



## We Represent The Lollipop Guild?

Michael Begora tries recreating the famous scene from *The Wizard of Oz*, but this tall guy can't quite pull off the Munchkin look.



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

## CONGRATS TO THE COMPANY OF "PEA"

This year's kid show, *Princess and the Pea* is already in rehearsal. As usual the ~~Instigator~~ director is creating one distraction after another during rehearsal. Thank heavens the cast pays no attention to her and is getting the job done!



Give the company a hand for having the guts to put up with Ellie.

Dawn Begin .....Princess Minerva  
 Lydia Bellamy-Palma ..... Esmerelda  
 Paul Braun ..... House Manager  
 Amanda Cuzzo ..... Prop Mistress  
 Juniper ..... Dijona Mousstarhd  
 Alexander DeYoung ..... Roy  
 Benjamin DeYoung ..... Sigfried  
 Joey Tassin ..... Costume Designer  
 Marilu Frenette ..... Princess Beulah  
 Catherine Hundt ..... Asst. Prop Mistress  
 Anne Kowalczyk ..... Set Designer  
 Angela Martin ..... Princess Olivia  
 Bettie McReynolds-Milligan ..... Publicity  
 Kim Nevins ..... Princess Ida  
 Patrick Nevins ..... Asst. House Manager  
 Mike Novakovich ..... Prince Valiant  
 Betty Owens ..... Queen Maude (Granny)  
 Samantha Pacuga ..... Asst. Prop Mistress  
 Tanissa Parks ..... Sound Board Operator  
 Sherry Rainge-Hester ..... Princess Stella  
 Dean Scalzitti ..... Master Carpenter  
 Ellie Shunko ..... Instigator  
 Robert Smagacz ..... King Maximilian  
 Efrem Tutwiler ..... Light Board Operator  
 Rochelle Walters ..... Stage Manager  
 Jamel Williams ..... Miles Standoffish



## BEGGING FOR HELP: A TIME HONOURED TRADITION



After a noted absence in last month's Rat Rag, our most popular feature, "Begging for Help" is back again! Ah yes, there is much cheering and rejoicing in the land.

In addition to the cast working hard to capture the complex, compelling and captivating characters of *Pea*, set designer Anne Kowalczyk will be backstage hammering, hollaring and honing the materials needed for putting the set together.

Anne could use some assistance in her endeavors. There are plenty of tasks that cover all manner of skill levels. No help is too little or too large. The dates and times Anne will be at the PAC are on the right. Grab your grubby clothes and come on by!

### NOVEMBER:

11-24-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 11-26-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 11-29-08 ..... 10am-5pm  
 (11-29: Only if there is lumber)



### DECEMBER:

12-2-08 ..... 5-9p,  
 12-3-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-4-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-7-08 ..... 10-8pm  
 12-13-08 ..... 10-3pm\*  
 12-15-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-16-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-17-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-18-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-19-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-20-08 ..... 10am-10pm  
 12-21-08 ..... 10am-8pm  
 12-23-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 12-27-08 ..... 10am-4pm\*  
 12-28-08 ..... 10am-8pm  
 12-29-08 ..... 5-9pm  
 \*MAY STAY LATER

## Actors Needed For Holiday Concert!

Every year, the PAC Rats joins forces with the Music Department to entertain at Christmas time. This year, lithe and tawny choral director Al Jackson would like a group of actors to participate in one of the numbers to be sung by the SSC Voices.

The song is *The 12 Days After Christmas*, which is a parody of the classic traditional favourite. While the Voices are sweetly singing, we'll be demonstrating just exactly what went on with all those partridges, turtle doves, French hens, calling birds and golden rings.

### JANUARY:

1-3-09 ..... 10am-4pm  
 1-4-09 ..... 10am-8pm

The SSC Voices will perform on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 and on Friday, December 12, 2008. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm. Rehearsals will take place in the evenings. If you want to join in the fun, email Ellie at [ssctheatre@aol.com](mailto:ssctheatre@aol.com).

To see a performance of the song, check out this YouTube video:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQXduaBkR4s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQXduaBkR4s)

• In Alaska, waking a sleeping bear for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited.

• In Long Beach, CA, it is illegal to curse on a mini-golf course.

Winter Fun: Put a teaspoon of McCormick food coloring in a spray bottle filled with water and let kids spray designs on snow.

*Ponderisms:* Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

## SSC's FREE CONCERTS



**December 2, 2008..... 2:00pm**  
Student Recital: Students of SSC Music Faculty perform a variety of classical pieces.

**December 3, 2008 ..... 7:30pm**  
Ensembles Concert, featuring the Jazz Combo and Jazz Band II, directed by Fred Miller, the Percussion Ensemble, directed by Glenn Ellison and the SSC Voices, directed by Al Jackson.

**December 5, 2008 ..... 7:30pm**  
Jazz Bands Concert featuring the SSC Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra. Both bands are led by Andy Hoefle.

**December 7, 2008 ..... 4:00pm**  
Evening Choral Concert Al Jackson conducts SSC's leading choral group in sacred music for the holiday season. **This concert will be presented at St. Victor's Church, 553 Hirsch Ave., Calumet City, IL.**

**December 9, 2008 ..... 7:00pm**  
Guitar Recital: The students of SSC guitar faculty, Linda Kelley, perform in a revelry of guitars. Solo and group pieces will be performed, including traditional music for Christmas.



**December 12, 2008 ..... 7:30pm**  
Holiday Concert: Join the good cheer as the SSC Voices, PAC Rats Theatre Company, Symphonic Band present their annual Holiday Card to the Community. Hosted by Al Jackson and Andy Hoefle, with special appearances by SSC president George Dammer, faculty members Art and Patrice Burton and more.



Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center at South Suburban

College. No charge for admission at any of the concerts. Donations to music scholarship funds will be accepted. Call the music department at 708-596-2000, ext. 2316 for more info.

## GOT GEEK?

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

**USB LED Beverage Cooler:** What happens when you just want one can of soda at your desk and you want it cold? Well, plug in this small single-can beverage cooler into a USB port and chill a can on your desk. Then you won't have to get up to get your drink.



## TOP TEN TURKEY TIPS

Whether you're tackling a Thanksgiving turkey for the first or hundredth time, these top 10 tips will ensure your big bird is the best it can be.



1. Thawing a frozen turkey requires patience. The safest method is to thaw turkey in the refrigerator. Be sure to plan ahead. It takes about 24 hours for every 5 pounds.
2. Whatever you do, don't start roasting your turkey in the oven if it's still frozen. It will cook unevenly and turn into a big dry mess. If all else fails, light some more candles, eat at midnight and tell your guests you're starting a new dining tradition.
3. For crisper skin, unwrap the turkey the day before roasting and leave it uncovered in the refrigerator overnight.
4. Cooking times will differ depending on whether your bird was purchased fresh or frozen. Plan on 20 minutes per pound in a 350 degree F oven for a defrosted turkey and 10 to 15 minutes per pound for fresh.
5. A turkey will cook more evenly if it is not densely stuffed. Consider adding flavor by loosely filling the cavity with aromatic vegetables – carrots, celery, onion or garlic work nicely – or by carefully tucking fresh herbs underneath the breast skin. For the stuffing lovers, cook the dressing in a casserole dish on the side.
6. For even roasting, truss your turkey.
7. Before roasting, coat the outside of the turkey with vegetable or olive oil, season with salt and pepper and tightly cover the breast with aluminum foil to prevent over-browning (it will be removed in step 8).
8. Don't be a peeping tom (no pun intended)! Once you get the turkey in the oven, resist the temptation to open the oven door and admire your handiwork. When the oven temperature fluctuates, you're only increasing the likelihood of a dry bird. About 45 minutes before you think the turkey is done, remove the foil from the breast to allow it to brown.
9. Remove the turkey from the oven when the deepest spot between the leg and the breast reads 180 degrees F on an instant-read thermometer. Check the internal temperature of the stuffing as well; it should be at least 165 degrees.



10. Tent the bird with foil and let rest for about 15 minutes before carving. If you need more time to make gravy, heat up side dishes, etc., you can let the turkey set for up to an hour without losing too much heat.

**Ellie's Tip:**  
Call a caterer!

## KNOW YOUR LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS



This month's installment of lighting instruments presents the **Scoop**, which is the simplest of all stage lighting fixtures. Their basic construction is simply a big ole round metal housing with one open end. The inside is reflective and has a socket for a lamp. Scoops do not use lenses, but they do have clips or, as shown in the picture on the right, a slot for a gel frame.



They are particularly well suited for lighting backdrops. A continuous row of floodlights can be arranged above and parallel to the backdrop, at a distance of 3-10 feet away.

Scoops are designed to provide a wide, even distribution of light, over a large area. Typical wattages range from 500 to 1500 watts. Lamp types vary, depending on the construction of the unit. The scoops at the Kindig Performing Arts Center use 500 watt FCL or FCZ bulbs, which are double ended tubes.



Scoops are also sometimes used for the lighting of scenery or to provide large area washes. They are often used as work lights in theatres. A few well placed scoops can provide a full stage of enough light to build sets by.

# Weird Statues and Sculptures Around The World

Watch for more next month

## The Magic Tap

Location: Aqualand, Cadiz



## La Trobe

Location: Melbourne



## Los Angeles

Location: Los Angeles, CA



Location: Stockholm, Sweden



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All of the following are located in Prague



## Poetry Corner

Rose are red, violets are blue  
We have something new for you!  
I bet ya didn't know it,  
We're looking for some poets,  
So pick up a pen or peck at  
your keys  
Submit those poems ASAP!  
You know you want to try  
So please do not be shy!

~ Tracie Gambino



**DON'T JOIN DANGEROUS CULTS.  
PRACTICE SAFE SECTS!**

**IN HONOUR OF STUPID PEOPLE...**



**On the warning label of a toilet plunger:**

*"Do not use near power lines."*

**A dyslexic man walks into a bra...**

**I BELIEVE...**

...that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

**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

Fun Websites

WWW.  
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www.angryalien.com

They have 30 second re-enactments of movies, acted entirely by animated bunnies. Quite cool.

My favs are *Jaws*, and of course, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

## A Nifty Tip

Pull the grips off of your child's or your bike and put a photo inside the handle bars then put the grip back on. If the bike is stolen, you have proof of your ownership.

### PAC Rat Meeting Winter Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be Friday, December 5th @ 7:00pm in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)

## Bizarre Holidays in November

November is International Drum Month

- 4th is Waiting for the Barbarians Day
- 8th is Dunce Day
- 14th is Operation Room Nurse Day
- 15th is Clean Out Your Fridge Day
- 18th is Occult Day
- 22nd is Start Your Own Country Day
- 31st is Increase Psychic Powers Day

Instructions:

### Exercising Baby



## AWARD WINNING CONSTRUCTION W.T.H.\* PHOTOS

\*WHAT THE HECK?!

The Nominees are:

1)



2)



3)



4)



5)



6)



and the winner is...



## Did You Know That...

- It takes twice as long to lose new muscle if you stop working out, than it did to gain it.
- Your ears secrete more earwax when you are afraid than when you aren't.
- Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.
- If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.