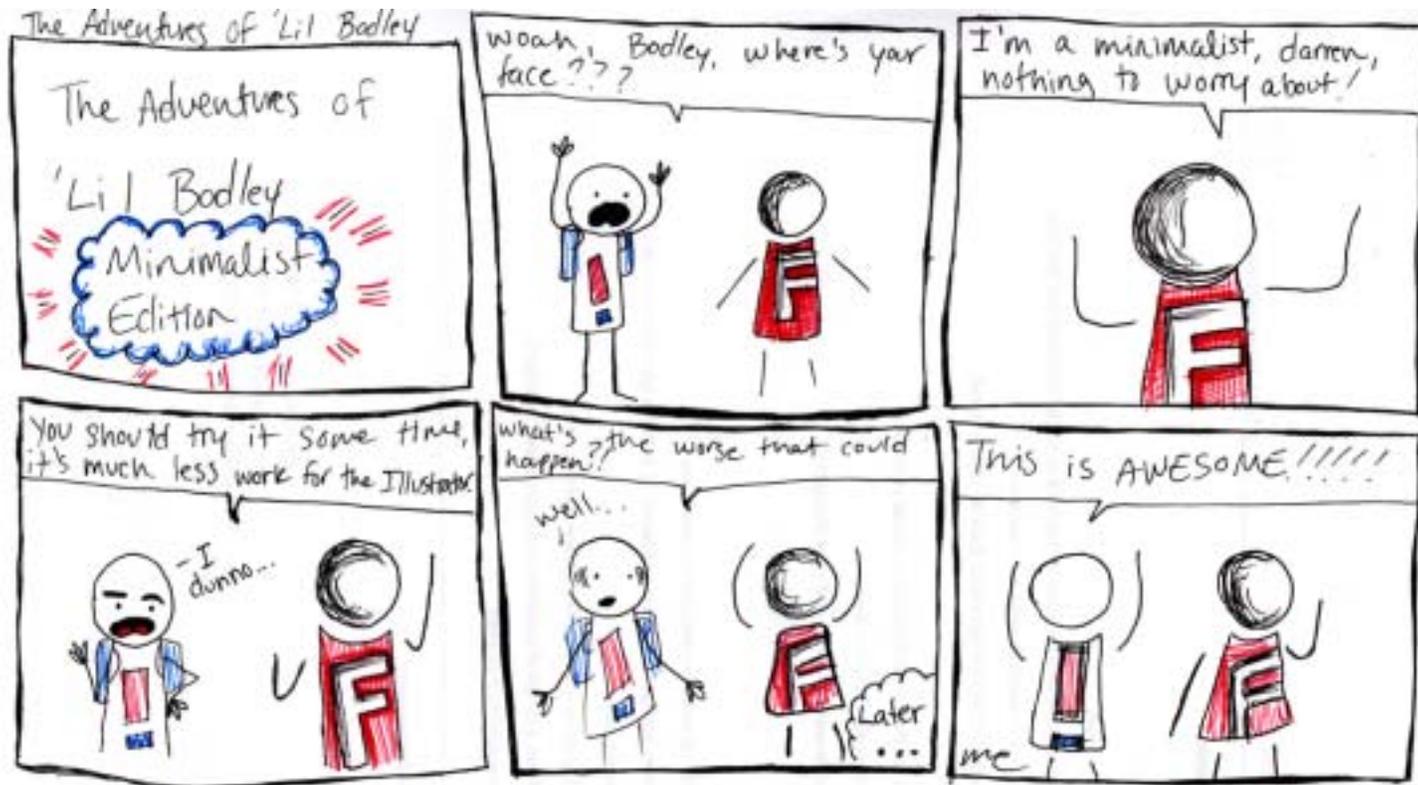
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# The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



## Bin Laden's death a blow for US resilience

Today marks the one year anniversary of the death of Osama Bin Laden, the man responsible for the bombing of the two World Trade Center towers in New York City on September 11, 2001. His death was a milestone for the American people. His death came via two bullet wounds, one to the temple and one to the chest by a Navy SEAL operative. His death symbolized much more than just another dead terrorist to the people of the US however, it stood for the prevailing of good over evil, justice and freedom.

On May 2, 2011, after a very reliable piece of Intel was received by US Intelligence, President Barack Obama issued the OK to infiltrate the terrorist compound. His goal was to take out public enemy number one was called Operation Neptune Spear. Both the Bush administration and the Obama administration made contributions to the effort. Top officials as well as President Obama gathered in the Situation Room in the White House and watched the progress of Neptune Spear. From here they watched as the SEAL team entered the compound and successfully accomplished their mission.

Shortly following the official announcement of his death, crowds of US citizens gathered at the Pentagon, the White House, and Ground Zero cheering U-S-A. Students who were made aware of the situation flooded Facebook with the news of this great feat. For the time being, America was America again. Local enemies became friends and the feeling of unity was once again as strong as it was following the attacks of 9/11.

Now a year later, I ask all of you to just remember this day. Today stands for the prevailing of good over evil. It stands for the resilience of the United States.

*By Tony Torrese*

### Quote of the day:

"Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact."

*William James*

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# Raiders battle past Mexico 7-6, maintain lead

By Ross Maxam

What makes a team a playoff contender? Is it the ability to beat a good team? Is it the ability to pull out a tough win in the waning seconds of a game? How about the ability to do both, on the same night?

The Fulton girls varsity lacrosse team showed no signs of bad mojo after their loss to ES-M last week as they pulled out a 7-6 win in dramatic fashion at the Mexico Tigers home field on Tuesday.

With the score tied at two apiece after one half of play, the contest was as competitive as billed. The game was technically even through the final buzzer, but a call in the dying moments of regulation set the Raiders up for a finale to a game that was just as exciting as its finish.

Junior Kate Rothrock received a pass from classmate Erica Knaub in the final seconds, who then followed with a shot before being called off for lack of shooting space. The buzzer sounded simultaneously as the ref blew the whistle and both teams showed opposite emotions. With the clock showing all zeroes and 6 goals apiece on opposite sides, Rothrock was given a free shot to send the Raiders home with an important league win.

"I was obviously nervous when the call was made. We really needed the win and the league title was on the line." Rothrock put those nerves aside and delivered for the Raiders, beating goalkeeper Meghan Williams and virtually eliminating the Tigers from the regu-



lar season title race. Her teammates immediately mobbed her and the Tigers could do no more as they limped off the field. "I guess I had enough stress during the game. I didn't really want to deal with overtime," she said with a chuckle.

Rothrock led the Raiders with a five point performance including four goals to tame the Tigers. Knaub, Amelia Coakley, and Julia Ludington all added scores of their own with Knaub tallying an assist as well. Senior netminder Torrie Whelsky finished with 11 saves on the night.

Joelle Lombardoni tallied four points of her own for the Tiger cause and Kali Domicolo, Jessica Lawler, and Alinda Dygert all tallied a goal apiece. Domicolo also added two assists for three total points. Williams stopped four shots in the contest

The 7-2 league, 7-3 overall Raiders travel to face the 7-2 Red Rams of Jamesville-Dewitt Thursday in a game of massive proportions. The winner will sit atop the OHSL standings and will surely take the title with the following games after being expected wins.

The Raiders were without one of their starting defenders and team captains Tuesday night, senior Hannah Dunsmoor, but the team managed to pull through, a nod to their resiliency. Dunsmoor suffered a concussion in a recent contest and missed the entire game and will sit out the upcoming showdown with Jamesville-Dewitt on Thursday as well.

Dunsmoor not being on the field was no indication for her outlook on the game, however. When asked if she was pleased with how the



Fulton's Amelia Coakley keeps her eyes on the ball despite colliding with a Mexico player during action from their game on Tuesday. The Raiders scored a crucial 7-6 triumph to stay atop the league at 7-2. (Hannah Dunsmoor photo)

team performed she stated, "I wish we could've crushed them you know? Instead of winning by one and giving them the opportunity to make excuses, we beat them by 6 or 7." She then added "Either way, it was still pretty sweet."

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Track @ ES-M with Phoenix (4:30); Tennis vs. Mexico (4:30); Baseball vs. Phoenix (4 pm); Softball @ Phoenix (4 pm).

**Thurs. May 3:** Boys Lax @ J-D (JV-4:30/V-7 pm); Girls lax @ J-D (JV-4:30/V-6 pm).

**Fri. May 4:** Baseball @ Chittenango (4:30); Softball vs. Chittenango (4:30); Tennis vs. J-D (4:30); Boys Track @ Oswego County Invitational (3:30 @ Oswego).

## Late heroics again for Raider softball

For the second day in a row it took the Lady Raiders extra innings to pick up a win, a win that propelled their record to 5-3, 4-3 in league and puts them only 1.5 games back behind league leading perennial powerhouse Phoenix, whom the Lady Raiders square off against tonight.

After the visiting ES-M Spartans chalked across one run in the first frame of extra innings, it was the Fulton youth who came up big. Sophomore Mikayla Guernsey and junior Ashley Cummins led off the bottom of the eighth with a hit, followed by a key walk from Ashly Smart. With the bases loaded on a 1-1 fastball sophomore Cassidy Kearns made hard contact and she ripped the pitch over the third baseman's head to score Guernsey and the winning run Cummins and sent the fans and players alike into mayhem, for their second walk off win in as many days.

For the Spartans (7-6) Danielle Ventrone homered, and also

knocked in two runs. Kiersten Albertson led the visiting team in hits with two, while Maggie Kelly, Haley Wodarzyk, Julie Maselli, and Nikki Cassella all chipped in a hit.

The sophomores Guernsey and Kearns led the triumphant home team from the dish with three and two hits respectively. Kearns also had three RBIs and Guernsey ripped a key triple in the sixth inning to tie the game at 4-4 after ES-M had charged to a 4-1 lead. Ashly Smart also had a big day cracking two hits and knocking in a pair of runs.

Meanwhile senior leaders Ciara Chapman, Lauren Snyder and Falecia Coleman all chipped in base hits along with Cummins, who had a hit. Syracuse bound Lindsey Larkin posted another impressive performance, allowing three earned runs in eight innings of work, and striking out five.

*By Tyler Terramiggi*

## The Great Outdoors Uninvited guest could wreak havoc in the woods

By Daniel Summerville

On Tuesday, Spring Turkey season opened in New York. The woods were filled with camo-clad hunters, attempting to fill out their turkey tags. However, in one area of Central New York, the hunters were not alone. There is an unexpected visitor roaming the woods in West Monroe.

Over the past few days, there have been strange happenings at a gun club just outside of Central Square. Foam archery targets have been being torn apart and strewn across the range. Among the casualties were the deer and bear targets. All in all the damage will cost the club upwards of \$2000. The members of the club were quick to blame vandals for the damage, but until they identified them nothing could be done to stop the decoys' destruction. Soon, the perpetrator was caught on film, and it was not what anyone expected; a black bear.

There is no bear season in West Monroe, which makes it illegal for anyone to shoot the bear. The Department of Environmental



Conservation has been called in to capture and relocate the bear, but until then hunters in the area are urged to stay alert. Black bears have been known to attack humans, and the one in West Monroe should be treated with a healthy respect. Turkeys are sometimes part of a bear's diet, and with hunters in the woods trying to call in the birds may just call in the bear. If sighted, hunters are urged to give the bear plenty of space and to leave it alone the bear should not be shot at. Unless the shot is an extremely good one, a turkey load will not take down a full grown bear, only make it angry. Residents need to be patient and wait for the DEC to take care of the situation. If anyone decides to take it into their own hands, things could get ugly very fast.

While the bear may be reason for some hunters to stay out of the woods, it will not slow down all of them. There is no reason that hunters should not go turkey hunting, they only need to be alert for the bear and to have a plan of action if they see it. Unless the bear actively charges, hunters need to reserve their rounds for turkeys. The DEC will remove the bear as soon as they locate and capture it. Until then, hunters in West Monroe should remain alert and active. A Bear in Central New York is a rare sight, there is no doubt that this bear will be talked about for years to come.



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## What is your favorite zoo animal?



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Alexis Lastra



"I like penguins."

Olivia Holt



"A hippo!"

Austin Brown



"I get most excited for the tigers."

Mr. N. Fasulo

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.  
Chance rain.

**68°**

Average: 64°  
Record: 86° (2001)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy.  
Chance shower.

**56°**

Average: 42°  
Record: 30° (1974)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain  
showers.

**73°**

Average: 65°  
Record: 88° (2001)

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