

June 2009

Congratulations to Liz Bradley and James Sandman, who were married on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

Their wedding ceremony took place out doors at Centennial Park in Munster, IN. It was a picture perfect day.



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

## WE WORK HARD FOR THE MONEY



The Kindig Performing Arts Center is in desperate need of a new sound system, which will cost over \$35,000 (yowza!). To help pay for it, we're going to sell program advertisements and Break-A-Leg-A-Grams™.

As an enticement, we will have prizes for the most ads sold and the most money made on ad sales. We haven't come up with ideas the prizes yet; suggestions are welcome! On page 5 of the Rat Rag, you'll find an advertising contract. The cost of ads are noted in the graphic to the right. Break-A-Leg-A-Grams™ are \$3.00 each.

What the heck IS a Break-A-Leg-A-Gram™ anyway?! A "gram" is a greeting to your favourite company member in 15 words or less. Your grams will be printed in the program. Keep it clean – this is a family show! We'll edit if we have to.

Buying advertising space is a real bargain. Each ad comes with its own special surprise. If, for example, you purchase a full page ad, you'll receive 4 complimentary (that's FREE!) tickets to any show. Free tickets are not transferable and will only be issued to the purchaser of the ad.

If your ad is for a business, "camera ready" artwork would be appreciated. The programs will be printed in glorious black and white. Shades of gray, fancy colours and photographs don't always reproduce nicely, so keep your artwork simple.

If you wish, you can email artwork and text directly to Ellie at [ssctheatre@aol.com](mailto:ssctheatre@aol.com), who will be setting all the ads for the program. TIFFS or JPGs work best. If you have any questions, ask Ellie! If you don't have any artwork, and just want the space to wish your favourite company member well, Ellie will be happy to make your ad look purty.

Make checks and money orders payable to: SSC: Performing Arts Center. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

**GET OUT THERE AND SELL SOME ADS!!**

**Full Page: \$75**  
approximately 5 inches by 8 inches  
*Your full page ad bonus:  
4 free tickets!*

*Free tickets are not transferable and will only be issued to the purchaser of the ad.*

**PROGRAM AD and GRAM™ DEADLINE:**  
*Saturday, September 5, 2009*

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**Half Page: \$50**  
approximately 5 inches by 4 inches  
*Your half page ad bonus:  
2 free tickets!*

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**Quarter Page: \$25**  
approximately 5 inches by 2 inches  
*Your quarter page ad bonus:  
1 free ticket!*

## ANY NUMBER OF PROPS

We will need some help filling the set for *Any Number Can Die* with props, furniture and set decoration that looks like it came from the 1920s. If you have any of these items or know where we could borrow them or purchase them for a fair (i.e.: cheap) price, please contact [Angela](#) or [Ellie](#).

### PROPS

- Blank Bullets (6)
- Brandy Sniffers (6)
- Candelabra
- Candle Holders (6)
- Fireplace Poker
- Magnifying Glass with Handle
- Picnic Basket with Cover



### FURNITURE

- Grandfather's *or* Mantle Clock
- Large Carved Wood and Upholstered Chair
- Long Carved Table (which is used as desk)
- Ornate Desk Chair
- Piano Chair
- Smaller Upholstered Chair In Bad Condition
- Sofa Or Invalid Couch In Bad Repair

### SET DECORATION

- Stuffed Animal Heads (or other taxidermed critters)
- Novelty Liquor Decanter (see example picture)
- Various and Sundry GewGaws and Gimcracks



**IN UTAH:** Birds have the right of way on all highways. It is against the law to fish from horseback.

To get rid of ants, put corn meal wherever you see the ants frequent. The ants will carry it home and try to eat it, but they can't digest it properly.

*Ponderisms* How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

# The Real Meaning of Words



Solitude



Patience



Innocence



Pain



Sorrow



Friendship



Love



Respect



Divine



Rescued

Submitted by  
Joanne Falkenthal

## Harry Potter and the Museum of Science and Industry

Enjoy a first-hand look inside the famous wizard's magical world in the Harry Potter Exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry. This world-premiere exhibit is your chance to experience the craftsmanship of more than 200 authentic artifacts from the Harry Potter films, displayed in settings inspired by the film sets.

Along the way, fans will get an up-close and personal look at some of their favorite props and costumes from the Harry Potter films. Harry's original wand and eyeglasses, elaborate outfits from the Yule Ball, and Gryffindor school uniforms are just some of the iconic items on display. They will also be able to take a tour through Hagrid's hut, enter a Quidditch area to toss a Quaffle,



and may even encounter a few creatures like Buckbeak or a giant Acromantula spider along the way.

Several PAC Rats will attend the exhibit on July 10 at 11:45 AM. Email [Angela Martin](mailto:Angela.Martin@msi.org) for more info. The exhibit requires an additional ticket with a specified entry time. General admission plus the Potter exhibit is \$26.00. You can buy your ticket online at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

## Odds and Ends from the PAC Rats Meeting

**1. AUDITIONS FOR FALL SHOW:** Auditions will be held for the fall PAC Rat show, *Any Number Can Die*, by Fred Carmichael. The show is directed by Dean Scalzitti. Auditions are Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th from 7 to 10pm in the PAC. There are roles for 7 men and 5 women.



**2. TECHIES WANTED:** We are in need of techies on this show. If you can help at all please let Angela Martin via email at [theatregirl25@gmail.com](mailto:theatregirl25@gmail.com). You can also contact Ellie at [ssctheatre@aol.com](mailto:ssctheatre@aol.com). We need the following:

- a. Assistant Stage Manager
- b. Light Board Operator
- c. Running Crew
- d. House Manager
- e. PR Person

**3. DO YOU HAVE A CANDELABRA?** We are going to need help locating some of the props for the fall show. If you have any of the prop items listed on page 1 that we could borrow or keep, please contact Angela or Ellie.

**4. MERRY MEET:** A group will attend the Bristol Renaissance Faire on Sunday, July 19th. Contact Angela for info on carpooling or figuring out a "Check Point Charlie" meeting place at the Faire.

**5. HARRY POTTER 2.0:** Ellie, Angela and Dawn are going to see *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* on Friday, July 17th. If you'd like to come along, meet us at the AMC Loews Crestwood 18, 13221 Rivercrest Drive, Crestwood, IL. Showtime is at 8:30PM. Pre-ordering your tickets at [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com) is **highly recommended**. Dressing like a freak (i.e. in costume) is entirely optional.

## GOT GEEK?

GOT GEEK is ALL  
Scott Beglin's fault

Toys from [www.thinkgeek.com](http://www.thinkgeek.com)



You are sound asleep when suddenly a piercing noise jolts you out of bed. You slowly slink to the bathroom and flip on the lights. Your eyes are assaulted with the goriest of sights - a shower curtain smeared with bloody

hand prints and a bath mat stained with bloody footprints. Your heart is now racing; there's no way you're going back to sleep now. Which is perfect because the piercing noise was your alarm clock, the gory sight was your new **Horror Movie Shower Curtain and Bath Mat**, you're now fully awake, and it's time to get ready for work.

# GEOGRAPHIC POINTS OF INTEREST



**ALASKA:** More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

**AMAZON:** The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply.

The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

**ANTARCTICA:** Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

**BRAZIL:** Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

**CANADA:** Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village."

**CHICAGO:** Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

**DETROIT:** Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

**DAMASCUS, SYRIA:** Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY:** Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

**LOS ANGELES:** Los Angeles' full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de

Los Angeles de Porciuncula – and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

**NEW YORK CITY:** The term "The Big Apple" was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

**OHIO:** There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man made.

**PITCAIRN ISLAND:** The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 square miles (4.53 square kilometers).

**ROME:** The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

**SIBERIA:** Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

**S.M.O.M.:** The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M.). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

**SAHARA DESERT** In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

**SPAIN:** Spain literally means "the land of rabbits."

**ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA:** St. Paul, Minnesota, was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

**TEXAS:** The deepest hole ever made in the world is in Texas. It is as deep as 20 Empire State Buildings but only 3 inches wide.

**UNITED STATES:** The Eisenhower

interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

**WATERFALLS:** The water of Angel Falls (the world's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). They are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

**ROADS:** Chances that a road is unpaved in the U.S.A: 1%, in Canada: 75%.

Old hard way      New Schlitz way

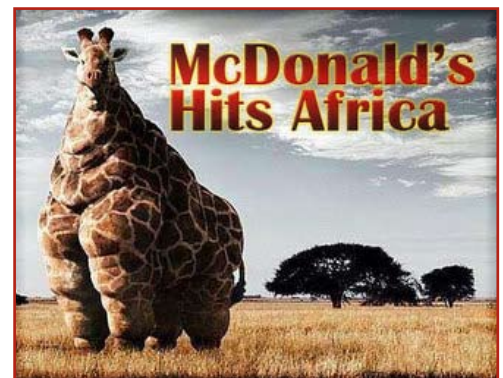
**Some day all beer cans will open this easy!**

Now only Schlitz brings you—coast to coast—the world's easiest opening beer can! The new aluminum Softop can! **real gusto—real easy!**

## Bizarre Holidays in June

**June is National Zoo and Aquarium Month**

- 4th ..... Old Maids Day
- 8th ..... Name Your Poison Day
- 13th .... Kitchen Klutzes of America Day
- 23rd .... National Pink Day
- 27th .... National Columnists Day
- 30th .... Meteor Day



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

✉ [RatRagStaff@yahoo.com](mailto:RatRagStaff@yahoo.com) ✉

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

States that accept E-ZPass

States that Do Not accept E-ZPass

States with no toll

# TOLLWAY TIPS

**TAKE IT TO GO:** Your I-PASS can get you through the Chicago Skyway, as well as tollways in Indiana, Pennsylvania and more than a dozen states to the east. Take your transponder with you and look for the E-ZPass logo when traveling to save time and the hassle of scrambling for cash to pay tolls out of state.

## Did You Know...

...the Illinois Tollway offers a seven-day grace period for cash-paying drivers to make good on an unpaid toll? Occasionally drivers may not be prepared with exact change at a ramp plaza or those unfamiliar with recent improvements may unintentionally travel through Open Road Tolling lanes without an I-PASS.

You can pay unpaid tolls [online](#) within seven days.\* Unpaid tolls also may be paid in person and by mail. Provide the date, toll plaza and vehicle license plate to resolve the issue and avoid a fine.

**Pay It. Don't Delay It:** \*After the seven-day grace period, the unpaid toll becomes a violation and three unpaid tolls generate a violation notice, incurring additional fines.



## CONSTRUCTION: Know What's Ahead

As the 2009 construction season kicks into high gear, know where to look for road work:

- In mid-June, the Half Day Road entrance ramp to southbound I-94 and the northbound I-94 exit ramp to Half Day Road will close for ramp reconstruction work.
- One lane in each direction on East State Street (Bus. U.S. 20) in Rockford is scheduled to be closed from now through mid-June for new bridge decks and a center pier construction for the new I-90 bridges that cross over State Street.

**RECONSTRUCTION IN WISCONSIN:** Traveling to Wisconsin via the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) this summer? Be aware that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) launches reconstruction work on I-94 in Wisconsin this month. Traffic heading northbound will be reduced to one lane through the end of the year. Delays are expected.



Winner of the Extreme Poodle Grooming Contest. It's a Camel.

**I BELIEVE** – that your life can be changed in a matter of moments by people who don't even know you.

### PAC Rat Meeting Summer Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **THURSDAY, July 2nd @ 7:00pm** in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)



There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot.



## INTERESTING COFFEE TIDBIT

Caffeine is on the International Olympic Committee list of prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for more than 10 micrograms of caffeine per milliliter of urine will be banned from competition.

Sorry to be the one to break the news to you, Ellie. So much for your school-girl dreams of glory.

## IN HONOUR OF STUPID PEOPLE...

Warning found on an electric rotary tool:  
"This product is not intended for use as a dental drill."

## Did You Know That...

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, set out a bowl of cider vinegar with a couple drops of citrus smelling liquid dish detergent. This attracts the fruit flies and they drown. Lay a fresh bowl out each day to keep the smell strong enough to attract them.

### Instructions:

## Nursing Baby



# ADVERTISING CONTRACT

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

(please print name of individual or company)

agree to purchase space in your program for the 3 Stages of SSC production of *Any Number Can Die* at South Suburban College. I understand that any ad that I/we buy is to be paid for in full at this time and must reach the college by the dates specified below. *Make checks payable to SSC: Performing Arts Center.*

Please find enclosed a check for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name if signing for a business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY	
	Sale made by: _____
Check <input type="radio"/> # _____	
Cash <input type="radio"/> \$ _____	
Artwork: <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	
Tickets: <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no <input type="radio"/> maybe	

† Please call in advance to reserve your seat(s) - performance dates on reverse.

***Photographs on business cards will not reproduce well.***

<p><b>FULL PAGE AD</b> (7-1/2" x 4-1/2")</p> <p>With the purchase of this ad you will receive four complimentary tickets to the performance of your choice.† A nice reward for your generous support or a great bonus for a hard-working employee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Page .....\$75.00</p>	<p><b>HALF PAGE AD</b> (4-1/2" x 3-3/4")</p> <p>Your ad won't be missed. You will receive two complimentary tickets with the purchase of this ad for the performance of your choice.†</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Half Page .....\$50.00</p>
<p><b>QUARTER PAGE AD</b></p> <p>An inexpensive way to advertise your business or services. You will receive one complimentary ticket with the purchase of this ad for the performance of your choice.† (Wide: 4-1/2" x 1-7/8" or Tall: 2-1/4" x 3-3/4")</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page .....\$25.00</p>	<p><b>"BREAK-A-LEG-A-GRAM™"</b></p> <p>Wish the cast and crew good luck <b>in fifteen words or less.</b> A fun way to support the arts or your favorite company member.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gram .....\$3.00</p> <p>Print your Break-A-Leg-A-Gram™ message in the space provided. Your message may be edited for clarity.</p>

PLEASE PRINT

Additional Break-A-Leg-A-Grams™ forms are on the reverse.

"Break-A-Leg-A-Gram™" is a registered trademark of FWOB, Ltd Publications

## – AD DEADLINE –

All ads, Break-A-Leg-A-Grams™ and payment(s) are due by:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2009**

*Make checks payable to:  
SSC: Performing Arts Center.*

Questions? Call Ellie at 708-210-5741 and leave a message or email at [ssctheatre@aol.com](mailto:ssctheatre@aol.com)

Kindig Performing Arts Center  
South Suburban College  
15800 State Street  
South Holland, Illinois 60473

TICKETS — 24/7 Voice Mail — 708-210-5741  
eMail: [boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu](mailto:boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu)

What happens when a lovely young heiress, her two handsome suitors, some wealthy socialites, spooky servants and two competitive super sleuths gather in an isolated mansion to hear the reading of a will?

# ANY NUMBER CAN DIE

a murder mystery spoof, set in an isolated mansion off the coast of America, in 1928

BY FRED GARMICHAEL



## 2009 PERFORMANCES

Fri., September 18 at 8:00pm  
Sat., September 19 at 2:00pm and 8:00pm  
Fri., September 25 at 11:00am and 8:00pm  
Sat., September 26 at 8:00pm  
Sun., September 27 at 2:00pm

24/7 Voice Line: 708-210-5741

**TICKETS**

Adults: \$8.00  
Seniors and Students: \$6.00  
SSC Staff and Students Only:  
\$6.00 or Buy One Get One Free!

**KINDIG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

South Suburban College  
15800 State Street \* South Holland, IL

**PAC Rats Theatre Company – BREAK-A-LEG-A-GRAM – Price \$3.00 each**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Message For: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

Wish someone to Break-A-Leg or send him or her a happy message in 15 words or less. Your message along with your name will be printed in the show program. All proceeds are used to fund future performances. Your message may be edited for clarity.

*Thank you in advance for your BREAK-A-LEG-A-GRAM purchase.*

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