



Renowned musicians coming for free concert

Music in Our Schools Month has a major treat in store for everyone on Wednesday, March 25 when internationally acclaimed recording artists, The Maniacal 4, will be joining the GRB Band performing a free concert at G. Ray Bodley High School.

The Maniacal 4 is an internationally acclaimed group of 'four great musicians telling one unified, inspiring musical story after another'. Hailed as 'a force to be reckoned with,' they have played concerts on three continents, entertaining audiences with a wide range of styles and time periods. Well versed in classical, jazz, latin and rock music, M4 is also at home playing with a rhythm section or other media. M4 performs its con-

certs almost exclusively from memory, projecting a 'clear, unified, uplifting and committed musical vision on par with great Chamber ensembles.'

"They are an unbelievably talented group of musicians," GRB Band Director Terry Caviness commented, adding that their arrival at Bodley is, "going to provide our students with an exciting and educational experience they will remember for the rest of their lives,"

With all four members early in their musical careers, 'M4 has the goods to become one of the finest trombone quartets performing today.' Maniacal 4 is sponsored by Buffet Group USA and DANSR and performs

exclusively on Antoine Courtois Paris trombones and Denis Wick mouthpieces and mutes.

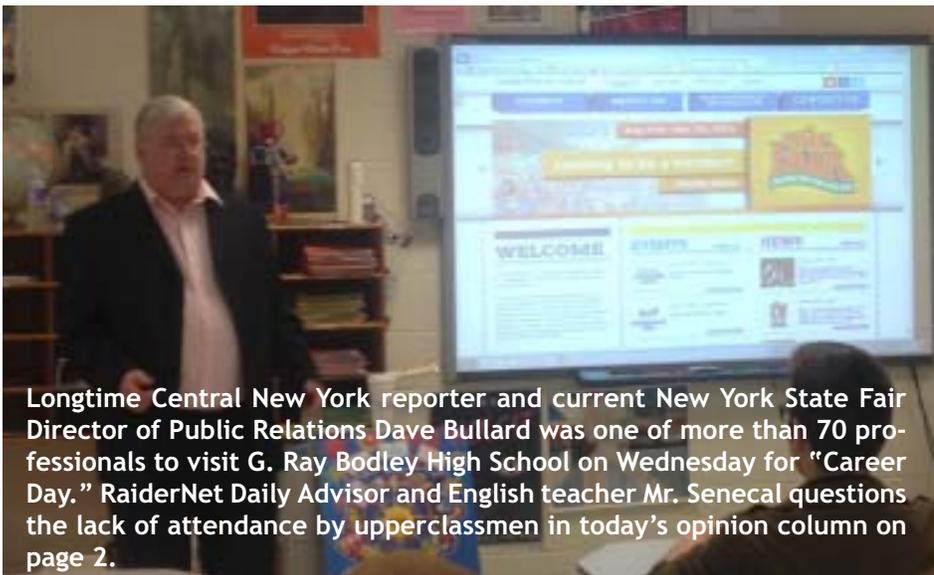
Members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Music Department are going to have the unique opportunity of practicing and performing with the group, with rehearsals starting on Monday, March 23 and continuing on Wednesday, March 25, with the free concert scheduled for a 7:30 pm start.

Carry On is Maniacal 4's trombone quartet tribute to the classic rock legends of the 1970s. Replacing guitar solos with effects pedal-driven trombone distortion, and adding tight brass chords in lieu of vocal harmonies, Maniacal 4 recreates the classic rock standards with a unique and innovative energy. Joined by drummer/producer Stockton Helbing, bassist Brian Ward, guitarist Matt Hornbeck, and keyboardists Austin Byrd and Addison Frei, Maniacal 4 achieves an uncanny resemblance to the original studio takes of the masters.

Through M4 member Carl Lundgren's clever arrangements, every drum fill and bass line is accounted for, compiled from studio and live recordings of Led Zeppelin, Toto, Queen, Kansas, Styx and Jefferson Starship. Following Maniacal 4's live performances of Bohemian Rhapsody and Carry On Wayward Son during classical recitals at major international trombone festivals, the quartet went viral on YouTube, reddit and wimp.com, launching them into a new and exciting phase of their innovative quartet career.

Matt Jefferson (bass trombone) is the professor of brass at Nicholls State University. He recently completed his Masters and Bachelors degrees in Performance from the University of North Texas. Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Matt is a former member of the six-time Grammy-nominated One O'Clock Lab Band. He played on "Lab 2009" which received two of those six nominations.

Matt has performed extensively all over the world at venues in Thailand, France, (continued on page 3)



Longtime Central New York reporter and current New York State Fair Director of Public Relations Dave Bullard was one of more than 70 professionals to visit G. Ray Bodley High School on Wednesday for "Career Day." RaiderNet Daily Advisor and English teacher Mr. Senecal questions the lack of attendance by upperclassmen in today's opinion column on page 2.

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more days until

**Bodley's Got
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Wednesday,

March 18,

6:30 pm

GRB Auditorium

Opinion

Opportunity knocked, why didn't you answer?

“You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink” is certainly an overused cliché, especially when it comes to the subject of education.

But never was it more apparent to me than on Wednesday morning, when fully half the senior class of 2015 decided that a few extra hours in bed were more valuable than the words and experiences of local professionals. All told, 125 seniors, half the class, turned their backs on the opportunity to learn about the world of work and education they will be heading out into just a few short months from now.

I'm sure they had a variety of excuses for not coming to school from 7:30 to 10:30 am on March 11th, but personally, I'm not buying them.

A total of 75 professionals and college students from all walks of life, many of them graduates of this very school, believed that it was worth their while to make their way into G. Ray Bodley High School at 7:45 am. In doing so they were donating their time to help benefit the high school students of Fulton to impart some of

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what they have learned, in some cases the hard way, to help open up career paths. You name the profession, Career Day likely had it covered, and from most reports they had it covered well.

Congratulations to all of you who found the time to invest in your futures, particularly the freshman class of 2018, as only 41 ninth graders were absent, a typical number on any given school day. Three-fourths of the sophomore class also attended Career Day, but from there the number of absences escalated to the point of absurdity.

So what happened to half of the Class of 2015, and for that matter a third of the junior class of 2016, as 86 juniors stayed away as well? Were a few hours of sleep or Facebook or x-box really more important than the chance to speak and listen to someone involved in the fields many of you believe you will simply waltz into over

the next few years?

As someone who has followed an alarming trend of senior disenchantment and narcissism over the past 15 years where students in grade 12 suddenly cannot wait to leave GRB because the school, the teachers included, has “nothing to offer,” this qualifies as a new low. Has “senioritis” really warped your sense of reality to the point where you would turn down free advice and guidance from people who are currently standing in the very places you envision yourselves being over the next few years?

If that truly is the case, good luck to you. The next few years are going to be interesting. And they won't be free.

No one paid the professionals who came in to speak, they donated their time because they believe in you and they believed they had something to offer. It's a pity that so many of you upper classmen misguidedly believe in yourselves and your brilliance to the point where you would throw away an opportunity like this.

Special thanks go out to the numerous presenters, and to Guidance Counselor Mrs. Hyde and Assistant Principal Ms. Stephenson for releasing the waters of knowledge to the students at G. Ray Bodley High School.

It's just too bad so many of them stood staring at their own reflections and wouldn't take a drink

By Len Senecal

(Mr. Senecal has taught Journalism & English at GRB for the past 27 years)

Quote of the day:

“One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.”

-William Feather

Easter Fact of the Day

76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first to be eaten.



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dinner dance!**

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In the News

Maniacal 4 coming to Fulton

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Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, England, and all over the US and Canada, most notably at Birdland in New York City, and at Catalina in Los Angeles. Matt has performed with artists such as Dave Brubeck, James Carter, Alex Iles, Jiggs Whigham, Steve Davis, Rick Baptist, Bill Reichenbach, Pete DeSiena, Brad Leali, Denis DiBlasio, Lyle Mays, Wayne Bergeron, as well as the Houston Symphony.

In addition to the One O'Clock, Matt has been a member of the award-winning U-Tubes jazz trombone group, the UNT Wind Symphony, and UNT Symphony Orchestra. In 2008, Matt was a member of the Disneyland All-American College Band, in 2010 played in l'Orchestre du Francophonie, and in 2011 played in the National Youth Orchestra of Canada. In 2012, Matthew was a finalist at the Big 12 Trombone Conference and an honorable mention in the Yaxley competition of the International Trombone Festival.

Nick Laufer (tenor) is a freelance trombonist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, performing with bands such as Jam Wows! and Sol Kitchen, among others. A tireless lead player, Nick frequently does M4's "heavy lifting" range-wise. Conversely, with his lyrical, singing sound, his distinctive playing often defines M4's melodies. He received his Bachelors degree from the University of North Texas. An alto trombone and alto sackbut player as well, Nick has extensive experience playing early music, and has performed at the Boston Early Music Festival.

Carl Lundgren (tenor) is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and currently is a freelance trombonist/composer/arranger in the DFW area. While completing his Master's degree at the University of North Texas, he had extensive experience teaching private lessons, coaching chamber music, and directing ensembles as a Teaching Fellow.

He studied with Jan Kagarice, Tony Baker, Vern Kagarice and Steve Wiest. He is a former member of the six-time Grammy-nominated One O'Clock Lab Band, whose CD "Lab 2009" was nominated for two Grammys. During his three years in the

band, Carl toured Europe and Thailand, and performed at Birdland in New York, and Catalina in Los Angeles. He has performed with such artists as Dave Brubeck, James Carter, Rich Perry, Steve Davis, Pete DeSiena, Brad Leali, Denis DiBlasio, Lyle Mays, and Wayne Bergeron.

An arranger/composer, Carl is increasingly writing more of M4's music. Studying arranging with Richard DeRosa and Akira Sato, Carl has had experience working with Lyle Mays. Carl was a member of the award-winning jazz trombone group the U-Tubes, and has also played principal and second trombone in the UNT Symphony Orchestra and UNT Wind Symphony.

He is an alumnus of both the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, where he played and recorded for three summers, as well as l'Orchestre du Francophonie. He placed first alternate in both the Van Haney orchestral excerpt class and the Marsteller solo class of the International Trombone Association's 2009 competitions. In June 2011, he was runner-up in the International Trombone Association's Alto Trombone Competition.

Alex Dubrov (tenor) was born in Kiev, Ukraine, and moved to Texas at age 10. He is a private lesson instructor and active freelancer in the DFW area, performing regularly with the Latin Fire Orchestra, and the Crossroads Christian Church Horns of Praise. He is a graduate of the University of North Texas in Jazz Studies.

While at UNT, Alex performed and recorded with the Two O'clock Lab Band, winning a Downbeat Award in 2010. Alex's exploration of electronically synthesized trombone sound defines much of M4's rock tribute material. With effects pedal-driven distortion, he is able to imitate guitar legends Kerry Livgren, Jimmy Page, Steve Lukather, Tommy Shaw and more. He has also performed with famous artists such as the queen of soul Aretha Franklin and Bobby Burns, Jr (trumpet player with Earth, Wind & Fire).

Prom Dress Sale
April 20-21

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

The guidance office has posted new **scholarships that are available for local graduates**. Every college bound senior can use some free money! Remember to check the board every week through March and April for newly posted scholarships.

Prom tickets are now on sale in Mr. McCarten's room 222. Don't be left out of this wonderful and memorable night.

The **senior lounge** is ready to open. Interested seniors can pick up an application in the main office.

What's for lunch?

Today: Sloppy Joe on a bun with side salad, butternut squash and chilled pears.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, tomato soup, spinach, sweet potato bites and orange smiles.

Student Senate wants YOU!



GRB Blood Drive
Wed. March 25
see Mrs. Ferlito
(room 115)
to sign up

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What did you think about the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity incident?



"They should of never stated thier public ideologies."

Phillip Cobb



"I don't care what they do in private, But they should of never chanted it in public"

Cameron Filippi



"It's messed up and they have what's coming for them."

Zach Perry



"I feel like it is extremely inconsiderate and inappropriate"

Zoe Bolio

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

45°

Average: 43°
Record: 80° (1990)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

32°

Average: 25°
Record: 2° (1911)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy. Chance snow.

37°

Average: 43°
Record: 73° (1927)

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