



## Avast, ye Mateys! Which one is Captain Gregg?

Jon Jenkins is looking very *Ghost and Mrs. Muir* in his sailor cap.



## BEGGING FOR HELP - THE SEQUEL



You were dreaming when you thought you wouldn't see another pitch for *Hay Fever* set construction help. Tsk. Tsk. You should know better by now.

Remember, even though you might think you have few "special skills," there are tons of things you can help with to prepare for the show. For example, peeling garage sale price stickers off the china would be a big help!

The preliminary construction schedule is below. If you can help out, confirm the dates and times with Stage Manager Nick via email ([blizzarddog98@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blizzarddog98@sbcglobal.net)) or jingle him on his cell at 708-227-7150.

DATE	START	END	DATE	START	END
Sat, Oct 6	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Sun, Oct 21	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sun, Oct 14	12:00 PM	10:00 PM	Fri, Oct 26	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Fri, Oct 19	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Sat, Oct 27	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 20	12:00 PM	10:00 PM	Sun, Oct 28	12:00 PM	10:00 PM

## What's Up With This TinyURL Stuff??



You might have noticed in the September issue of the Rat Rag that several web addresses (called **Uniform Resource Locators** or URLs) had "tinyurl" in them.

**TinyURL.com** is a web service that takes realllly long URLs and makes them smaller. This comes in handy when you're trying to fit something in a Rat Rag article! Like all URLs and email addresses in the Rat Rag, TinyURLs are coloured blue and are clickable.

## AUDITIONS FOR PINOCCHIO!



Auditions are set for the annual kid show. This year we're doing Michele Vacca's adaptation of *Pinocchio*. There are 13 characters in the show. Six are men, two are female and the remaining five can be either female or male.

The show is a lot of fun and can be expanded to include a lot of new characters, above the original 13. If we get tons of people at auditions, we can use the expanded script.

The dates for the readings are Friday, November 16 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm and Saturday, November 17 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Bring your calendars to auditions as there are loads of rehearsals over the Christmas season. Additionally, performances take place during the weekdays, so you'll be expected to take off work or classes if you want to be considered for a role.

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

**PINOCCHIO:** Geppetto's wonderful wooden puppet. Once Pinocchio is brought to life, he finds it difficult to learn how to be a good son. As the play progresses, however, he becomes less puppetlike and turns into a real boy at last.

**GEPPETTO:** A kindly but lonely old woodcarver who wants to create the most wonderful puppet in the world.

**MASTER CHERRY:** Geppetto's practical carpenter friend.

**BLUE FAIRY:** "The godmother of all little puppets." She is gracious and kind.

**HARLEQUIN AND COLUMBINE:** The two wooden puppets Pinocchio meets during his adventures.

**FIRE EATER:** The showman who threatens to destroy Pinocchio but gives him gold instead.

**THE FOX, SANDOR S. SWINDLE:** A glib though rather unsuccessful crook.

**THE CAT, SIDNEY:** The Fox's devoted, though not very intelligent, sidekick.

**CANDLEWICK:** A bad boy.

**BARKER AT THE PUPPET SHOW:** A greedy and stupid man.

**COACHMAN:** The lying hypocrite who lures boys off to The Land of Dingalings.

**THE TALKING CRICKET:** Pinocchio's loyal friend.

More info is at: <http://tinyurl.com/yrdayq>

In Truro, Mississippi, a would-be groom must "prove himself manly" prior to marriage by hunting and killing either six blackbirds or three crows.

To prevent a popsicle from dripping, poke one or two holes as needed in a Mr. Coffee Filter, insert the popsicle, and let the filter catch the drips.

### Ponderisms

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

## IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

Why yes! There is! Congratulations to Anne Sullivan, Ph.D., whose dissertation was recently accepted by Northwestern University. Anne, shown below on the left, is in a state of euphoria. Longtime and ardent supporter Bobbie (right) is so happy, she's been tap dancing everywhere she goes.



Here's hoping Anne's dissertation, *Writing the Rites of the Goddess Fame: The Divinely Comical Conversion of Geoffrey Chaucer*, will appear as a number one best-seller on Amazon.com.



## Your Skin Has Four Colors

All skin, without coloring, would appear creamy white. Near-surface blood vessels add a blush of red. A yellow pigment also tints the canvas. Lastly, sepia-toned melanin, created in response to ultraviolet rays, appears black in large amounts. These four hues mix in different proportions to create the skin colors of all the peoples of Earth.

## WORD DEFINITION — CRAPTACULAR —

crap•tac•u•lar [krap-tak-yuh-ler]  
— adjective

1. of or like a frightening spectacle; marked by or given to an impressive, large-scale display.

2. an object so tacky and tasteless that it becomes desirable, especially when hanging above the door to Ellie's office. **See photo.**



## FREE CONCERTS in the PAC



Friday, October 5, 2007 at  
7:30pm

Jazz Concert, featuring the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra, both directed by Andy Hoefle.

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:30pm

Choral Concert featuring the SSC Voices, under the direction of Albert Jackson.

Friday, October 12, 2007 at 7:30pm

Symphonic Band Concert, conducted by Andy Hoefle.

There is no charge for admission to any of these concerts. Donations to music scholarship funds will be accepted.

## CONCERTS ELSEWHERE

Friday, November 2, 2007 at Noon

Victoria Lowczyk Lecture / Recital: **In Lecture Hall A at SSC.** Victoria Lowczyk, guest vocalist and pianist, will give a lecture and recital featuring the music of Frederick Chopin. No charge for admission.

Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 7:30pm

**LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., LaPorte, IN**



**Bach, Beer, Beethoven and Brats**

Join the **SSC EVENING CHORALE** (directed by our own Al Jackson!) and the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra for a diverse program of distinctive music. Featured composers include PDQ Bach, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Indiana composer Carl Linden. Humor, power, magnificence craftsmanship are hallmarks of this concert. Don't miss the world premiere of "Indiana Suite" by Carl Linden. Hear the first movement of Beethoven's 5th Symphony like never before... a sportscast. The monumental and powerful Symphony No. 9 "The Choral" concludes the Pops Classique concert. Enjoy great music, great food, great refreshments, table seating and friends and this celebratory evening. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors. Call 219-362-9020 or order online at: <http://www.lcso.net>

**The oldest business in the United States of America is the cymbal company, Zildjian, which was founded in Constantinople in 1623.**

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

The New Lenox school district is promoting healthy choices for its fall fundraising activity. Order your Florida navel oranges, grapefruit or tangelos and help support the kids! 10 pound cartons are \$15 each and 20 pound cartons are \$20 each. Such a deal!



If healthy choices aren't your bag, the Cub Scouts are in the throes of their infamous popcorn fundraiser. Yum! Prices on delicious treats such as Nacho Cheese Corn and Chocolate Lovers Trio range from \$15 to \$40.

Fruit money is due by October 19th; popcorn money is due by October 14th. If you are interested, email Tracie Gambino at [jtgam41400@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtgam41400@sbcglobal.net).

## Living' La Vida La-La



Kim Irwin Dildine, last seen on the PAC stage in *Story Theatre*, has since been working toward his goal of becoming a working actor. Kim recently moved to California to pursue his dream. He sent this update in a recent email:

"I've been in LA a week now. I was officially welcomed by the City of Los Angeles with a \$50 parking citation. I start a cold reading class Wednesday evening and I'll start sending letters and postcards to agents and casting directors this week. So I guess I'm living the life of an actor in LA LA Land."

**Break-a-Leg, Kim!**

## NEW LOGO FOR COLLEGE



South Suburban College has a new logo! The SSC Board of Trustees recently approved the new logo to be used immediately on newly created materials.

It's about time, too. The old logo looked like the Mercury car symbol. We think the new one looks pretty darned swank.

## What Causes Allergies?



You have an allergy when your body overreacts to things that don't cause problems for most people. These things are called allergens. Your body's overreaction to the allergens is what causes symptoms (see the list below for common symptoms). For example, sometimes the term "hay fever" is used to describe your body's allergic reaction to seasonal allergens in the air, such as grass or pollen.

### COMMON ALLERGY SYMPTOMS:

- Runny nose
- Watery eyes
- Itchy nose, eyes and roof of mouth
- Sneezing
- Stuffy nose
- Pressure in the nose and cheeks
- Ear fullness and popping
- Dark circles under the eyes
- Hives

### WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON ALLERGENS?

#### Pollen from trees, grass and weeds:

Allergies that occur in the spring (late April and May) are often due to tree pollen. Allergies that occur in the summer (late May to mid-July) are often due to grass and weed pollen. Allergies that occur in the fall (late August to the first frost) are often due to ragweed.

**Mold:** Mold is common where water tends to collect, such as shower curtains, window moldings and damp basements. It can also be found in rotting logs, hay, mulches, commercial peat moss, compost piles and leaf litter. This allergy is usually worse during humid and rainy weather.

**Animal dander:** Proteins found in the skin, saliva, and urine of furry pets such as cats and dogs are allergens. You can be exposed to dander when handling an animal or from house dust that contains dander.

**Dust:** Many allergens, including dust mites, are in dust. Dust mites are tiny living creatures found in bedding, mattresses, carpeting and upholstered furniture. They live on dead skin cells and other things found in house dust.

### THINGS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR ALLERGY SYMPTOMS WORSE:

- Aerosol sprays
- Cold temperatures
- Irritating fumes
- Wind
- Air pollution
- Humidity
- Tobacco smoke
- Wood smoke

### HOW CAN I AVOID ALLERGENS?

**Pollens:** Shower or bathe before bedtime to wash off pollen and other allergens in your hair and on your skin. Avoid going outside, especially on dry, windy days. Keep windows and doors shut, and use an air conditioner at home and in your car.

**Mold:** You can reduce the amount of mold in your home by removing houseplants and by frequently cleaning shower curtains, bathroom windows, damp walls, areas with dry rot and indoor trash cans. Use a mix of water and chlorine bleach to kill mold. Open doors and windows and use fans to increase air movement and help prevent mold. Don't carpet bathrooms or other damp rooms and use mold-proof paint instead of wallpaper. Reducing the humidity in your home to 50% or less can also help. You can control your home air quality by using a dehumidifier, keeping the temperature set at 70 degrees, and cleaning or replacing small-particle filters in your central air system.

**Pet dander:** If your allergies are severe, you may need to give your pets away or at least keep them outside. Cat or dog dander often collects in house dust and takes 4 weeks or more to die down. However, there are ways to reduce the amounts of pet dander in your home. Using allergen-resistant bedding, bathing your pet frequently, and using an air filter can help reduce pet dander. Ask your veterinarian for other ways to reduce pet dander in your home.

**Dust and dust mites:** To reduce dust mites in your home, remove drapes, feather pillows, upholstered furniture, non-washable comforters and soft toys. Replace carpets with linoleum or wood. Polished floors are best. Mop the floor often with a damp mop and wipe surfaces with a damp cloth. Vacuum regularly with a machine that has a high-efficiency particulate air filter. Vacuum soft furniture and curtains as well as floors. Install an air cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate or electrostatic filter. Wash carpets and upholstery with special cleaners, such as benzyl benzoate or tannic acid spray. Wash all bedding in hot water (hotter than 130°F) every 7 to 10 days. Don't use mattress pads. Cover mattress and pillows with plastic covers. Lower the humidity in your home.

*He who hesitates is probably right.*

### IN HONOUR OF STUPID PEOPLE...

On an American Airlines packet of nuts:  
"Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts."

## THE BEST OF THE WORST FAMILY FEUD ANSWERS



Name a former President that most people would say is honest.

– Nixon –

Name a slang term used for important people.

– Buddy –

Name something packrats have a hard time throwing away.

– Corn –

Name a classical composer everyone knows.

– Julio Inglesias –

Name a musician who goes by one name.

– Reba McIntyre –



## POWER

POWER CORRUPTS. ABSOLUTE  
POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.  
BUT IT ROCKS ABSOLUTELY ALSO!

## I Believe...

...that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

## Surprising Things You Can Get For Free!!!

### BEN & JERRY'S FREE CONE DAY

One day a year, every year, all of the more than 600 Ben and Jerry's stores world wide offer free cones with no limit. Eat all the Cherry Garcia you like!!! Check their website for locations.

[www.BenAndJerrys.com](http://www.BenAndJerrys.com)

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with any article, photo, want ad or idea at:

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

## Fun Websites WWW!

<http://tinyurl.com/h8tum>

Who needs a tour bus when you can view the home of the rich and famous from above? **Zillow.com** allows you to get a bird's eye view of the Playboy Mansion, the Six Feet Under home and other estates used in popular movies and TV programs.

### MICKEY'S DINER A NATIONAL LANDMARK



**Location:** 36 W. Ninth St.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
**Built:** 1937-39  
**Designer:** Jerry O'Mahoney Company,  
Elizabeth, NJ  
**Listed on NRHP:** February 24, 1983

Mickey's Diner has been serving breakfast to Minnesotans for more than 60 years. The only known dining car of its type to survive in Minnesota, it was prefabricated in New Jersey, shipped to St. Paul by rail and installed in the heart of downtown. Despite the proliferation in recent years of fast-food chains and franchised restaurants, the diner remains a successful business, in part due to its unique atmosphere.

Inspired by streamlined railroad dining cars, Mickey's sports a symmetrical facade clad with yellow and red porcelain steel panels, a horizontal band of plate glass windows and a projecting neon sign with Art Deco lettering. The interior of the diner features stainless steel, mahogany and mirrored fixtures. A glass vestibule, added when the diner was installed, protects patrons from harsh Minnesota winters.

When faced with demolition in 1982 to make way for the construction of The World Trade Center, citizens of Minnesota were outraged and petitioned the National Register of Historical Places. Mickey's Diner is now a protected landmark that sits at the feet of the towering Minnesota World Trade Building, forever safe and ready to serve you the best baked beans in the state!

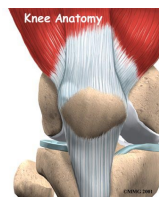
## Bizarre Holidays in October

October is National Sarcastics Month

1st is Magic Circles Day  
6th is Come Take it Day  
10th is National Angel Food Cake Day  
19th is Evaluate Your Life Day  
24th is National Bologna Day  
27th is Sylvia Plath Day  
31st is Rochelle's Birthday (*buy her presents*)

### The Wit & Wisdom of Ronald Reagan

- "Here is my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."
- "The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I am here to help."
- "The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant, it's just that they know so much that isn't so."
- "Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong."
- "I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."
- "The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service exam."
- "The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see here on earth is a government program."
- "I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: No matter what time it is, wake me, even if it is in the middle of a Cabinet meeting."
- "It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."
- "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."
- "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."



## PROTECT YOUR BODY'S MOST IMPORTANT JOINT

### Preventing Knee Injuries

It doesn't take a body blow in football or an auto accident to injure your knees. Sudden twists of your upper body while your foot is still planted on the ground can tear knee ligaments. That can happen if you turn quickly to catch a pass in basketball or if you suddenly grab to pick up a child who has run into the street.

Strength and flexibility exercises for your thighs and legs (the muscles that support the knee) can help protect you from injury. Also try to avoid repeated squatting movements and lose weight if necessary.

### Strength and flexibility exercise

- Slowly extend one leg as far as possible; flex foot toward head and hold 2 seconds.
- Lower the leg and repeat with alternate leg.
- Repeat 8 to 15 times for each leg.

## Did You Know That...

- Teeth are the only part of the human body that can't repair themselves.
- The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.
- The only part of the human body that has no blood supply is the cornea.

## FOR SALE!

10" Craftsman portable table saw with stand and extra blades. Price is a low, low \$100. Email Dennis Duffner at [dduffner@gmail.com](mailto:dduffner@gmail.com) for more info.

### PAC Rat Meeting

### Fall / Winter Schedule!

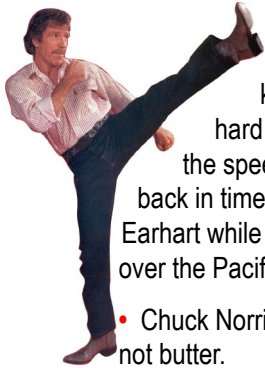
The next PAC Rat meeting will be Friday November 2nd @ 7:00pm in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)

# CHUCK NORRIS — THE REAL STORY

Just about everyone on the planet agrees that Chuck Norris is the biggest and baddest man ever. Those who don't are roundhouse kicked out of existence.



As with any legend, rumours abound. The "Bottom Dwellers" at Applied Systems were not satisfied with foolish rumours. They set up a team of dedicated researchers and confirmed the following facts about Chuck Norris.



- Chuck Norris once roundhouse kicked someone so hard that his foot broke the speed of light, went back in time, and killed Amelia Earhart while she was flying over the Pacific Ocean.
- Chuck Norris CAN believe it's not butter.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could Chuck Norris? All of it.
- Chuck Norris doesn't churn butter. He roundhouse kicks the cows and the butter comes straight out.
- When Chuck Norris sends in his taxes, he sends blank forms and includes only a picture of himself, crouched and ready to attack. Chuck Norris has not had to pay taxes. Ever.
- Some people wear Superman pajamas. Superman wears Chuck Norris pajamas.
- Chuck Norris ordered a Big Mac at Burger King, and got one.

- Chuck Norris has the greatest Poker-Face of all time. He won the 1983 World Series of Poker, despite holding only a Joker, a Get out of Jail Free Monopoly card, a 2 of clubs, 7 of spades and a green #4 card from the game UNO.
- In the beginning there was nothing... then Chuck Norris roundhouse kicked that nothing in the face and said "Get a job". That is the story of the universe.
- Chuck Norris doesn't bowl strikes, he just knocks down one pin and the other nine faint.
- Chuck Norris brings in the noise AND the funk.
- If you ask Chuck Norris what time it is, he always says, "Two seconds 'til." After you ask, "Two seconds 'til what?" he roundhouse kicks you in the face.
- Nobody doesn't like Sara Lee. Except Chuck Norris.
- Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding.
- Chuck Norris always knows the EXACT location of Carmen SanDiego.
- Chuck Norris was what Willis was talkin' about.
- Chuck Norris sleeps with a pillow under his gun.
- They were going to release a Chuck Norris edition of Clue, but the answer always turns out to be "Chuck Norris. In The Library. With a Roundhouse Kick."



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR(S)

*Readers sound off on the September issue*

Pretty neat issue, Ellie... I even found some facts about swans I really didn't need to know!

Mary Lee Seward — Newark, Delaware

Great job as usual!

One thing though; while September 6th is indeed Fight Procrastination Day, it isn't actually celebrated until a week or two later.

Steve Robinson — Baltimore, Maryland

Thanks, Steve. We meant to report that Fight Procrastination Day was on August 6th, but we didn't get around to it until September. — Ed.

## OPEN MIC FOR A WEEK IN NOVEMBER

Bobbie Saltzman and the SSC Playhouse will host its fourth annual annoyingly loud and rambunctious week-long open-mic gig lamely called "Cafe-Fest." (What would YOU call something that was held in SSC's cafeteria?) Please join the noise, prodding and fun on Monday - Thursday, November 5, 6, 7 and 8, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in "Ma" Cofer's hotspot.



Join Bobbie as she riles up the crowd and cajoles unsuspecting diners into making the long walk from their comfortable seats aaaaaaaaall the way up to the mic to dazzle the crowd with a song, some poetry, a monologue, a dance or some stand-up comedy. (Good luck with that comedy and remember, the SSC Playhouse, its administrators and entire governing body is not and will not be held liable or in any way responsible for the residue of firmly pelted over-ripe tomatoes or raw eggs. Use care when handling raw eggs.)



Everyone is welcome to be exposed to the Very Honest Responses of the throngs in the cafeteria. We'll raise the roof, have some fun and hold daily give-aways of gifts worth well over \$6.99. FYI, the 2006 Cafe-Fest uncovered the talents of eight students who appeared in last spring's "Godspell!"

## Ho! Ho! Ho! Calling All Santas!



Jack and Jill of America, a service organization for young kids, is looking for someone to play Santa this year. Ellie spoke to Lisa Adams, the organizer of the event. "Jack & Jill of America, Inc. was founded in 1938 in from a meeting of 20 mothers," said Lisa. "The idea is to bring together children in a social and cultural environment."

Because they work primarily with African American children, Lisa was hoping for a Santa of colour. It is not, however, a requirement.

This worthy organization is sponsoring a Christmas party for ages 2 years and up on Sunday, December 2, 2007 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. If you can help them out and play Santa, please give Lisa Adams a call at 708-267-0763.



## The Curtain Is Going Up!

Support your local theatres! You don't have to go downtown to see an excellent show. We have them right here in our own communities at a fraction of the price. Here are just a few upcoming performances waiting for you.

### ORLAND PARK THEATRE TROUPE – *Seven Keys to Baldpate*

A writer who must complete his latest novel in 24 hours in order to win a bet thinks he's found the perfect place to work in a remote country inn. (Maybe *their* caretaker will remember how many keys there are to Baldpate Manor!)

**Featuring Janet Wittenmeyer.**

**When:** October 19 and 20, 2007 at 8:00pm and October 21, 2007 at 2:00pm.

**Tickets:** Adults: \$12.00 Seniors: \$10.00. Children: \$8.00.

**Performances** in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave, Orland Park, IL. Call 708-403-PARK for tickets or info. Advance reservations strongly recommended.

### ILLINOIS THEATRE CENTER – *The Lady from Havana*

A raucous comedy about an elderly Cuban dowager who comes to live with her daughter in Miami.

**When:** October 25 to November 11, 2007. Wednesday - Saturday Evenings at 8:00pm, Sunday Matinees at 2:30pm, Sunday Evenings at 7:30pm.

**Tickets:** \$19.00 and \$21.00. Student and Senior discounts available.

**Performances** are at 371 Artists' Walkway, Park Forest, IL. Call 708-481-3510 for tickets or info.

Website: [www.ilthctr.org](http://www.ilthctr.org)

### PAC RATS THEATRE COMPANY – *Hay Fever*

Comedic chaos about the ultra-Bohemian Bliss family and their unsuspecting weekend guests.

**When:** November 2, 3 and 9, 2007 at 8:00pm, November 10, 2007 at 2:00pm and 8:00pm

**Tickets:** Adults: \$6.00 Students/Seniors: \$4.00.

**Performances** are in the Kindig Performing Arts Center of South Suburban College, 15800 State St., South Holland, IL. Call 708-210-5741 for tickets or info. Website: [tinyurl.com/yuxf5e](http://tinyurl.com/yuxf5e)

### HAMMOND COMMUNITY THEATRE – *The Good Doctor*

Neil Simon's tribute to Anton Chekhov. His stories, as represented by Simon, resonate with feeling and humor. **Featuring Jim Walters as the General and as one of the narrators. Costumes are by Rochelle Walters.**

**When:** November 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2007 at 8:00pm

**Tickets:** Adults: \$7.00, Students/Seniors: \$5.00.

**Performances** will be in the theatre at Calumet College, 2400 New York Avenue, in Whiting, IN. Call 888-210-7528 (toll free) for tickets or info. Website: [www.hammondcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.hammondcommunitytheatre.org)

### CHICAGO HEIGHTS DRAMA GROUP – *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

Lusty, mirthful girl-stealing musical - with seven great songs!

**When:** November 9 and 10, 2007 at 7:30pm and November 11, 2007 at 2:00pm

**Tickets:** Adults: \$18.00, Students/Seniors: \$17.00

**Performances** are at Bloom High School, 101 W. 10th Street, Chicago Heights, IL. Call 708-755-3444 for tickets or info. Website: [www.dramagroup.org](http://www.dramagroup.org)

## CARPE DEAL!

*submitted by Dennis Duffner*

Seize the deal! Get Microsoft® Office Ultimate 2007 for just \$59.95. It's a total steal. If you are a student and have an ".edu" email address, you can save over \$250 on this essential software.

Visit <http://www.theultimatesteal.com> to see if you qualify.

## 400 Years Later, Billy "Bud" Shakespeare Still Cause For News

*Not To Be? Group Revisits Shakespeare Authorship Debate*  
story submitted by Amy DiFiore

A small academic industry has developed around the effort to prove that Shakespeare, a provincial lad, could not have written the much-loved plays, with their expertise on law, ancient and modern history and mathematics.

Some of Britain's most distinguished Shakespearean actors have reopened the debate over whether William Shakespeare, a 16th century commoner raised in an illiterate household in Stratford-upon-Avon, wrote the plays that bear his name.

Acclaimed actor Derek Jacobi and Mark Rylance, the former artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe Theater in London, unveiled a "Declaration of Reasonable Doubt" on the authorship of Shakespeare's work, following the final matinee of *I am Shakespeare*, a play investigating the bard's identity, in Chichester, southern England.

Read the full story: [tinyurl.com/yrfbbw](http://tinyurl.com/yrfbbw)

*Actor Playing Brutus In 'Julius Caesar' Stabs Self*

story submitted by Dennis Duffner

(AP) ASPEN, Colo. Julius Caesar lay dead and Brutus was talking to his co-conspirators about swords and blood when he paused and excused himself, saying "I seem to have stabbed myself."

Aspen actor/director Kent Hudson Reed accidentally cut his leg open with the knife he was using in an outdoor performance of "Scenes from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar" on Wednesday.

Read the full story: [tinyurl.com/2218xx](http://tinyurl.com/2218xx)

*Note to self: Use phony knife when playing this part!*

## R.I.P. YELLOW RIBBON

The Yellow Ribbon, favourite 24-hour greasy spoon of the PAC Rats Theatre Company, has been closed for nearly a year. Now, it is no more. The building has been razed to the ground; all that's left is an empty, overgrown lot. No one seems to know if it will be rebuilt, or if another restaurant will be put in its place. We'll miss the Ribbon. It was the scene of many a happy post show meal.



photos by Megan Zurawicz

