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What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

Sophomores need to turn in their Savearound orders ASAP to Mr. Lacey in room 227. Anyone who has not returned the booklet they signed out needs to turn in the booklet, or \$20 to Mr. Lacey.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

The French Club will hold a King's Day celebration on Monday, Jan.. 6 after school in room 125. Interested students are asked to sign up with Mademoiselle Coleman or Madame Honeywell no later than Friday, Dec. 20.

What's for lunch?

Today: Beef chili with pretzel, garbanzo beans, corn and whole fruit cup with alternative of tuna fish on hoagie roll or fish sandwich.

HOPE Club shows GRB's charitable side



Heads and hands around Fulton will be a little bit warmer this winter thanks to the HOPE Club at G. Ray Bodley High School. Earlier this week the charity-based club collected hats, scarves, mittens and gloves that will be distributed locally. Pictured from left to right in the back are Jessica Meeker, Lena Kimball, Kennedie Coyne, Jessica Marvin, Alaina Schopp, Shakeemah Hordge, John Brummett, Cecilia Leyva, Christina Blake and Guadalupe Leyva. In the front are Jeremy Merlowski, Cayla Weaver, Mikey Flynn, and Logan Diefenbacher.



Officers of the Class of 2017 were among the many groups photographed on Wednesday at the high school during the annual yearbook club, class and senior poll picture day. Today is the final day to preorder a Fultonian Yearbook at a \$10 savings. (Senecal photo)

 This day in history

December 20 is a day to remember

By Logan Aubeuf

This day in history was a day with many interesting events. These events were

significant and changed our lives in ways we can never be completely sure of. Let's take a walk through the history of December 20th, and see what we can find.

This was the day that Elvis Presley received his draft notice into the US Army! In 1957 the King received his fateful letter that signified his life being signed away to protect the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today. At the time he was one of the most well-known names in the entertainment industry.

With his sexual innuendo filled performances causing controversy among many uptight old mothers and fathers they saw this as a benefit to the country as it would remove him from everyday television. During his service Presley's mother died from a combination of cirrhosis of the liver and hepatitis. This affected the King deeply and never was forgotten by him.

He also formed a reliance on drugs while in Germany used for stimulation and keeping awake which contributed to his death years

The first permanent settlement in America in Jamestown, Virginia was started on this day in 1606. The "Godspeed" "Discovery" and "Susan Constant" set sail from London on this day. In 1699 Peter the Great, Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russians ordered the Russian New Year's date to be changed. He changed it from the first of September to the first of January.

The United States Senate ratified a treaty that included the Louisiana Purchase territories. The 15 million dollar transfer from France was completed after formal ceremonies in New Orleans in 1803.

One of the most unusual things to happen on December 20th occurred in Missouri when the state created legislation in 1820 that taxed bachelors for being single. Unmarried men between the ages of 21-50 were taxed one dollar a year for being lonely. The year 1860 brought the first state to secede from the American Union, which was South Carolina.

Inventor Thomas A Edison privately demonstrated his newest invention, incandescent light, in Menlo Park, New Jersey in 1879. Around a year later Broadway in New York became known as the Great White Way due to the light caused by electricity.

The pneumatic tire was patented in 1892 by George Stillman and Alexander T Brown and mail delivery by dog sled was put into place in 1928 in Lewiston, Maine. This was crucial for packages that needed speedy and on time delivery.

Another major breakthrough came when Vladimir Kosma Zworyk patented the television system in 1938 using iconoscope technology. In 1963 the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berlin inhabitants. The wall was opened for the holiday season and was closed a second time on January 6, 1964. In literary circles the famous author John Steinbeck died at the age of sixty-six. John Steinbeck wrote "Of Mice and Men," "The Grapes of Wrath" and "East of Eden".

In 1996 a Cypriot woman saw doctors who reported an interesting side effect of fertility drugs. Doctors found she was carrying around eleven embryos. A woman in Houston, Texas gave birth to the only living set of octuplets. She was 27 in 1998 when it happened. A year later a court ruling by the Vermont Supreme Court ruled homosexual relationships were entitled to the same benefits and protections as traditional same sex couples. Also on this day the United States Congress passed a twenty billion dollar finance package to finance the war in Afghanistan against terrorism. In the same year (2001) the first British forces entered Afghanistan to keep the peace and help the nation heal after years of chaotic war.

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In 1967 progressive rock band Jethro Tull was formed. This band brought such hits as Aqualung and Locomotive Breath. Jethro Tull was a never before heard mix of medieval themes, with heavy metal guitar and an interesting concert flute all intertwined into a one of a kind musical experiment that formed a cult of followers. The year 1975 brought about Eagles member Bernie Leadon leaving the band to pursue a solo venture. The band then added Joe Walsh as a replacement. Joe Walsh was a critically acclaimed guitarist who produced such melodically amazing gems such as Funk 49 and Rocky Mountain Way.

Time is running out! FINAL school day to order!

Order your 2014 yearbook by Friday, Dec. 20 and save \$10

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See Mr. Senecal in room 228. Order forms available in the office.

**Submit yearbook photos online at www.hjeshare.com
our school code is: fultonian Fall sports photos needed!**

Forget shopping, check out one of these great films

This weekend is a perfect time to get out of the cold weather and blustering winds by seeing a movie. This week marks the release of a lineup like none other, so it may be hard to see only one of them!



Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues

The first is a comedy featuring some of my favorite actors. It is a sequel to a hilarious gem from almost ten years ago! That's right, *Anchorman 2: The Legend*

Continues premieres this weekend and is sure to please. Will Ferrell returns as Ron Burgundy, the legendary anchorman beloved by all of San Diego. The misogynistic newsman who is stuck in the 70s is back with his crew of ridiculous coworkers/ best friends including Paul Rudd as Brian Fantana and Steve Carrel as Brick Tamland.

This time around the crew tackles the world's first 24 hour news station. The film features some bonus cameos from acting legends Harrison Ford (Star Wars), Jim Carrey (Truman Show, Dumb and Dumber), Liam Neeson (Taken) and Sacha Baron Cohen (Borat and Bruno). Comedy sequels are famous for being terrible, and can almost never live up to their original piece, but I suggest you give this one a chance. It probably could not compare to the original, but it will surely be worth a barrel of uninhibited laughter.

American Hustle

American Hustle is the story of a scam artist named Irving Rosenfeld, who is played by Christian Bale. This genius con artist's story is told through a crime drama and is based on one of the most earth shattering hustles in the country. Irving has a gorgeous British partner in crime, Sydney Prosser, who is being played by Amy Adams. The pair is conned into working for Richie Dimasio (Bradley Cooper) a corrupt, loose cannon FBI agent. The agent brings them into the Jersey Mafioso universe filled with powerbrokers that is dangerously addicting.

Carmine Polito, played by Jeremy Renner, is the wild, unstable political boss of New Jersey trapped in deals between the scammers and Federal Agents. Mrs. Rosenfeld, played by Jennifer Lawrence, is so dangerously unpredictable that she could be the one to upset the balance and ruin it all. This movie is written and directed by David O Russell. Other stars include Louis CK as Stoddard Thorsen

and Michael Pena as Paco Hernandez.

Saving Mr. Banks

Well I've saved what could very possibly be the best for last. *Saving Mr. Banks* is the story of Pamela Lyndon Travers, an author with a tough childhood. She meets Walt Disney, who begs to make a movie of her story *Mary Poppins*. This book is Disney's daughters' favorite story and they pestered him into promising that he would.

Little did he know what that promise entailed.

His journey to gain story rights involves battling to gain the will of a hardened Pamela, who would rather die than give up her story about the magical nanny that Walt's daughters found so dear. The Hollywood movie creator is similar to a devilish machine to her, but as her income flow slows and sales begin to halt Travers decides to visit Los Angeles to hear out Disney's master plan.

Walt begins to become reckless and will do anything for those rights that seem so close, yet so far as the author begins to move farther away and become more stubborn. Walt Disney, played by Tom Hanks, realizes he will need to dip into his own childhood to get P L Travers on his side. This movie features Emma Thompson as Travers and Colin Farrell as Travers Goff, with Paul Giamatti as Ralph.

Going someplace cool? Take

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"Where in the world is The Raider?"

Quote of the day:

"Every artist was first an amateur."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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NFL Picks

Wild finish ahead for NFL regular season



Jason Mattice

Last week: 7-9
Overall: 77-53

New Orleans
@ Carolina

This is a huge late season matchup as two evenly strengthened division rivals both standing at 10-4, face off to see who will take the lead in the division. The NFC south has been a division dominated by the Saints and Falcons over the last few years, but the Carolina Panthers are looking to take the lead in the division for the first time in five seasons. The Saints own the tie breaker in the division, so if they win this week they clinch the division, but if they lose it is up for grabs for the Panthers.

The surprising 10-4 Panthers look to have the advantage in this one with a home game as long as they can slow down Drew Brees and Marques Colston, which they could not do in their last matchup. Cam Newton is starting to look like he did in his rookie year when he won the rookie of the year award. Drew Brees is going to be hard to stop and if they can't stop him then they won't be able to win the game.

Jason says:

This week
Miami
Cincinnati
Indianapolis
Tampa Bay
Cleveland
Dallas
Carolina
Tennessee
Denver
Seattle
Detroit
Green Bay
San Diego
New England
Chicago
San Francisco



Next week
Carolina
Green Bay
Cincinnati
Dallas
Tennessee
Indianapolis
Pittsburgh
Miami
Detroit
New England
New Orleans
Washington
San Francisco
Kansas City
Seattle
Denver



Mr. Senecal

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Overall: 76-54

Miami @ Buffalo

The 100th meeting in this long-standing rivalry that dates back to Miami's expansion season of 1966 will have a lot riding on it for one of the teams this Sunday. Miami enters the game at 8-6 and in a prime position to claim a wild card playoff spot, provided they keep on winning and Baltimore drops one of its final two contests against division leaders New England and Cincinnati.

The Dolphins lead the all-time series 57-41-1 with the lone tie coming in 1968 when the two sides battled to a 14-14 draw. Certainly Miami must be thrilled about Sunday's forecast which calls for 59 degrees, albeit raining. Given the recent weather in Buffalo, it could be a whole lot worse.

Buffalo has won six of the last nine "home" games against the Dolphins including a 19-14 slugfest last season, with one of Miami's three wins coming indoors in Toronto. But overall, the 'Fins hold a slim 25-24 advantage in Buffalo.

The Dolphins are still smarting from a game that got away from them earlier this season when a late fumble by quarterback Ryan Tannehill gifted the Bills the ball just as it appeared Miami was headed to victory. Turnovers will be crucial again this Sunday in the rain, and protecting the quarterback will be a top priority for the Dolphins.

At 5-9 the Bills have nothing but pride to play for, but as we all know, Doug Marrone coached teams do not quit. For that reason it should be another low-scoring, hard-hitting classic, and my fingers are crossed for a Miami triumph.

Mr. S. says:

Miami
Cincinnati
Indianapolis
St. Louis
NY Jets
Dallas
Carolina
Tennessee
Denver
Detroit
Pittsburgh
San Diego
Chicago
Philadelphia

Next week
Carolina
Chicago
Cincinnati
Philadelphia
Tennessee
Indianapolis
Pittsburgh
Miami
Detroit
New England
New Orleans
NY Giants
San Francisco
San Diego
Seattle
Denver



Jimmy Martin

Last week: 10-5
Overall: 74-56

NY Giants at Detroit
The Detroit Lions
(7-7) and the New York Giants (5-9)

should play a very interesting game. The game is more important for the Lions as they look to clinch a spot in the playoffs. The Giants fell too far behind earlier in the year and cannot make the playoffs.

The Giants are on a two game losing streak and haven't had one of their best seasons. Eli Manning has struggled all year with turnover problems. Manning has thrown for 16 touchdowns but leads the NFL with 25 interceptions, which is almost two a game. Their running game hasn't been impressive either as their leading rusher, Andre Brown, only has three touchdowns.

On Detroit's side, their season has been a little better. But, just like the Giants, they are on a two game losing streak. They are currently in third in the NFC North and still have a chance for the playoffs if they win out. Matt Stafford has thrown for 28 touchdowns with twelve of them being caught by Calvin Johnson. Johnson has almost caught for 1500 yards and still has two games left.

Detroit has the upper hand in this game and I think that they can pull it off. Manning has thrown a lot of interceptions and that has hurt a lot. If Stafford and Johnson hook up, it could be a high scoring game. I think Detroit will win 35-21.

Jimmy's Picks:

This week
Miami
Cincinnati
Kansas City
St. Louis
Cleveland
Dallas
Carolina
Tennessee
Denver
Seattle
Detroit
Green Bay
San Diego
New England
Philadelphia
San Francisco

Next week
Carolina
Green Bay
Baltimore
Dallas
Houston
Indianapolis
Cleveland
NY Jets
Detroit
New England
New Orleans
Washington
Arizona
San Diego
Seattle
Denver

Godzilla, the “King of monsters,” to return

By Neal Burke

Last week, something that many people in the monster movie fan community had been waiting for finally happened. Legendary Pictures finally released the official trailer for their reboot of Godzilla which has a release date set at May 16th, 2014.

Most of us know a little about Godzilla. Most know that he is a giant fire breathing lizard that stars in cheesy Japanese monster movies. That’s the what and where, but what about the when, the who, and most importantly, the why?

Godzilla was created in 1954 by a Japanese movie studio called Toho Company Limited. Toho was known for making war films and their great use of miniatures in their films, like creating miniature naval ships that would float in a pool to represent a battle at sea. However, after WWII, war movies were banned in Japan so that put Toho at a big disadvantage. Not only that, but they had been trying to make another movie but were failing.

Toho demanded that any film be made to save the business. It was then that during an airplane ride that Toho film producer Tomoyuki Tanaka read about the Japanese fishing boat Lucky Dragon 5, which had been irradiated by the U.S. nuclear test on Bikini Atoll, and was inspired. He was also inspired by the American film *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* where a giant monster is awoken by a nuclear test and lays waste to New York.

The idea was taken back to Toho and production was immediately started. Many designs for the monster went into development. The ideas ranged from a giant octopus to ape like creatures with mushroom shaped heads, which was a reference to the mushroom clouds a nuclear explosion generates. Finally, the company settled on a giant dinosaur like monster and the final design looked like a cross between a T-Rex, a stegosaurus, an iguanodon and a fire breathing dragon.

The creature was dubbed “Gi” at first, which stood for the English word giant, but “Gojira,” a cross between the Japanese words for gorilla (gorira) and whale (kujira), was the final name. This was also supposedly the nickname of a heavyset stagehand

at Toho but no one has come forward to confirm that. The name was translated to “Godzilla” for the American redub of the film. And then there’s the famous roar.

At first, Toho representatives went to the Tokyo Zoo to record various grunts and growls of animals to find the right sound but were unsatisfied. So they went to Akira



Godzilla then and now: a look at the beast from the original 1954 movie, and the teaser view from the upcoming film.

Ifukube, an expert in acoustics who also composed the film’s soundtrack, and asked him for help in creating the sound effect they needed. After some experimentation, Ifukube recorded the sound of a rosin coated leather glove being dragged along the loose strings of a double bass and slowed down the playback speed. Finally, Toho had their monster but other things needed to be done before the film could be made.

Many story ideas went into the development of the film. One was that Godzilla was a wild beast that came ashore to feed on live animals and that there was a mad scientist named Dr. Yamane who lived in a gothic style house. Godzilla’s first appearance in this story would have him rise from the sea and destroy a light house, homage to *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms*. However this was changed some by Ishir Honda and Takeo Murata. Honda was the director and co-

wrote the screenplay with Murata, and new elements were added like a love triangle between three characters; Emiko, Ogata, and Dr. Serizawa. Dr Yamane was also changed from a mad scientist to an acclaimed paleontologist who seeks to study the monster rather than destroy him.

Still one more question remained, how would they shoot this film? Initially, Toho was going to shoot the film in stop-motion, an animation technique to manipulate a physical object so it appears to move on its own. This method proved to be too time consuming and costly however, so it was thrown out. It seemed that the best method was to have a stuntman in a suit walking on a miniature rendition of Tokyo, though some stop motion was used when Godzilla destroyed a theater with his tail.

Constructing a suit that could work proved to be a bit of a challenge however. The first model was way too heavy and stiff, which made it near impossible to use. The final suit design was better, but still grueling. It had to have a valve attached to drain the actor’s sweat and, to avoid suffocation, it could only be worn for three minutes at a time. The actor who wore the suit supposedly even collapsed due to heat exhaustion once.

Another question was whether or not to shoot the film in color. Shooting in black and white was much cheaper and it actually helped the film’s special effects by hiding wires and other things in the shadows. It also added to the overall chill of Godzilla’s nighttime attacks.

The movie was released in Japan on November 3, 1954 under the simple title *Gojira* and served as a way to speak out against nuclear testing and show the fear of nuclear holocaust that Japan had. Godzilla was the living embodiment of the atomic bomb and all of its horrors and many civilians in the movie who survived the attacks ended up with radiation poisoning. Producer Tomoyuki Tanaka stated that, “The theme of the film, from the beginning, was the terror of the bomb. Mankind had created the bomb, and now nature was going to take revenge on mankind.”

Director Honda filmed the monster’s rampage through Tokyo with the mentality that its destructive power was equal to that of

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Godzilla has appeared in many incarnations

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the atomic bomb's power. He stated, "If Godzilla had been a dinosaur or some other animal, he would have been killed by just one cannonball. But if he were equal to an atomic bomb, we wouldn't know what to do. So, I took the characteristics of an atomic bomb and applied them to Godzilla."

The film sold approximately 9,610,000 tickets and was the eighth best-attended film in Japan that year. The movie itself, however, received mixed to negative reviews at first and Japanese critics believed it exploited the devastation Japan had suffered from the atomic bomb. But over time, the movie gained more respect in its home country and became very popular, even being one of the top 20 Japanese films according to Kinema Junpo magazine.

Originally Godzilla was not supposed to continue past one movie. The film was supposed to serve as a warning about the consequences of nuclear testing. However, when Toho saw how popular the film had become they immediately set to work making the sequel, *Godzilla Raids Again* (1955). This movie had another Godzilla appear while it fought another monster, a giant ankylosaurus called Anguirus, in Osaka. This would set the stage for most of the following films, as Godzilla often fought other monsters which even included space or robotic versions of himself.

Godzilla's personality changed a little during the 60s and 70s as Toho wanted to attract more women and children viewers. This new Godzilla became less frightening, more heroic and in some cases, very friendly. It was during this period that Godzilla became a symbol of strength for Japan as he often came to its defense. Ironically Anguirus, the first monster he ever fought, became one of his closest allies at this time. However starting in 1984 for *The Return of Godzilla*, Godzilla returned back to his darker nuclear roots and became evil and destructive once more. He did still save the world on occasions, but this was usually out of self-preservation or if he and the humans faced a common threat. This trend continued into the 90s and early 2000s.

In 1998, Tristar, an American film studio,

released their reboot of Godzilla. This film totally changed the storyline of the original film by making the monster an iguana that was mutated by fallout from nuclear tests on French Polynesia. The monster then travels to Manhattan, sinking fishing boats and tearing through Panama during its travels, where it builds a nest in Madison Square Garden before finally being slain on the Brooklyn Bridge by F-18s.

The movie starred Matthew Broderick as a scientist and international superstar Jean Reno as an agent of the French Secret Service. While the movie did well in its first week, many serious Godzilla fans hated it for a number of reasons. One of the biggest was the creature's new design which did not resemble the original in any way. Many of them also believed that the movie did not live up to the originals and that is why they call it G.I.N.O. (Godzilla In Name Only).

Godzilla's latest film appearance to date was in 2004 for his fiftieth anniversary film *Godzilla Final Wars*. This movie included many redesigned classic Toho monsters that had appeared in various Godzilla films over the years and featured cities all over the world. There is even a scene where Godzilla goes head to head with his American counterpart, which Toho had dubbed "Zilla" because they believed that Hollywood had taken the "God" out of Godzilla, in Sydney Australia. The battle's soundtrack was All To Blame by Sum 41 and the battle itself

was the shortest in Godzilla history. It ended with Godzilla frying Zilla with his famed atomic breath in the Sydney Opera House. After the movie was released, Toho stated that they would not make another Godzilla film for about ten or so years in hopes that his popularity would rekindle.

Fast-forward to 2009 when rumors began to spread that Legendary Pictures was discussing the idea of an American reboot of the monster with Toho that would be released in 2012. In 2010, Toho and Legendary confirmed that Legendary had acquired the rights to Godzilla. They wanted to stay very close to the original, unlike the 98 film, which would include Godzilla's design and personality.

It was also stated that Godzilla would fight two new monsters in this movie. The film has gone through several rewrites and it actually missed its 2012 release date. During its development designs of the creature have been leaked, some official and some fan made. At the 2013 Comic Con, a huge fan convention for comic and science fiction movie fans, the trailer was shown for the first time. The trailer was released online on December 10, and in just two days it surpassed nine million views on YouTube. The trailer will also be attached to theatrical showings of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, so if you're going to see that movie, be prepared for the King of Monsters' triumphant return to the silver screen.

On the Slopes:

Weekend forecast calls for rain

The snow is here and skiers are happy, but will it last? centralny.twcnews.com predicts milder than normal weather this weekend. Friday a high of 40 and a low of 33. Saturday a high of 38 and a low of 36. Sunday a high of 56 and a low of 36. Most mountains/ resorts will still be making snow and hopefully the weekend will pass and the cold weather will stay to make it a great ski/snowboard season.

Be sure to check the mountain/resort's websites prior to visiting for the latest conditions and trail numbers.

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| Labrador Mountain, | 12 trails |
| (www.labradormountain.com) | |
| Greek Peak, | 22 |
| trails (www.greekpeakmtnresort.com) | |
| Song Mountain, | 18 trails |
| (www.songmountain.com) | |
| Toggenburg Mountain | 6 trails |
| (www.skitog.com) | |
| Woods Valley, | 14 trails |
| (www.woodsvalleyskiarea.com) | |

For more updates and mountains in the area head to <http://www.iskiny.com/>

By Steven Gilliland

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Six gift ideas that your family will love

By Tevin Simard

There are only a few days remaining before Christmas, and if you're like many students, your Christmas shopping is far from done. Fear not, fellow Bodleyans, here are some sure-fire gift ideas certain to make someone happy come December 25!

1. Transparent Book Weight

Get this gift for the person in your life who loves reading, hates it when they lose their place in a book, but who sees bookmarks as useless. One advantage of the book weight is that, in comparison to other objects used to fulfill the same end, a person could place the book weight on any given page and still read the information there. It is available online at buddytools.stores for about \$62.



2. Multitasking Storage Water Bottle

This gift is great for the person(s) in your life who enjoys exercising, but often doesn't have the space to put the little things they may take with them away. The water bottle has a unique storage space, sleek design, and is priced at \$10.59 on Amazon.com.



3. Krochet Kids Wear

Krochet Kids International empowers women in Northern Uganda and Peru to make handmade items, securing sustainable livelihoods for each of them. The company sells many items, such as



knit caps and other headwear make for great, wintery gifts. Not only would you be giving a gift to someone you appreciate, but you would

be giving back as well. The price range for their products is \$19.95 to \$37.95 at www.krochetkids.org.



4. Wasabi Candy Canes

These candy canes are an excellent gag gift and also make for an interesting stocking stuffer, as they have the look of mint candy canes. A word to the wise: these candy canes are for the food adventurers and are priced at \$6 on Amazon.com

5. A Bacon Wallet

This wallet resembles strips of bacon, but is actually a fully functional wallet that you can use for your daily needs. If you know someone who loves bacon, and needs a new wallet, you might have struck gold with this bacon lookalike wallet. Find it for \$9 on Thinkgeek.com.



6. Little Travellers Dolls

Purchase a variety of these cute dolls made by South African women infected with HIV/AIDS. Like Krochet Kids' products, the revenue accrued via the sale of these dolls is used to ensure a sustainable livelihood for women who otherwise would not find work. All of the profit is given back to both the artisans themselves as income and to the Hillcrest AIDS Centre, which secures home-based care and respite programs. To buy one of these dolls or find out more information about this credible organization, visit littletravellers.net.



Second half surges carry CBA past Raiders

Both the Raiders and Lady Raiders hoopsters took on Christian Brothers Academy on Wednesday. The Raiders were at home and were hoping to pull off a win against a team that was beatable.

The Raiders were 0-4 while the Brothers were only 2-2, so this was a game that could still go either way. The Raiders came out to a strong start. Even though they lost the first quarter by 5 points, they still put up 19. The second quarter the Raiders made a slow comeback and brought the game within 3.

Unfortunately, the game started to slip away from the Raiders in the second half as the Brothers dominated after the intermission, winning the third quarter 21-11 and then the fourth 19-3 for a combined 20-14 second half advantage. Cody Greene, Chris Jones, and Josh Hudson all contributed to the Raiders scoring. Greene put up 15, Hudson 10, and Jones with 8. After the loss, the Raiders fell to 0-5 and hope to get one in the win column tonight when they take on another tough foe in Bishop Ludden, the top rated large school in Central New York.

On the girls side, the game was a little closer. Coming into this, the Lady Raiders were 1-2 and CBA was 2-1. Just like the boys, the girls came out to a strong first quarter to build a 14-10 advantage. After the first, CBA bounced back and started to gain the lead, reversing the count to claim a 22-20 halftime edge. As was the case with the boys, CBA was a second half team, closing the game on a 42-22 run for a final score of 64-42. Leading the way for the Lady Raiders was Sydney Gilmore with 12 points. Following Gilmore was Nicole Hanson with 9 and then Michaela Whiteman with 8.

CBA proved to be a tough team and the Raider hoopsters could not handle them. The Lady Raiders take on Central Square on Monday, December 23 in their next outing.

By Jimmy Martin

What was your most memorable Christmas experience?



"My parents got my siblings and I tiny instruments, and we made a tiny rock band."

Mrs. Wilmot



"Opened up my stocking, and my Gramma gave me protection."

Dylan Farnham



"I got a brand new Gameboy, and I puked all over it."

Steven Gilliland



"I got a brand new Playstation 3 and it was the best thing ever!"

Mr. Heindorf

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy with rain showers.

40°

Average: 35°
Record: 66° (1957)

Tonight:



Rain showers.

35°

Average: 21°
Record: -11° (1983)

Tomorrow:

Rain showers.

42°/36°

Average: 37°/23°
Rec. high/low: 58° (1988)/-20° (1995)

Sunday:

Snow showers.

50°/34°

Average: 36°/23°
Record high/low: 62° (1990)/-13° (1989)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.