



TWISTER OR TORTURE?

Cast members of *Don't Mention My Name* in a rousing game of Twister? Or is director Pat Nevins torturing them for not having their lines memorized?



CURTAIN'S UP!

UPCOMING SHOWS AT NEIGHBOURING THEATRES

Hammond Community Theatre presents **BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE**, by John Van Druten directed by Andrea Creasbaum. Performances are September 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8pm and September 18 at 2pm.



Gillian Holroyd is just your average, modern-day witch. She casts a spell over an unattached publisher, Shepherd Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her and wants to marry her. Witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in love. Ultimately, the lady breaks off with her companions in witchery, preferring the normal and human love offered her by the handsome publisher. But Gillian comes very near to losing him when he discovers the truth.

Tickets are \$12. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 888-928-6648. Cash only at the door. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime. Coffee and snacks are provided. No children under age 7 are permitted. Performances will be held at Beatniks on Conkey, 418 Conkey Street, Hammond, IN.



Simply Livin' Productions presents an encore performance of the original play **WHEN IT RAINS**, written and directed by Sonja Lee. Saturday, September 10 at 7:00pm.

Deceit, strength, pain, betrayal, family, power, anguish, change, hurt and forgiveness. These are the themes present in *When It Rains*, which features our own Debbie Burt-Frazier.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more info, call 708-439-6856, visit www.simplylivin.biz where you can buy tickets via paypal or email simplyliv@yahoo.com. Performances will be held at Prairie State College, 202 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL.

The Stage Theatre presents **BUGSY MALONE: THE MUSICAL**, directed by Dawn Leader-Peloso: September 16 and 17 at 7pm, September 18 at 2pm.



A cast of youngsters plays Prohibition era mobsters in this tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1920s gangster flick. It seems Fat Sam, who runs on of the most popular speakeasies in town, is in danger of being closed down by his "business rival" Dandy Dan. Enter baby-faced Buggy Malone, a killer with the ladies and a definite asset to Fat Sam. Unfortunately, Buggy has also caught the eye of Sam's girlfriend Tallulah – though he's set his designs on the showgirl Blousey Brown.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youths and seniors. Performances will be held at the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Rd, Homewood, IL



The PAC Rats Theatre Company of South Suburban College presents **DON'T MENTION MY NAME**, by Fred Carmichael, directed by Pat Nevins. Performances are September 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8pm and September 25 at 2pm.

A fellow shows up at a hideously furnished

bed and breakfast, not knowing who he is, or why he is there. All the other inhabitants of the establishment have different names and identities for him, and the plot leads everyone on a merry round of confusion.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, students. SSC Staff and students buy one get one free. Cash or check only. No credit or debit cards. Call 708-210-5741 or email boxoffice@ssc.edu. Performances will be held at the Kindig Performing Arts Center, South Suburban College, 15800 State St., South Holland, IL.



Orland Park Theatre Troupe presents **MOON OVER BUFFALO** by Ken Ludwig: September 23 and 24 at 7:30pm and September 25 at 2pm.

It's 1953 and acting couple Charlotte and George Hay are on tour in Buffalo with a repertory consisting of *Cyrano de Bergerac* and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. Fate has given these thespians one more shot at starring roles in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* epic and director Frank Capra himself is en route to catch their matinee performance. Will Charlotte appear or run off with their agent? Will George be sober enough to emote? Will Capra see *Cyrano*, *Private Lives* or a disturbing mixture of the two? Hilarious misunderstandings pile on madcap misadventures, in this valentine to theatre hams everywhere.

Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students and \$9 for children. Reserved seating may be purchased at the Recreation Administrative Office, 14600 S. Ravinia Ave. For additional info, call: 708-403-7275. Performances will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL.

- In Connecticut, it is illegal to dispose of used razor blades.
- In Hartford, CT, it is illegal to educate a dog.

Use Cool Whip to eliminate the frozen taste from fish. Place the frozen fish in a pan and cover with Cool Whip. It will return the fresh-caught flavor.



Ponderisms

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

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Bishop Noll High School presents **SAINTS & SINNERS** by Vicki Quade. One show only on Saturday, October 1. A dessert coffee bar reception begins at 7pm and the show starts at 8:00pm.

There's a new nun in town and Vicki Quade, creator of the hit show *Late Nite Catechism*, introduces us to Mother Superior in her new show, *Saints & Sinners*. Mother Superior's ruler is quick, her aim is spot-on. She is called by the archdiocese to St. Bruno's to help in their fundraising. The economy is tough, donations are down, and someone has to save the parish! Her clever idea: a calendar of famous saints and famous sinners.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For more info contact: Cathy Pizana at 708-243-0398 or email cathy.pizana@gmail.com or Kathy Wade at 708-833-1299 or email KWade@mayerbrown.com. Performances will be held at the Bishop Noll Institute School Auditorium, 1519 Hoffman Street, Hammond, IN.

The Chicago Heights Drama Group presents **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE: The Songs of Leiber & Stoller**. Performances are



October 14, 16, 20 and 21 at 7:30pm, October 15 and 22 at 2pm and 7:30pm and October 22 at 2pm.

You may think you don't know the songs of Leiber & Stoller, but you KNOW the songs of Leiber & Stoller for their songs defined a generation! Smokey Joe's Cafe is a celebration of that music and became the longest running Musical Review in Broadway history.

40 familiar songs that you know (and love) from the 1950s to the 1970s. Who doesn't remember Hound Dog, Don't Be Cruel, Stand By Me, Poison Ivy, Love Potion Number 9, Charlie Brown, Spanish Harlem, On Broadway and MANY more! Whether you're 8 to 80 - you're gonna LOVE this show!

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$19 for seniors (65+), \$15 for Students (with ID). Group rates are available. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 708-755-3444. Performances will be held at the Studio Theatre, 330 W. 202 Street, Chicago Heights, IL.

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

Toys from www.thinkgeek.com

MUG BOSS: A totally cool item owned by Ellie, Andy Huntington and Scott Begin



Mugs are essential office gear. They accumulate from every direction. You get them from co-workers, spouses, children, parents, friends, people who want to sell you toner... you get the idea. But you don't **really** enjoy those mugs, do you? You bought your **own** mug, which is your pride and joy. What to do with those other mugs then? Do the same thing Men In Black do with alien remnants – cover 'em up with Mug Boss!

Slap a Mug Boss around your least favorite mug and it's now a mega-strong receptacle for all your desk gear. Made with the same tough construction and materials as its larger cousin the Bucket Boss, the brawny Mug Boss has twelve durable pockets which can hold almost anything (pens, screwdrivers, paper clips, ad infinitum). Larger items can go directly into the mug itself. Buy it, use it, love it – just please don't call it an "office tool."

COMMON ERRORS IN ENGLISH USAGE

ON TOMORROW: You can meet on Monday or on the 21st of March, but it's an error to say "on tomorrow," "on yesterday" or "on today". Just leave "on" out (except, of course, in phrases like "let's meet later on today" using the phrase "later on").

SEEN / SAW: In standard English, it's "I've seen" not "I've saw." The helping verb "have" (abbreviated here to "ve") requires "seen." In the simple past (no helping verb), the expression is "I saw," not "I seen." "I've seen a lot of ugly cars, but when I saw that old beat-up Rambler I couldn't believe my eyes."

Source: [Common Errors in English Usage](#), by Paul Brians, Emeritus Professor of English, Washington State University.

Clickable Links

Don't forget: If you're reading the Rat Rag online as a PDF, all websites and email addresses are clickable. The text will appear as **blue, bold and underlined**. Position your cursor over the text and you should see a popup that shows the web address. Click on it and off you go! Of course, if you're reading the printed version of the Rag, this is useless info.



LOOK WHO'S ON THE SSC HOME PAGE

The South Suburban College web master has thoughtfully featured many friends of the Kindig Performing Arts Center on the SSC home page, <http://www.ssc.edu>. Take a peek at the latest batch.

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Albert Clark: Last seen in *Pinocchio* and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*

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Betty Neil: Last seen in *Sleeping Beauty* and *Random Acts*.

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Cathy Hundt: Last seen in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Cinderella* and *Don't Mention My Name*.

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John Geraci (left): Last seen lurking in Ellie's office. **Leffié Martin, Jr. (center):** Last seen in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Raisin in the Sun* and *Don't Mention My Name*.

The Many Faces of BETTY OWENS



Our beloved TV Geeks have produced yet another classic installment of SSC 360, this time featuring everyone's favourite Fairy Godmother, Betty Owens. Episode 406 is now available online at www.ssc.edu/360 or broadcast on the [Educator Channel](http://www.educatorchannel.com).

Produced by Kaitlin Craig and narrated by Kim Lindsey, this episode follows Betty backstage at Cinderella. You'll be treated to photos of the many shows she's appeared in as well as clips of her commercials, including Century Tile's "Hello Bubbles".

Once you see this episode, you'll know why everyone wants to be just like Betty if when they grow up!

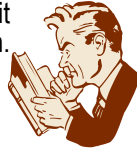
The Educator Channel can be found on Comcast: Channel 16, WideOpenWest (WOW!); Channel 24 in South Holland, Oak Forest and Calumet City and AT&T U-verse: Channel 99 in South Holland.



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RANDOM THOUGHTS

- * I would rather try to carry 10 plastic grocery bags in each hand than take 2 trips to bring my groceries in.
- * MapQuest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
- * Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
- * I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.



The Amazon rainforests are the largest rainforests in the world. It produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply and contains 30% of all the flora and fauna in the world. 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.

KISS OFF!



Call him the Demon, or even better, by his moniker for the competition, Dr. Love (named after Kiss's song, "Calling Dr. Love").

"A lot of it was purely out of boredom," explains Terry Traster, 32, about his little hobby: he likes to dress up as Gene Simmons in his Kiss rock-band costume.

"I saw KISS for the first time in 1996 on the reunion tour, and that's when I was hooked, with all the theatrics, Gene spitting fire, doing the blood, the explosions..." Traster said. "I love the music too."

Traster said he started dressing up like Simmons 2-1/2 years ago. When he first started, it took Traster about three hours to get in costume and put on his makeup. Now, he can do it in an hour and a half.

That practice helped him win the Illinois State Fair's Kiss Costume Competition. Well, that and he was the only contestant. (*Springfield State Journal-Register*)

IN HONOUR OF STUPID PEOPLE...

Found on a can of insecticide:

"Kills all types of insects.

WARNING: This spray is harmful to bees."



Did You Know That...

- Whips make a cracking sound because their tips move faster than the speed of sound.
- Large kangaroos cover more than 30 feet with each jump.
- Achy muscles can be relieved almost instantly by applying a mixture of 1 tablespoon horseradish and 1 cup of olive oil to your sore muscle.

Instructions:

Introducing Baby to Pets



PAC RAT MEETING FALL SCHEDULE

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **Friday, October 7, 2011** at 7pm. We'll meet first in the lobby of the PAC and head over to one of the Lecture Halls as there is a concert in the theatre that evening.



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

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Honey and Cinnamon A Natural Cure-all

It is found that a mixture of honey and Cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases.

Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, in its issue dated Jan. 17, 1995, has given the following list of diseases that can be cured by 2 parts honey to 1 part cinnamon in one cup of boiling water:

ARTHRITIS, BLADDER INFECTIONS, CHOLESTEROL, COLDS, UPSET STOMACH, GAS, IMMUNE SYSTEM, INDIGESTION taken before food, INFLUENZA, LONGEVITY, WEIGHT LOSS, CANCER, FATIGUE, BAD BREATH, HEARING LOSS.

For HEART DISEASES: Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jelly and jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast.

For PIMPLES: Three tablespoons of honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder paste. Apply this paste on the pimples before sleeping and wash it next morning with warm water. If done daily for two weeks, it removes pimples from the root.



Bizarre Holidays in September

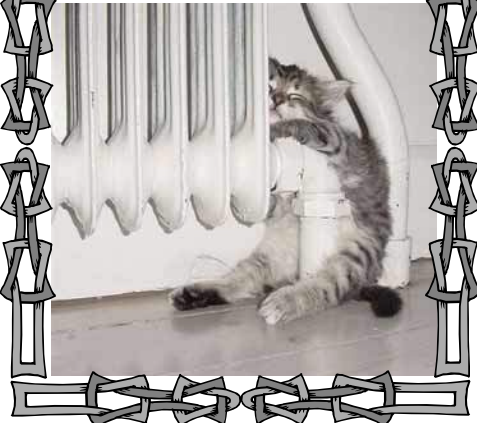
September is Classical Music Month

- 3rd Skyscraper Day
- 7th..... Neither Rain Nor Snow Day
- 8th..... National Date Nut Bread Day
- 9th..... Teddy Bear Day
- 11th..... No News Is Good New Day
- 12th..... Pet Memorial Day
- 14th Cream Filled Doughnut Day
(alert the Campus Police!)
- 16th..... Stay Away From Seattle Day
- 18th..... National Play-Doh Day
- 21st..... World Gratitude Day
- 22nd..... Hobbit Day *(alert Dominic!)*
- 23rd Checkers Day

WHY ROCHELLE WON'T FLY - REASON #5



Have you ever been THIS tired??



is the word!

Auditions for the spring musical, GREASE! will be held on February 2, 2012 from 4pm-9pm and February 4, 2012 from 10am-4pm. Director Bobbie Saltzman is seeking natural performers who can dance and sing: all types. Come prepared to sing a song of your choice.

The cat, he kicks me out



and sez hurtful tings

First read-through is Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 11am-4pm. Rehearsals start Monday, February 20, 2012. The show runs Tuesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 29, 2012 with evening and matinee performances. For more info, call 708-596-2000, ext. 2286.