



## Costumes, set will make *Beast* an enchantment

By Patty Morrison

This Thursday, March 10, the curtain comes up on Quirks Players' 2011 spring musical, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. This show has presented many challenging, but mostly fun obstacles, and it is a thrill for all of those involved in both the cast and crew.

The most exciting thing for a Disney fan is seeing their favorite characters brought to life in live action, which wouldn't be possible without an amazing cast of characters, costumes, and sets that were provided for Quirks through G. Ray Bodley High School, CNY Costumes, and Todd Ellis, whom the set was rented from.

Everyone who is a Disney fan is familiar with the movie version of *Beauty and the Beast*, and can recognize the spunky teapot Mrs. Potts. Mrs. Potts was once a cook, with a young son named Chip, who was transformed into an enchanted teapot, with her son becoming a teacup. Mrs. Potts is one of the voices of reason in the household, with a heart of gold and a spunky personality. This weekend she is being brought to life by senior Clare Bawarski, a veteran QuirksPlayers performer.

"This role is quite different from any other role I've had," stated the senior. "There is the

obvious difference in the fact that I am a teapot instead of a human. With all the enchanted objects in the cast, there really isn't a way to go over the top. I also have never had the opportunity to take on an accent before. I don't get to do a full on accent, but it's fun to experiment with different voices."

So did the challenges that came along with

want to miss out on this opportunity. This show is fantastic, and we have really brought this Disney classic to life."

Everyone involved is expecting a great outcome for the show, and has high expectations that the musical will be a great success. Everyone at Quirks is encouraging the community to come and "Be Our Guest" this Thursday,

**"The costumes are amazing. There is so much detail, and they are so intricate, that some people physically cannot put them on themselves, myself included."  
GRB senior Clare Bawarski, Mrs. Potts**

the character make it harder to get into character?" "It was a little difficult to get into character," she stated. "Because a large part of Mrs. Potts is based around the costume. I had to practice keeping my arm in the air, taking baby steps, and changing my voice. After getting the costume though, it became much easier."

"The costumes are amazing," added the senior, who last year turned in a sparkling performance as Maria in the production of *The Sound of Music*. "There is so much detail, and they are so intricate, that some people physically cannot put them on themselves, myself included."

"Overall, everyone should definitely come out to at least one show," Clare said. "We've worked really hard for months, for hours on end, and I know I am excited to show everyone off. This is a fantastic show for my senior year, and this is a very talented cast with amazing costumes, an amazing set, and you won't

Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 pm, with a 2 pm matinee on Saturday.

### Latin Day available for former students

Attention all former students of Mr. Crisafulli's Latin classes: approval has been given for former Latin students to participate in this year's 22nd Annual Latin Day - Latinalia - at Syracuse University on Monday, May 16 at no cost. Mr. Crisafulli will be accompanying you. The cost of registration and transportation will be paid by remaining Latin Club funds.

Interested students need to complete a registration packet and authorization form by April 7, which will be available starting March 15 from Mrs. Honeywell in Room 119. There is a limit of 40 former students of Latin permitted, so pick up the registration form starting March 15.. First come, first served.

### Sign up now for SAT/ACT exams

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and for juniors, it's time to start planning to take the SAT/ACT comprehension tests. It is now possible to sign up online through a website called Collegeboard.com. The website offers the sign-ups for the SAT test and ACT test. If students decide to sign up for the test now, months before the test's deadline, the price won't be high as if they sign up right before the deadline.

There will be upcoming SAT tests on May 8 and June 4. The deadline for the May SAT is April 6, and deadline for the June SAT is May 6. The price for seating is \$47. On the College Board website, making an account opens up access to a variety of different practice questions for either test. For SAT, practice courses are being held at Cayuga Community College on Thursday evenings. For more information, students should see their guidance counselor.



**Bodley senior Clare Bawarski, a veteran performer for Quirk's Players, is looking forward to playing Mrs. Potts in this weekend's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. (RND file photo)**

## Opinion

# Realistic approach will create a night to remember

By Brenna Merry

There are those moments that we wait for our entire lives, such as entering high school, going to college, moving out, getting married and attending the prom. We picture these events in our minds being framed by perfection and filled with love, happiness, and a feeling of nearly floating on air. We've built up these expectations to such an extreme that when they finally come around there is no plausible way the real thing can measure up to what we have conjured in our imagination.

Prom is fast approaching and juniors envision their perfect nights. This has resulted in halls filled with nothing but frantic juniors trying to find dates, dresses and limos. Just twelve short months ago I joined them in this lunatic behavior. Looking back on it I realize that all of the drama and stress nearly ruined the night as a whole for me.

For months on end I stressed about all of the little things, worrying that my hair wouldn't look right or that all of my friends wouldn't fit in my limo. I could picture nothing but having the perfect dress and date. I distinctly remember a few years prior when my mom told me



she went to prom with one her friends thinking to myself, "Well, I want it to be romantic!"

As the reality of the event occurred I realized that the more you plan for something to be "perfect," the more it turns out to be just the opposite. Although Prom turned out to be a blast, filled with dancing and friends, it was nothing like the way I had always pictured it. I dropped food on the dress that I had been waiting months to wear, my best friend was my date, our limo got lost, and nearly everyone wound up crying.

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Over the years prom has turned into nothing but a day where you waste way too much money and wind up being disappointed. Having gone through all of this I advise juniors not to take the day too seriously. Prom is what you make of it, there are bound to be drama and flaws, just as there always is in life.

Looking back through my years in high school prom definitely sticks out to me as one of the highlights. However, I distinctly remember at the nights end many people exclaiming that it was not as special as they thought it would be. Coming from the girl who was caught on the prom tape tripping and falling on her face, it's your ability to roll with the punches that will ensure that your prom is what you want it to be.

## Bizarre News of the Day

Here is some sad news about an animal that really lived. A flying donkey you say? The Russian donkey that starred in a viral video that drew the ire of animal lovers worldwide has died. A Russian parasailing company strapped Anapka, an 18-year-old female donkey, to a parachute and forced it to sail over a southern Russian beach in a misguided attempt at a publicity stunt.

The stunt garnered plenty of negative publicity as horrified beachgoers uploaded a video of it to YouTube, where it sparked worldwide outrage. In interviews with Russian media, onlookers said children at the beach burst into tears at the sight of the wailing, frightened donkey.

Witnesses even said the animal was dragged through the ocean when it landed. The police launched an animal cruelty investigation, but did not press charges. The animal was taken from its owners, however, who rented it to the parasailing company for the promotional stunt, and placed on a farm outside Moscow, where, according to the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, it recently died of heart failure.

Veterinarians weren't able to say whether the heart problems were related to the parasailing stunt.

*By Morgan Firenze*

### Quote of the day:

"The camera can photograph thought."

~Dirk Bogarde

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# David beats Goliath in England's Carling Cup finale

By Tyler Crandell

As NCAA March Madness descends upon the USA, it's that time of the year when people

look for the upset. Recently England had its own renewal of the famed Biblical story of David beating Goliath in the finals of the Carling Cup Tournament .

This match-up saw two English Premier League teams facing off for the coveted trophy. Arsenal, at second in the table as strong title contenders was playing 16th place Birmingham. This was a real affair of the underdog coming out on top. While Arsenal is an extremely good side in many aspects, Birmingham were able to grind out the decisive 2-1 result, earning only their second ever Carling Cup championship and first major trophy since 1964.

The Carling Cup is an English soccer competition which is played on a knockout basis. The footballing pyramid in England is composed of the Premier League at the peak, with the Football League underneath it. The Football League is made up of three divisions which is in itself another pyramid. At the top is the Football League Championship, supported by the Football League One and Football League Two under that. The Carling Cup throws 92 teams into the mix, the 24 teams from each division of the Football League and the 20 from the Premier League. There are seven rounds to the tournament with the sixth round being a

two legged semi-final. Teams play each other at home and away venues and the better aggregate score moves on. The final is played at a neutral stadium.

The game's first goal was scored by Birmingham's Nikola Zigic, the 6'8 pole of a striker. However his sides advantaged was nullified when Arsenal's Robin van Persie equalized in the 38th minute. After a hard-fought game it looked as if the affair would be heading into extra-time and maybe even a penalty shootout. But in the 89th minute of the 90 minute soccer match, Birmingham found the net when a mix up between an Arsenal defender and the goalkeeper left the ball at the feet of striker Obafemi Martins. Martins stroked home and the blues celebrated emphatically. This was heartbreak for Arsenal players and fans, but a real story that Birmingham supporters will cherish.

All in all this shows just how great sports can be. It's a lot more than just a soccer game. This match represents the fact that you can't count any team out or mark them off as a win based on history. On any given day any team can show up to the game or have the lucky chances fall their way. A side that is battling for European glory in the UEFA Champions League can be ousted by a bottom of the table Premier League side fighting for their right to remain in the division. That's the great thing about sports and especially soccer. No matter what is on paper and no matter what history says, anything can happen.

# Failed NASA launch makes a major splash

By Tyler Crandell

Most people probably are unaware of NASA's half billion dollar goof last Friday. A

rocket carrying a climate satellite failed to reach orbit after launch and crashed into the southern Pacific Ocean. The failure was a result of the nose cone not separating during the trip into orbit. Officials have not been able to identify what the exact cause was.

The "Glory" was supposed to study the interaction between the sun's energy and the Earth's atmosphere, with a focus on aerosols and their role in the planet's climate. Global climate change has been on the forefront of scientific and political agendas for years. The data collected by the NASA rocket was to be used to address contributions of aerosols to climate change and other uncertainties in research. Whatever failed in the nose cone separation stage seems to be the greatest issue. The cone is the part of the rocket that would act as a satellite and orbit the Earth gathering data. Since it did not separate from the Taurus

XL launch rocket, the total package was too heavy to travel all the way to its intended altitude. The rocket was unable to reach the required velocity and instead fell into the Pacific Ocean.

One thing that comes quickly to mind is the irony of it all. The expression "It's not rocket science," is usually used mockingly toward someone after a blunder or toward someone who may not know something. But when it actually is rocket science with actual rocket scientists it becomes a little bit humorous. In reality, there isn't really anything humorous about a 500 million dollar satellite lying along the ocean floor.

NASA is investigating possible reasons for the separation failure. One would think that with such an expensive investment that a rocket is, that every precaution would be taken so that the launch would go successfully. However, as history continues to demonstrate, with NASA failures over the years, even the brightest minds don't always get it right.

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# Who will win the Big East tournament?



"Syracuse."

Zach Mallory



"Louisville."

Matt Liberti



" Obviously Syracuse."

Mrs. Ryan



"U-Conn."

Mitch Towsley

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a rain and snow late. High around 40.  
Record high: 78 (2000).  
Avg. high: 40.

Tonight:



Rain showers with some sleet toward morning. Low in the mid-30s.  
Record low: -4 (2007).  
Avg. low: 22.

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain showers. High in the low-40s.  
Record high: 67 (1977).  
Avg. high: 41.

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