

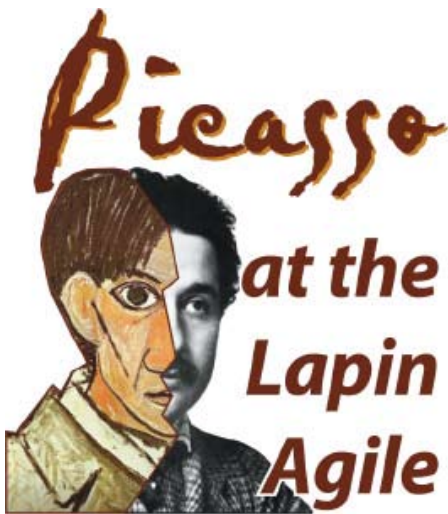


The Kindig Performing Arts Center has a brand spanking new sound system.

Many thanks to the SSC Foundation for providing 1/3 of the \$45,000.00 (ouch!) price tag. The kid shows paid for the rest.



## STEVE MARTIN COMEDY OPENS SOON



The PAC Rats Theatre Company of South Suburban College will open the 2010-2011 season with *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, written by popular actor and screenwriter Steve Martin. Performances will take place in the Kindig Performing Arts Center on the main campus on September 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8:00pm and September 26 at 2:00pm.

This long running Off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism. In

his first comedy for the stage, the popular actor and screenwriter plays fast and loose with fact, fame and fortune as these two geniuses muse on the century's achievements and prospects as well as other fanciful topics with infectious dizziness.

Bystanders and cafe patrons introduce additional flourishes of humor. They include Picasso's agent Sagot, Freddy the bartender and his mistress Germaine, Einstein's date, the Countess, Gaston, a self-proclaimed philosopher, Suzanne, Picasso's muse-of-the-moment and idiot inventor C.D. Schmendimen. The final surprise patron to join the merriment at the Lapin Agile is a charismatic hip swiveling, blue suede shoe wearing singer time warped in from a later era.

*Picasso at the Lapin Agile* reflects Martin's sense of humor with quick one-liners and characters with their own unique personalities. The play opened at the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago in 1994 before making a run at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles and finally making its way to New York City, where it won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off Broadway Play.

**Tickets:**

**\$8 Adults / \$6 Seniors, Students. SSC students and staff: Buy one ticket at \$6 and get the second ticket free.**  
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## PICASSO CAST AND CREW

Anne Begora..... *Stage Manager/Set Designer*  
Lydia Bellamy-Palma..... *Lighting Designer*  
Albert Clark..... *Gaston*  
Kim DeCarlo..... *Backstage Crew*  
Vera Friloux..... *Props Mistress*  
Dan Galbraith... *Ast. Stage Manager/Sound*  
Cathy Hundt..... *Germaine*  
Angela Martin..... *Director*  
Leffié Martin, Jr..... *Pablo Picasso*  
Terrell McKinney..... *Freddy*  
Kim Nevins..... *C.D. Schmendiman*  
Pat Nevins..... *Sagot*  
Melody Peterson..... *The Countess*  
Eric Pradelski..... *Albert Einstein*  
Dean Scalzitti... *Master Carpenter/ A Visitor*  
Joey Tassin..... *Costume Designer*  
Laura Tiemens..... *Suzanne*  
Sandy Zurawicz..... *Light Board Op*

## IS THERE A MANAGER IN DA HOUSE?

We're still in need of a house manager for *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. House managers arrange the scheduling of those that have volunteered to usher for a performance. They are in charge of seeing to it that the ushers know the ropes. They also will pass out programs, check tickets and make sure no one brings Mrs. Braun's delicious treats into the seating area. If you're interested, please email Anne Begora at [abegora@gmail.com](mailto:abegora@gmail.com).

In Pacific Grove, CA, "molesting" butterflies can result in a \$500 fine AND it's illegal to set a mousetrap without a hunting license.

To freshen smelly sneakers, fill a knee-high nylon with Maxwell House® coffee and place in the shoes. A bowl filled with coffee grounds freshens your fridge.

**Ponderisms** Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

## UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

**Friday, October 8 .....7:30pm**

SSC's Symphonic Band and Jazz Orchestra perform in a dueling concert. Both bands are directing by Andy Hoefle and will feature guest artist, saxophonist Chris Vadala.



**Tuesday, October 12.....7:30pm**

SSC's 90 voice Evening Chorale performs under the direction of "Big Al" Jackson. You should come just to see how we cram all those people and a grand piano on stage.



**Friday, October 15 .....7:30pm**

Ensembles Concert: The "Babies" (Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band and Jazz Combo) show us geezers how to swing as they rip through a number of really great jazz tunes. Andy Hoefle and Fred Miller attempt to keep up as directors. "Big Al" Jackson and the SSC Voices will also hit the stage with melodious harmonies. Come and hear the fabulous talent here at SSC. There will be something for everyone at this concert.



**November 8-10.....10:30am to 1:30pm**

Join the fun in the South Suburban College cafeteria as Bobbie Saltzman presents her fabulous **CAFÉ FEST!** This is an open mic event and all are invited to strut their stuff in song, poetry, dramatic readings or dance. If you don't want to perform, come out and support the theatre and spot the stars of our next productions!



Except Café Fest, all concerts will be held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center at South Suburban College, 15800 State Street, South Holland, IL. There is no charge for admission, however, donations for music scholarships will be accepted. Call the music office at 708-596-2000, ext. 2316 for more info or email:

[MusicDept@ssc.edu](mailto:MusicDept@ssc.edu).



Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

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## RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Bring your empty coffee, margarine and Cool Whip containers to the PAC. We can use them (especially the coffee cans) for paint, bits of hardware and other storage solutions.



### What's My Motivation?

submitted by Pat Nevins

Humorist Phil Proctor does a lot of radio voice-overs. But his favorite part of the job is reading the character descriptions in the script:

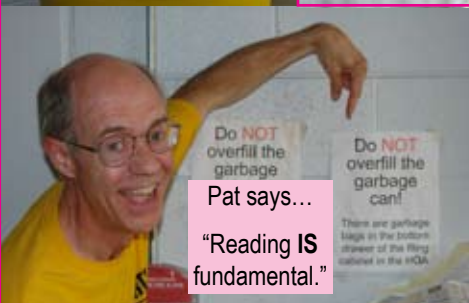
- We're looking for the voice of God, but not a goofy God, a real God.
- Sounds good-looking.
- (For a fast food campaign) This is not a bitter chicken, but he is having trouble coping with the modern world.
- Female voice. American. Sultry, like drinking chocolate from the back of a moose.



### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

▶ Do NOT overfill the garbage can!

There are garbage bags in the bottom drawer of the filing cabinet in the HOA.



Pat says...  
"Reading IS fundamental."

### PAC Rat Meeting FALL Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **FRIDAY, October 1st @ 7:00pm** in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)



Newman inspects Anne and Angela's work as they sew lights onto the star backdrop for *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

## If The Shoe Fits...

Auditions for **Cinderella**, the 2011 kid show, will be on Friday, October 22 from 7-10pm and Saturday, October 23 from 1-4pm.



The script is by Michele L. Vacca and will be directed by Newman's Mom (Ellie). The cast will include 5 women and 4 men. **HEADS UP to all:** This show contains material suitable for pratfalls. A lot of them. You'll be expected to fall on your keister many (many) times on a hardwood floor. Owww.

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

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

Fencing. Fighting. Torture. Revenge. Giants. Monsters. Chases. Escapes. True love. Miracles. The Princess Bride is a movie that has everything (and a novel that has even



more - all using only words!) An instant classic, *The Princess Bride* has spawned shirts, action figures, and (finally) a game.

**Storming the Castle:** *The Princess Bride Game* is the game we've been waiting for.

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• A caller reported at 7:14 p.m. that someone was on a porch yelling "help" from a residence on Bank Street. Officers responded and learned the person was calling a cat that is named "Help."

■ 4:21 p.m. — A report was taken about the theft of a cell phone from Commerce Way.

■ 5:00 p.m. — Police were called to Market Square for a report about a "suspicious coin." Investigating officer reported it was a quarter.

■ 5:45 p.m. — A Greenleaf Avenue caller reported someone was living under a ramp where

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## Did You Know That...

- Salmon can jump as high as 6 feet.
- SONY was originally called "Totsuken".
- The ball on top of a flagpole is called a "truck".
- 7-Elevens were first called Tote'm. Some stores even sported genuine Alaskan totem poles. In 1945, Tote'm became 7-Eleven to reflect the store's new, extended hours—from 7 am to 11 pm.
- Women's trousers in the late 50's usually had side zippers because front zippers were considered "naughty".
- "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is commonly believed to be the only English sentence devised to include all of the letters of the alphabet. However, typesetters and designers have alternatively employed "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs."



## ARE YOU KIDDING ME ?!

Charles D. McKinley, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y., had four weeks of vacation coming, so he decided to visit his parents in DeSoto, Texas. Rather than buy a plane ticket for \$320, McKinley a shipping clerk, packed himself into a shipping crate expressed himself home, charging the fees to his employer. When the crate was delivered to his parents' front step, McKinley pushed out of the box and shook hands with the "shaken and frightened" delivery driver. The driver called the police. After an investigation by the FBI, the U.S. attorney, postal inspectors, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, McKinley was charged as a stowaway, a federal misdemeanor.



If he had only waited for the driver to leave, he would have been home free.



I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMENT ON THIS!

## Bizarre Holidays in June

June is Dairy Month

- 4th Old Maids Day
- 7th Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 9th Donald Duck Day
- 21st Cuckoo Warning Day Beware if you hear the call of a Cuckoo
- 27th National Columnists Day
- 29th Camera Day

## Bizarre Holidays in July

July is Hitchhiking Month

- 4th Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Day
- 7th Strawberry Sundae Day
- 8th Video Games Day
- 10th Clerihew Day
- 22nd Rat Catchers Day
- 26th All or Nothing Day
- 29th Cheese Sacrifice Purchase Day

## Bizarre Holidays in August

August is National Catfish Month

- 1st Friendship Day
- 3rd Watermelon Day
- 7th Sea Serpent Day
- 9th National Polka Festival
- 10th Lazy Day
- 14th Creamsicle Day
- 22nd Be an Angel Day
- 28th World Sauntering Day!

## They Blinded Me With Science!!

### Actual science exam answers



- Q:** Name the four seasons.  
**A:** Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q:** Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.  
**A:** Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.
- Q:** How is dew formed?  
**A:** The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q:** How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)  
**A:** Keep it in the cow. (Sorry, it sours there also.)
- Q:** What causes the tides in the oceans?  
**A:** The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.
- Q:** What are steroids?  
**A:** Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. (Of course)
- Q:** What happens to your body as you age?  
**A:** When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.
- Q:** What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?  
**A:** He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.
- Q:** Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.  
**A:** Premature death.
- Q:** How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)  
**A:** The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.
- Q:** What is the fibula?  
**A:** A small lie.
- Q:** What does 'varicose' mean? (I do love this one...)  
**A:** Nearby.
- Q:** Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'  
**A:** The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.
- Q:** What does the word 'benign' mean?  
**A:** Benign is what you will be after you be eight.



If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one person enjoyed it?



CLARE, Mich. - Members of a Michigan police department, apparently unafraid of jokes at their expense, banded together to purchase their favorite doughnut shop. The Clare Police Department, which has nine full-time officers, purchased the Clare City Bakery and changed the name to Cops & Doughnuts after discovering the previous owners were planning to close down the 113-year-old shop. The officers said they are volunteering their time with the bakery and will not be paid for their services. They said the shop will be staffed by high school and college students. Cops & Doughnuts apparel, including a T-shirt stating, "You Have The Right To Remain Glazed," are now available.



### "Random Thought"

More often than not, when someone is telling me a story all I can think about is that I can't wait for them to finish so that I can tell my own story that's not only better, but also more directly involves me.



### The Fabulous Thunderbirds

**Dates:** September 17, 2010

#### Posted By:

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**Tickets:** \$35

For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds have been the quintessential American band. The group's distinctive and powerful sound, influenced by a diversity of musical styles, manifested itself into a unique musical hybrid via such barnburners as "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up". Co-founder Kim Wilson, the sole original member, still spearheads the group as it evolves into its newest incarnation. "We started as a straight blues band", vocalist and harmonica player Wilson says. "We now incorporate a mixture of a lot of different styles. We're an American music band and we're much higher energy than we were before." Fabulous Thunderbirds with Stand Up Bass in addition to Wilson, the current Thunderbirds line-up features Jay Moeller on drums, Johnny Moeller and Mike Keller on guitar, and Randy Bermudes on bass.

### As to why Rochelle won't fly... Reason # 3

