



## Prom countdown, planning is underway for juniors

By Kayla Distin

It's about that time Juniors! Though it seems as though there is plenty of time to get ready for prom, Saturday, May 14 is approaching quickly. The prom will be held at Bayshore in Oswego, and it will begin at 8 p.m. and end at midnight.

However, everyone knows that the prom is not necessarily a four-hour event, but an entire night of excitement and elegance. Many juniors have already started planning for what is said to be one of the most memorable nights of a teenager's life. There are many aspects of prom that must be taken into consideration months before the actual event. Prom nights are notorious for being busy and exciting, and in order to have the "perfect" night, it is crucial to do some serious planning ahead of time.

One of the most unforgettable parts of prom night happens well before the dance itself. Limousine services anticipate the biggest weekends of their industry during the spring, when multiple local school districts are hosting their junior or senior proms. However, juniors must understand that they operate on a first-come-first-serve basis, and it is quite possible that more than one school will have their prom on the same night.

For example, G. Ray Bodley will host its prom on the same night as Liverpool High School, which means that all of the Fultonian juniors will be competing with the junior class at Liverpool for their ideal limos. This means that in order to get the best deal on the size and type of limo that a certain group wants to rent, that group is advised to take the initiative to reserve their limo within the next few weeks. The closer the date gets, the less chance that people have of getting the ride of their choice.

Another important part of prom that is in need of prior planning is dinner reservations for before prom. Though there will be a chocolate fountain and a desert bar along with a full service soda and Shirley temple bar at the prom, there is no dinner provided at the dance itself, so it is up to each group to decide where they would like their limo to bring them for a nice dinner beforehand.

Juniors should be advised the weekend of May 14 will be one of the busiest weekends of

the year for restaurants in Central New York, due to the fact that there are multiple proms that night, as well as the college graduations of LeMoyne, Syracuse University, OCC, and Oswego State. Families of seniors from these colleges will be looking to celebrate by taking their graduate out to dinner after their big day. It is important that each group that is planning on going out to dinner make their reservations very soon, especially groups who have a high number of people.

Girls who plan on getting their hair and makeup done at a salon before prom must also make the reservations long in advance, as the hairdressers will have a very busy schedule.

As the Juniors of G. Ray Bodley begin to plan for the perfect pre-prom experience, the hard-working class officers have been busying themselves by organizing the dance itself. The theme of the night will be "An Elegant Evening," implying a sophisticated yet exciting setting.

Juniors are reminded that if they are to bring a date that is not in the junior class of G. Ray Bodley, they must be under the age of 21 on the day of the prom. If your date is not a Fulton student, you must obtain a guest pass from the main office that is to be filled out by the guest and returned to the main office before you are allowed to purchase his or her ticket.

Also, anyone planning on attending the prom is required to complete the Prom Contract For Agreement To School Rules and Regulations, which must be returned to class advisor Mr. Lacey no later than May 13.

Tickets will cost \$30 each and will be sold during lunch bells 5, 7, and 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting March 8. Mr. Lacey will also be selling tickets in his room, 114, during bells 3-7 on any day of the week. Juniors who wish to help plan for the dance are welcome to join the class officers after school every Wednesday in room 114.



Members of the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast* had to brave the elements at the end of the school day on Thursday as the second high school assembly was cut short by a fire drill. Reportedly a flash effect used in the performance tripped the fire alarm, which sent the entire school out into the cold. But through it all the students kept a smile on their face heading into Thursday's opening night performance. The show continues today and tomorrow with performances at 7:30 p.m. both nights, and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. (Brett Williams photo)

## Opinion

# The interesting origins of St. Patrick's Day

By Brenna Merry

Saint Patrick's Day is fast approaching, and as March 17 comes closer it seems the world is enveloped in a sea of green. Sites of leprechauns, three life clovers and rainbows with pots of gold are not out of the norm. But how did all of these traditions come to be?

The origin of this day comes from Saint Patrick himself. March 17 was the day of his religious feast as well as the anniversary of his death. Saint Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland and although he is one of the most well-known figures in Christianity, his life remains most mystery.

Although the holiday first began as remembrance to Saint Patrick it has gradually turned into a celebration of Irish culture. In this way the



many traditions have risen. When Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated the main color associated with it was blue. However, during this 17th century green was adopted. This is because green is one of the main colors in the Irish flag, not to mention Ireland's green hills which have given it the nickname "The Emerald Isle." Green is also the color of spring, the shamrock, and the Chicago River, which the Midwestern city has dyed green on St. Patrick's Day for the past 40-odd years. When it comes down to it, it can be easily seen why green is so closely associated with this holiday.

What's not so easily seen is why we imagine little green grumpy man hiding a pot of gold during this day. The story of the Leprechaun dates back to Irish Mythology. Stories say the leprechaun spent all his time making shoes and he kept all his money in a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. If he was caught he had to hand the money over to his cap-

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## Bizarre News of the Day

A California couple, whose wedding plans appeared thwarted when a lung infection landed the groom in the isolation ward of a hospital, was married over the weekend, in a ceremony conducted over Skype. Samuel Kim and Helen Oh, both 27, had friends and family members traveling from as far away as their native Korea and from New York to their planned wedding ceremony in the southern California city of Fullerton. So when Kim began spitting up blood, he was initially too nervous to tell his bride for fear of causing her grief.

When he finally did tell Oh, the couple improvised a solution by holding the wedding via the web video conferencing system. "Guests said it was inspirational, they really admired my fiance for being able to stand at the altar in the manner that she did, alone and not crying the whole time," Kim said from his bed at UCI Medical Center in Orange. "She was able to hold her ground and I was able to hold mine.

Oh said the Skype wedding was not the perfect way to have a ceremony, but that guests were happy. The afternoon wedding utilized five live cameramen at the couple's high-tech Korean church capturing the ceremony for guests watching on jumbo screens, and for Kim himself watching on a laptop in the hospital's isolation ward.

Kim's hospital is not very far from the church, and he said he did not feel distant from the ceremony and the 500 guests there. The professional-style presentation included split-screen images and an audio crew that gave Kim his cue, before his face was to appear on screen. Kim's hospital room was decorated with flowers that nurses bought with their own money.

*By Morgan Firenze*

turer. Also, people in Ireland blamed Leprechauns if something went missing or if someone was mischievous. The reason these creatures have become associated with Saint Patrick's holiday is because they are a huge part of Irish culture and that is what the day represents.

Another symbol associated with March 17 is the shamrock, which represents the Irish world. Dating back to 1681, the shamrock has been a label that needed to be worn as a badge on Saint Feast's day. The shamrock was used as an emblem by the Irish Volunteers in the era of Grattan's Parliament in the 1770's, before '98 and The Act of Union. The shamrock also represented the number three, which is Ireland's lucky number. In Ireland, everything good comes in threes. With the shamrocks three leaves it represented things like past, present and future and love, life and liberty. Storytelling in Ireland is also told in a threefold repetition.

America prides itself on its cultural diversity, which is why we celebrate holidays from all places and cultures. Show your appreciation for the world and its many customs and cultures on this day by wearing green. Be careful, it's another Irish tradition to get pinched if you don't! Also stop in to room 127 or the cafeteria to get your green flower on Saint Patrick's day for only \$1.50 each!

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# Red Riding Hood highlights weekend releases

Tired of all the NCAA Basketball tournaments on television? Looking to get out this weekend. If you're a fan of science-fiction or horror, the movies are the place to be with three new films arriving just in time for the weekend.

*Red Riding Hood* - Amanda Seyfried stars in this dark retelling of the classic Little Red Riding Hood fable, set in a medieval village where a werewolf has been terrorizing the citizens. Though the

## At the Movies

By Hunter Gorton

night has become a more and more dangerous time for the villagers, they never know when the beast will leave more bodies in its wake, Valerie is a girl on the brink of womanhood, and is so engulfed with her love and lust for an orphaned woodcutter that she risks leaving herself vulnerable. (Horror/Thriller)

*Mars Needs Moms* - Nine-year-old Milo (Seth Green) finds out just how much he needs his mom (Joan Cusack) when she's taken by Martians who plan to steal her mom-like characteristics for their own young.

With the help of a quick thinking underground earthman named Gribble (Dan Fogler) and a rebel Martian girl called Ki (Elisabeth Harnois), Milo just might find his way back to his mom. (Science-Fiction/Comedy)

*Battle: Los Angeles* - After decades of speculation about life on other planets, the people of Earth discover that extraterrestrials really do exist when destruction becomes apparent in cities all across the globe. When the alien warships descend upon Los Angeles, however, the foreign invaders discover that humankind won't go down without a fight as a gruff Marine staff sergeant (Aaron Eckhart) and his fearless troop of jarheads point their weapons to the sky and make one last stand for the entire human race. (Science-Fiction/Action)



Thursday's Beauty & the Beast Assembly was cut short for half the school when the fire alarm went off, prompting a visit from the Fulton City Fire Department. (Brett Williams photo)

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 "The young always have the same problem - how to rebel and conform at the same time. They have now solved this by defying their parents and copying one another."  
 ~Quentin Crisp

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# What did you think of the musical assembly?



"I thought it was really good."

Alanah McClellan



"I thought it was a great performance."

Joe Weller



"It was good."

Eric Naioti



"I thought it was pretty good."

Michaela Best

# Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



## Today:



Rain and snow showers. High in the mid-40s. Record high: 67 (1977). Avg. high: 41.

## Tonight:



Cloudy skies. Low around 30. Record low: 1 (1996). Avg. low: 22.

## Tomorrow:

Rain and snow. High in the mid-40s, low around 30. Record high/low: 67/-8 (1977/1984). Avg: 42/33.

## Sunday:

A few rain/snow showers. High in the upper-30s, low in the mid-teens. Record high/low: 71/4 (1990/1980). Avg: 42/23.

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