



April 2010

Steve Kovacs gets on the phone to harass Ellie long distance about dueling editions of the Rat Rag.

See "Letter to the Editors" on page two for Steve's saucy comments.



Scanning the PAC for all the news that's NOT fit to print!

SSCPLAYHOUSE PRESENTS

A Streetcar Named Desire

by **TENNESSEE WILLIAMS**

directed by **Bobbie Saltzman**

April 21-24, 2010 at 8:00pm
 April 25, 2010 at 2:00pm

Stanley and Blanche have had this date for a long time...

THE COMPANY OF
A Streetcar Named Desire

The SSC PLAYHOUSE of South Suburban College announces its production of Tennessee Williams' classic American drama, *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The play opened in 1947 to rave reviews with well known Broadway star Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois and then unknown Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski, the role that was to send Brando's career soaring. The SSC Playhouse chose to mount a production to reflect its strong black student talent base. In this version all but one character has been "non-traditionally" cast to bring Williams' story to new life.

THE CAST

Blanche DuBois Bianca Borrás
 Stanley Kowalski Marcus Hendricks
 Stella Kowalski Jeannada Welton
 Eunice Hubbell Debra Walker
 Steve Hubbell Reggie Watkins
 Harold "Mitch" Mitchell Dean Scalzitti
 Mexican Woman Debbie Burt-Frazier
 A Young Collector Will Franklin
 Pablo Gonzales Leffie Martin, Jr.
 Doctor Mike Ross
 Nurse Torrick Hall
 Cajun Neighbor Ariel King

UNDERSTUDIES

Blanche DuBois Ariel King
 Stanley Kowalski Reggie Watkins
 Stella Kowalski Debra Walker
 Harold "Mitch" Mitchell James Freeman
 Eunice Hubbell Karla-Renae Harris
 Steve Hubbell Torrick Hall
 Pablo Gonzales Aaron Vinson
 A Young Collector Joseph Turner

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TICKETS: \$8.00 for Adults
 \$6.00 for Seniors, Students
 Call our 24/7 voicemail for tickets or info:
708-210-5741

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 15800 State Street • South Holland, IL



PHOTO CALL
 Marcus Hendricks as Stanley Kowalski
 and Bianca Borrás as Blanche DuBois

IN LOUISIANA...
 Biting someone with your natural teeth is "simple assault," while biting someone with your false teeth is "aggravated assault."

To clean a curling iron encrusted with mousse, gel, or other hair products, spray with Easy-Off Oven Cleaner™ when the curling iron is completely cool, let sit, then wipe clean.

Ponderisms • Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
 • Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

A Streetcar Named Desire PRODUCTION TEAM

DirectorBobbie Saltzman
 Stage Manager Chandra Wheatley
 Set/Master Builder Dean Scalzitti
 Lighting Designer..... Stephanette Smith
 Costume Designer..... Tene Roberts
 Set Dresser..... Jenette Taylor
 Props (personal and set)..... Tresina Dickens
 Production Manager/Sound... Leffie Martin, Jr.
 Decor Stitcher..... Brittany Welles
 Set Running Crew Sherrod Ferguson,
 Latiana Something
 Prop & Costume Assistant... Chelsea Derrico
 Sound Board Operator Dan Galbraith
 Light Board Operator..... Marcus Flowers
 Set Construction Bill Graham,
 Mitchell Harris, Mike Ross

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THE STAGE at the Homewood Flossmoor Park District recently produced **Alice in Wonderland**. The performances were on April 9th, 10th and 11th and were directed by former PAC Rat, Dawn Leader-Peloso (go Dawn!). The double cast show featured actors who were recently seen on the Kindig Performing Arts Center stage. They are (were?): Catherine Hundt and Laura Tiemens as the Dutchess, Ashley Orendorff as the Cheshire Cat, Pat Nevins as The Hatter and Terrell McKinney as the King of Hearts.

Letter to the Editors

July / August 2009 ← [in reference to the July/August 2009 Masthead] If you think that's going to get you out of doing Proper, Monthly, Rat Rags, you're wrong. (although I suppose you could argue about the "proper" part). Anyway: It's Monthly. Not every couple of months. Sheesh AGAIN with the cheapo two months in an issue thing.

— **Stephen Kovacs, Westtown, NY**

By the way, I liked the Chicago Friends vs. Friends thing. chuckle.

Dear Steve,
 — **Sincerely, E** 

CASTING CALL: Music in Revue - MOTOWN

This summer, The Stage Theatre will perform outdoor shows presenting the songs from Motown. Performances will be held during the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce Fine Arts Fair on June 5-6, 2010 in Flossmoor, and during Homewood Days, July 9-11, 2010.

Dancers, singers and stage helpers, ages 8 and up, are needed for these productions. Auditions will take place at the Dolphin Lake Clubhouse, 183rd St. and Governors Highway, in Homewood, IL.

Singers should prepare a song from Motown for their audition. Bring audition music on a CD or iPod (instrumental or karaoke style recordings preferred). Dancers will be taught a short group routine and should arrive promptly at one of the given times. Late arrivals will have to wait for the next dance session to begin. There will be a few roles for actors who do not sing or dance. If interested, please attend the singers auditions. A \$35 cast fee will be charged to those cast in the show.

Singer Auditions: April 23 from 6-8:45 pm and April 24 from 10-11:45 am.

Dancer Auditions: April 23 from 6 pm or 7:30 pm and April 24 at 10 am, 11 am and 12 Noon.

For more info, check out the HF Parks web page at: www.hfparks.com.

A composer is a guy who goes around forcing his will on unsuspecting air molecules, often with the assistance of unsuspecting musicians.
 — **Frank Zappa**

GOT GEEK? GOT GEEK is ALL Scott Begin's fault Toys from www.thinkgeek.com

From Scott: I sacrifice myself by reading the entire electronic newsletter to send you only the best links. Think of how much time you would waste if YOU got the newsletter and HAD to check out EVERY link (and the cool suggestions at the bottom of each page). Yeah, that's my story and I'm sticking to it... and now, a ThinkGeek Shirt!



Regular Expression Junkie + Lover Of Literature...

Heavyweight olive t-shirt with light brown writing and the slightly modified Shakespeare quote:

(to be or not to be): `/(bb)[^b]{2}/` that is the Question: Whether 'tis Nobler in the minde to suffer The Slings and Arrowes of outrageous Fortune, Or to take Armes against a Sea of troubles...

FREE CONCERTS AT SSC

- Friday, April 307:30pm**
Jazz Bands Concert
 Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra performs.
- Sunday, May 24pm**
Choral Concert
 SSC Evening Chorale performs.
- Monday, May 37pm**
Piano Recital
 Students of Joyce Sluis and Marilyn Bourgeois in recital.
- Tuesday, May 47pm**
Guitar Recital
 Students of Linda Kelley perform.
- Wednesday, May 57:30pm**
Ensembles Concert
 SSC Voices, Jazz Combo and Jazz Band 2 in concert.
- Friday, May 77:30pm**
Symphonic Band Concert
 The Symphonic Band performs.

the drama group presents City of Angels



The musical weaves together two plots, the "real" world of a writer trying to turn his book into a screenplay, and the "reel" world of the fictional film. The setting is Hollywood, late 1940s, with two stories occurring simultaneously, a musical comedy and a detective story. The real-life scenes are in color and the movie scenes in black and white. Costumes and setting reflect the reality vs. film. Tony Award Winner for Best Musical.

April 30 and May 1, 2010 at 7:30pm and May 2, 2010 at 2:00pm
Adults: \$18.00, Students/Seniors: \$17.00
Bloom Theatre, 101 W. 10th Street, Chicago Heights, IL
 Phone **708-755-3444** for tickets or info.
www.dramagroup.org

Instructions:

Stimulating Baby



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Bizarre Tidbits About



CHILD ACTORS

In the "Golden Age" of TV, situation comedies presented audiences with an image of Middle Class America. In reality, however, many of the child actors in these "perfect" TV families had less-than-perfect lives off-screen.

Father Knows Best: Billy Gray (who played the son, Bud) spent 45 days in jail on marijuana charges and later dropped out from society. He told TV Guide, "I look back on the show and see it as a lie, a lie that was sold to the American people." Lauren Chapin (who played the youngest daughter, Kathy) also had drug troubles. She became addicted to heroin and speed, and did jail time for forging a check.

The Patty Duke Show: From 1963-66, Duke starred in the popular series, but gradually the stress of playing two roles - herself and her look-alike cousin caught up with her; she became depressed, anorexic and eventually an alcoholic and drug addict.

The Partridge Family: After the show ended, Danny Bonaduce developed drug problems. By age 21, he had squandered \$350,000 in savings on his cocaine habit. Susan Dey, who was 16 when the show began, later claimed to have suffered from severe anxiety which resulted in anorexia and bulimia.

The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet: Fans of Ricky Nelson were shocked when his autopsy revealed that he had been freebasing cocaine just prior to the plane crash that killed him on Dec. 31, 1984 in DeKalb, Texas.

Family Affair: In 1976, Anissa Jones, who played "Buffy" on the series, was found dead of an overdose after a party in Oceanside, California. The coroner reported that Jones had "the largest combination of drugs in any cases I've encountered."

KITCHEN DUTY



Kitchen clean-up items collect and promote bacteria. To help prevent food borne illnesses, put dishcloths and sponges in the microwave for one minute between uses and wash them weekly in hot water in the washing machine.



Quiz for People Who Know Everything

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S".

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Reason # 1 why Rochelle won't fly.

IN HONOUR OF STUPID PEOPLE...

ACTUAL NEWSPAPER AD:
 3-year-old teacher needed for preschool. Experience preferred.

BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY



To make sure that a bicycle helmet fits correctly, use the "eyes, ears and mouth" test:

EYES: When you look up, you should see the bottom rim of the helmet. This should be one or two finger widths above the eyebrow.

EARS: The straps should form a "Y" under the earlobes and should be snug yet comfortable.

MOUTH: When you open your mouth as wide as you can, you should feel the helmet hug your head. If not, tighten the straps.

WWW! Cool Websites

- **Musicals101.com:** The Cyber Encyclopedia of Musical Theatre, TV and Film
www.musicals101.com
- **PDF Online:** Create a PDF from just about any document - for FREE!
www.pdfonline.com/convert-pdf
- **Electronic Encyclopedia of Chicago:**
www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org



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BIZARRE HOLIDAYS IN APRIL

April is National Anxiety Month

- 4th is Tell a Lie Day
- 7th is No Housework Day
- 16th is National Eggs Benedict Day
- 17th is National Cheeseball Day
- 23rd is Read to Me Day
- 25th is National Zucchini Bread Day
- 29th is Shrimp Scampi Day

Did You Know That...

- In 4000 BC Egypt, men and women wore glitter eye shadow made from the crushed shells of beetles.
- In M&M candies, the letters stand for Mars & Murrie, the developers of the candy in 1941.
- Most American car horns honk in the key of F.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.

MEMORABLE QUOTES

Oscar Wilde



- Biography lends to death a new terror.
- I am not young enough to know everything.
- Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
- America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.
- Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.
- If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you.
- Morality, like art, means drawing a line someplace.

Quiz Answers

1. Boxing
2. Niagara Falls.
3. Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. Strawberry.
5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. Lettuce.
9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.



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I BELIEVE – That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

Gratuitous Space Filler #8837966
Yep. Still keeping track.

PAC Rat Meeting Spring Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **FRIDAY, May 7th @ 7:00pm** in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)

REMEMBER TO CONTACT US with any article, photo, want ad or idea at:

✉ RatRagStaff@yahoo.com ✉

I monitor this email and will try respond to all. – Ro

