



Marcus Hendricks as Stanley Kowalski and Bianca Borrás as Blanche DuBois in a publicity shot taken for *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

More photos on page two and in our [photo gallery](#).



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



Videotaping a Play - Oh No You're Not!

Ellie's Soapbox Du Jour

Lately there seems to be some confusion regarding the videotaping of our plays at the Kindig Performing Arts Center. Here's the short answer: **VIDEOTAPING IS NOT ALLOWED.**

Videotaping a copyrighted play is not allowed at the PAC, at your local grammar or high schools, at the local park district, **NOT ANYWHERE.**

Producing a copyrighted work [such as a play] requires permission and / or payment of royalties whether you charge admission or not, and whether you are a for-profit or not-for-profit theatre, or a school. ¹

South Suburban College pays a royalty fee for a license to perform a play. This license DOES NOT grant the right to videotape a rehearsal or performance for ANY means. Not for archival purposes, not to show your sick mother who's been in the hospital, not for far away relatives, not for grant applications, **NOT FOR ANY REASON.**

In rare cases, an additional license for an archival recording can be purchased. This license can cost anywhere from seventy-five to several hundred dollars. There are also strict rules in place for how this recording must be kept. The companies granting archival recording licenses want information about where the copy will be kept, a signed legal contract that the copy will be under lock and key and samples of your DNA. Okay, so the DNA is an exaggeration, but the contract IS pretty scary.

Authors earn their living from the royalties they receive from book sales and from the performance of their work. Conscientious observance of copyright law is not only ethical, it encourages authors to continue their creative work. ²

A fancy way of saying it pays the rent. For example, the playwright we deal with for our children's plays is a self-publisher. Every penny

from the royalties of her plays goes to pay the mortgage, gas and electric bills, upkeep of her printing equipment... the life of a working playwright isn't glamorous. Taping her plays would be like taking food off her plate. I'm not going there without her permission and neither will you.

Civil penalties for copyright infringement can range from an order to stop using the material to monetary damages, including attorney's fees and court costs. The legal basis for such action is the 1976 Copyright Act, along with its amendments, court rulings and ties to international treaties. ³

A common argument I hear: "So what about all those videos of performances you can find on YouTube or Facebook? They're only a few minutes long." While I don't pretend to be an expert on copyright law, I CAN tell you there is something called "Fair Use" which allows short portions of copyrighted works to be shown. However, when you see Part 1 of 14 on YouTube videos, you can be certain that there's nothing fair about that kind of (ab)use.

Your best bet is to leave your video camera at home. It will save me the hassle of having to confiscate it and keep you out of jail.

For more information on copyright, check out the following websites or articles on the web (all links are clickable):

- [Wikipedia: Copyright](#)
- [10 Big Myths About Copyright Explained](#)
- [U.S. Copyright Office](#)



Sources:

- 1 American Association of Community Theatre: [Rights & Royalties](http://www.aact.org/making/rights/index.html)
- 2 Dramatic Publishing: [Licensing a Show](http://www.dramaticpublishing.com/licensing.php)
- 3 Stephen Peithman, [Videotaping: An Inconvenient Truth](http://www.aact.org/making/rights/Videotaping2.pdf). (Stage Directions magazine)



- In SOUTH DAKOTA, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.
- In VERMONT, it is illegal to whistle underwater.

To hide scratches on wood furniture or to prevent wood paneling from drying out, put a dab of Alberto VO5 on a clean, soft cloth, then buff well.

Ponderisms
How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

A Streetcar Named Desire



10 WORDS THAT DON'T EXIST, BUT SHOULD



1. AMBITEXTROUS:

Sending a text message to two or more people at the same time. — cs-j

2. CARPERPETUATION:

The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

3. DISCONFECT: To sterilize the piece of confection (lollipop) you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow 'remove' all the germs.

4. ELBONICS: The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater.

5. FRUST: The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keeps backing a person across the room until he finally decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.

6. LACTOMANGULATION: Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the 'illegal' side.

7. PEPPER: The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want fresh ground pepper.

8. PHONESIA: The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

9. PUPKUS: The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.

10. TELECRASTINATION: The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.

GOT GEEK? GOT GEEK is ALL Scott Begin's fault

Toys from www.thinkgeek.com

Tame the Beast of HD Pictures with this Magic Device!

You know you have always wanted to be a wizard. As a wizard, you have a choice in implements, but everyone knows The Wand is the ultimate when you want to be an elite controller.



Our Wand may not make legions of kobold minions explode into flames, but it will learn up to 13 commands from your existing remote controls and map them to particular magical motions. Flick the wand from side to side to flip the channels, twist the wand to turn up the volume. A beam of light will shoot out the unicorn tail hair and magic will happen! The Wand can learn from any remotes in your house and once you master its 13 movements, you can mastermind a symphony of electronic enjoyment from the comfort of your couch. Then, and only then, are you an epic level controller.



Instructables.com is the biggest "How To" and "Do It Yourself" online community where people share inspiring, entertaining, and useful projects, recipes and hacks.

Jen Zurawicz started a tech theatre group at Instructables. There are all sorts of groovy tricks there. Learn how to make breakaway beer bottles and stunt furniture, a cardboard costume helmet, washable, non-staining stage blood by the gallon and a whole lot more.

www.instructables.com/group/techtheater

SEND YOUR CARDS & LETTERS



Our beloved mentor and Man For All Seasons, **VERNON SCHWARTZ**, has a new address. Vern is living at Renaissance at Hillside, an assisted living facility in Hillside, IL. Vern would love to get cards, letters and photos from you. There is a common phone number if you wish to call him to say howdy.

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ACTUAL NEWSPAPER ADS



3 year old teacher needed for preschool. Experience wanted.

Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not drink or smoke.

Vacation Special: Have your house exterminated.

Dinner Special: Turkey \$3.25, Chicken or Beef \$2.75, Children \$2.00

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

Auto Repair Service: Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Dog For Sale: Eats anything and is fond of children.

Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals and smacks included.

Stock up and save: Limit one.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Semi-annual Christmas Sale.

For Sale: Antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Now is your chance to get your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

Used Cars: Why go anywhere else to be cheated. Come here first.



NEW DICTIONARY

ADULT : A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR : A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL : Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS : The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE : A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST : Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST : Someone me-deep in conversation.

GOSSIP : A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

HANDKERCHIEF : Cold Storage.

INFLATION : Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO : An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN : Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET : Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON : A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE : The pain that drives you to extraction.

WORKSHOP! LIGHTING WITH LYDIA



On June 26 and 27, 2010, Lydia Bellamy-Palma will host a two day workshop on lighting. The classes will be held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center and will run from 11am to 5pm on both days. You will learn:

- How to bench focus a lighting fixture.
- How to properly hang a light.
- The basics of wiring cables and quick repairs.
- What the different lighting instruments are and how they're used.
- An overview of the lighting board and how it works (most of the time).
- Gel colours and gobos and how to use them.
- The different types of light bulbs used in theatre lighting.

The fee for the workshop is \$10. This will cover lunch for both days. To sign up for the class, please email Ellie at ssctheatre@aol.com with the subject line of LIGHTS!

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

RatRagStaff@yahoo.com

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

PAC Rat Meeting SUMMER Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **Thursday, June 3rd @ 7:00pm** in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)

"I Believe" has now been replaced with "Random Thought"

I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.

As to why I won't fly... Reason # 2





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First Butter.

1. Both have the same amount of calories.
2. Butter is slightly higher in saturated fats at 8 grams compared to 5 grams.
3. Eating margarine can increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter according to a recent Harvard Medical Study.
4. Eating butter increases the absorption of many other nutrients in other foods.
5. Butter has many nutritional benefits where margarine has a few only because they are added!
6. Butter tastes much better than margarine and it can enhance the flavors of other foods.
7. Butter has been around for centuries where margarine has been around for less than 100 years.

And now, for Margarine:.

1. Very high in Trans fatty acids.
2. Triples risk of coronary heart disease.
3. Increases total cholesterol and LDL (this is the bad cholesterol) and lowers HDL cholesterol, (the good cholesterol)
4. Increases the risk of cancer up to x five.
5. Lowers quality of breast milk.
6. Decreases immune response.
7. Decreases insulin response.
8. Margarine is one molecule away from being PLASTIC.

Bizarre Holidays in May

May is
Good Car Care Month

- 4th Candied Orange Peel Day
- 7th Pate Up Day
- 8th Have A Coke Day
- 10th Clean Up Your Room Day
- 21st Waitress/Waiter Day
- 26th Grey Day
- 27th Body Painting Art Festival

Did You Know That...

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 3 kg (6.6 lb).

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

Women blink twice as often as men.

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

How did you get your name?

The Bay City Rollers came up with their name by sticking a pin in a map of the world. It landed on Bay City, Michigan.

Buffalo Springfield members were stumped for a name. A band member was looking out of their managers window and seen a steamroller at a construction site with the brand name of "Buffalo Springfield".

Iron Maiden: A medieval torture device.

Jethro Tull: Named after the 18th century British inventor of the seed drill.

Pink Floyd: Asked Rochelle's advice and she told them to name themselves after an amalgam of two American blues artists, Pink Anderson and Floyd Council.

Steely Dan: Based on the name of a dildo in William Burrough's novel, The Naked Lunch.

Three Dog Night: It is a practice of Australian aborigines to sleep with three dogs on particularly cold nights.

UB40: Named after the British unemployment benefit form.

The Velvet Underground: Lou Reed lifted the name from the title of a cheap

Birth of the Video Game

Video games have come a long way since 1961, when the worlds first video game, Space Wars, was created.

The game was invented by Steven Russell, a student at MIT, who was working with a new computer. He decided to try to devise some sort of game that could be played on the computer. Using science fiction ideas as a base, he came up with a game that had 2 enemy spaceships trying to shoot each other down using deadly missiles. Although Space Wars was fun for computer fans to play, it was too complicated for most other people. In addition, it was necessary to have a computer - and computers were not very common back in 1961.



About 10 years later, an engineer named Ralph Baer made a great advancement in video games. His idea was to hook up

a computer to a television set so that a computer game could be placed on the TV screen. Baer came up with a game called Odyssey.

The next big breakthrough came in 1971 when Nolan Bushnell, an electrical engineer, designed a new, coin-operated video arcade game called Pong.



Bushnell's company, Atari (the word means "to score" in Japanese), produced Pong.

Pong was very successful but it wasn't until 1979 that video games turned to gold.

That is the year a Japanese company introduced an arcade game in the United States called Space Invaders.

Defender and Asteroids soon followed.

Then in 1981, Pac-Man, the best known video game of all time, arrived in the United States from Japan.

Technology for improving video games seems endless. In recent developments, a new headband allows a person to play a video game without using hands!

