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## ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THE FEBRUARY 4th ISSUE

The Townsman will resume the *ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD* in the February 4th, 2010 issue.

All ads for the February *One Dollar, One Line, One Item* flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th at 3:00 pm**. You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsman, P.O. Box 232, Grahamsville, Ny 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building or email it to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

## GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT SHOP UPDATE

The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Store will be open for shopping on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9am-1pm. Bring a friend and come shop on all three floors for gently used clothing and household items. For more information, call 985-2283.

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN GUNTHER: INCREASED TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR COLD WAR VETS NOW A REALITY

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D/C-Forestburgh) announced today that this past November marked the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and with its passing came a reminder of the dedication and service of Cold War Veterans.

That's why the New York State Assembly Majority led the way on a law to increase tax exemptions for Cold War veterans. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL HOLDS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE TO HELP BOOST REGIONAL BLOOD SUPPLY

Give a pint, get a pound! All presenting donors will receive a voucher redeemable at Dunkin Donuts for a free pound of coffee!

In an effort to increase the regional blood supply, Ellenville Regional Hospital will hold a community blood drive with the American Red Cross. The drive will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm at Ellenville Regional Hospital. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## SC SHERIFF'S RECOVER CAR STOLEN FROM WALMART PARKING LOT

On Monday January 4, 2010, Deputies from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to Walmart in Monticello regarding the report of a stolen car from that location. The investigation at the scene revealed that a customer had dropped off his 2002 Toyota Camry for an oil change that morning. When he returned later on to pick his vehicle up, he was informed that the keys were mistakenly given to someone else. When the victim checked the parking lot, he found that his vehicle was gone. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## NYSDEC APPROVED TRAINING AT SUNY ULSTER

The void created by the retirement of current workers, has created numerous possibilities for workers to enter the wastewater field. There is also the need for personnel who have knowledge of both specialized equipment and rigorous federal and state regulatory requirements. These needs can only be met by trained wastewater operators. The SUNY Ulster wastewater courses provide NYSDEC approved training. Classes will be held on the Stone Ridge Campus. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## "CAUGHT BEING GOOD!" AT BCES



Students at BCES were "Caught Being Good" by their teachers at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School during the month of December 2009 and feted at a special breakfast organized by staff members Nancy Hoover and Susana Martin. This is part of a school-wide program to reward students for exemplary behavior and for doing something special for their teacher and fellow classmates.

The students are Karen Cerritos, Emily Collura, Kevin Medina, Seraphim Stoutenburgh, Patrick Vousden, Rocio Alas, Byron Morales, Rachel Pena, Jairo Rivas, Kimberly Mahler, Joseph Dimesa, Michael Moore, Megan Langeland, Joshua Malman, Luis Rivera, and Victoria Van Lowe.

## WEB 2.0 MARKETING WORKSHOP SERIES TO BE OFFERED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Learn how to create, execute and evaluate a social media business marketing plan at the "Web 2.0 Marketing Strategy Development & Implementation" workshop series starting January 26 at Sullivan County Community College (SCCC). (Contd. Pg. 3)

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County

"When Your Income Drops"-January 28th, at 12:00-3:00 at CCE - Unemployment isn't just a financial strain, it can affect the entire family. Minimize the stress of job loss with tips discussed in this workshop. Learn how to take action, so you don't feel so victimized. A light lunch will be provided. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## COUNTY CORRECTS SOLID WASTE USER FEE BILLING

County Manager David Fanslau took administrative action Wednesday to correct solid waste user fee billings that were erroneously issued. The Solid Waste User Fee Local Law was not intended to be applied to vacant land; however, certain real property class codes were erroneously billed.

"The specific real property class codes that are to be corrected will be removed from the warrants of the Town Tax Collectors, and corrected bills will be issued", said Fanslau. This action will preempt any unnecessary charges or fees associated with the real property class codes that were erroneously billed.

The Solid Waste User Fee schedule was approved by the County Legislature in December 2009, and was effective for fiscal/calendar year 2010. The Solid Waste User Fee generates revenues to fund the Solid Waste System, and is applied to all real property parcels that have improvements on them, including parcels that are exempt from the real property tax system. (Contd. Pg. 7)

## \$10,000 CHALLENGE

The Daniel Pierce Library is thrilled to announce that the \$10,000 Challenge has been met! Thank you to everyone who so very generously contributed to the Library and Museum Building Fund to make the \$10,000 match possible. This outpouring of community support is an inspiration to the entire Building Construction Team.

At the present time, we are in the final and most expensive phase of construction, and still need approximately \$225,000 to complete the project. Philip Coombe, Jr., Building Project Chairperson, is continuing to explore all possible resources in order to minimize costs, but there are expensive purchases that have to be made. For example, the elevator alone will cost \$88,000 and we cannot open without it.

Any donations to the Building Fund will be most appreciated. Please make checks payable to: Daniel Pierce Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Thank you for helping us to "celebrate the past and build for the future."

## NEVERSINK HISTORIAN'S OFFICE SETS HISTORY RESEARCH HOURS FOR 2010

Do you want to research anything about the area where the Neversink and Rondout Reservoirs are located? Are you interested in various one-room schools of the area? Do you want to search cemeteries for lost family? You may simply want to know more about the history of Town of Denning or Town of Neversink. Whatever your question, whatever your purpose, there is a time and place for you to ask your question. For the convenience of those researching the area encompassing the Neversink and the Rondout dams and watershed areas and the entire Tri-Valley School District, there are new archives hours for research.

Effective for the 2010 year, research can be done each Wednesday between 1 and 4 and by appointment each Friday from 1 to 4 at the Historian's office, Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, N.Y. Registered Historian Carol Smythe may be reached by phone at 985-2262 X313 or by e-mail if you have questions: [historian@townofneversink.org](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org)

## HOMEOWNERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR 2009 SEPTIC REPAIRS

Are you a homeowner in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed who repaired or replaced your septic system during 2009 without help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC)?

If so, you may be able to recoup those costs now. Full-time residents may receive 100% of eligible costs, while part-time residents can get 60% of those costs reimbursed. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## TVCS NEWS - MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Recently the Tri-Valley Central School District published a notice in the Townsman regarding an upcoming vote on January 19, 2010. During the 2009-2010 budget presentation, Lisa Raymond reported the need to replace the Elementary School roof and the removal of brown tile in the High School. The district budgeted \$1,000,000 as a capital Interfund transfer to pay for these repairs. The voters approved, through the budget process, the transfer of these funds. New York State Law requires that a separate vote take place to approve the expenditure of up to \$700,000 for the necessary capital improvements. Therefore, on January 19, 2010 from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. We will be hosting a vote at the Tri-Valley Central School District gymnasium to use these funds for the Elementary School roof repair.

In light of the current fiscal affairs of our State, if Governor Paterson continues to cut or withhold payments to school districts, we have to postpone the replacement of the roof until the funds are available. (Contd. Pg. 3)



**YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN**  
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**Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS**

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents (**Word Document with an extension of .doc**).

Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.

As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER :** Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isaiah 59:1

**DAYS OF YORE.....**  
**Today's History**

**January 11, 1950** - A meeting was held by Miss Evarice Parsons, County Home Demonstrator of the Home and Farm Bureau, at Kingston on Wednesday, January 5th for the Unit Executive Committee of the recently organized units. Those who attended from the Yeagerville Unit were Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mrs. George Christensen, and Mrs. Mell Watson.

Mrs. Ruth Cross is helping out in the Van Wagner store as Mr. Van Wagner is at the Post Office.

The Neversink Agricultural Society will have its annual meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rod and Gun Club Hall.

The Outlet Tunnel is in now over a thousand feet. Lockers are being installed in the Wash House. The concrete for the bridge wing will be poured this week and the steel girders will be laid next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Brooks and son, Clayton, of Mt. Kisco, spent the weekend with the Herbert Brooks family. Mr. Herbert Brooks, who was confined to his wheelchair for so many weeks with rheumatism, is now able to walk again.

The R.D. Church at Claryville plans to have a roast beef supper on the evening of January 27th, the proceeds of which will go toward the Polio drive.

**January 13, 1960** - Upon the recommendation of Architect Harry Halverson, the Board of Education of the Tri Valley Central School voted to permit the student use of the new cafeteria facilities as of Monday, January 18th. In a similar action, the group authorized the use of the new gymnasium for basketball practice and games during the same week.

Workmen for the West Delaware Tunnel Constructors made the final hole through on the 44-mile tunnel project on Thursday, January 7th. Mr. Stanley Dore, Chief Engineer for the New York Board of Water Supply, and other dignitaries of New York City were in hand in shaft seven when the last shot (blasting) was fired, opening the tunnel from shaft seven to six, located at DeBruce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edison of Grahamsville, are the parents of a daughter, born January 6 at Maimonides Hospital.

The Christmas operations of the Grahamsville and Peekamoose Shortline Model Railroad netted a total of forty dollars in donations which was split between the Sullivan County Heart Fund and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Wakefield reports that fog and rain on one night and three inches of snow the next, cut down on the attendance.

Three art students of Tri Valley Central School, Marilyn Chesley, Joey Brooks and Ronald Eidel will compete in the national judging of the

Merchant Marine Poster Competition in Washington, D.C. The posters are due in Washington on January 18th. Our best wishes go to these three art students.

**January 14, 1970** - The paper drive, held December 6 by the scouts from Troop 187, Grahamsville, was a great success thanks to the wonderful response from the Grahamsville area residents. Scouts and leaders would like to thank all those who helped and give a special thanks to Mr. Horace Sheeley for the use of his truck. The Troop will hold another drive in the spring.

At the January meeting of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, new officers for the coming year were installed by French Harris, President of the Neversink First Aid Squad. The newly appointed officers are: John Barlow, President; Marion Probst, Vice President; June Smith, Secretary; Barbara DeWire, Treasurer; Shirley Barlow, Financial Secretary; Douglas Hill, Captain; Herman Probst, Lieutenant; Thomas Smith, Sergeant; and Albert Carr, Trustee for 3 years.

The deer are having a most difficult time this winter - often having to wade through snow up to their backs. Here and there is a person who helps them. Enos and Gussie of Blue Hill have cleared the snow around their house and are feeding their usual quota. Mr. and Mrs. William Erts of Denning are feeding up to 25 deer. Mrs. Erts says they are so hungry they eat stale bread, pancakes, potatoes, root vegetables and of course, the corn the Erts' buy for them. Mr. Harold Manser also buys corn for the deer at the Strauss residence.

Special birthday wishes to Ivan Conklin, a Spanish American War Veteran, who will be 90 years old on January 16th and to Mrs. Barbara Sharwood, who will be 90 on the 19th.

**January 10, 1980** - The finest and tallest white pine trees in the State are in danger of being cut. These are virgin white pine that were here when the first white settlers came to Claryville. Since they have been here from our beginning; since the Indians walked their trails, they are called Virgin White Pine. They are the ONLY virgin white pine left in New York State! As such, they are priceless and part of our heritage. They are located on the old Claryville Tannery property - a stand of some forty plus trees. If you would like to help save these trees from a saw mill, call Bob Dice at 985-2815.

Richard Coombe was sworn in as Sullivan County Treasurer by Sullivan County Court Judge Louis B. Schein-

man at a private ceremony held in the Sullivan County Court-room on December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Rapenske of Liberty, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Mary to Timothy TerBush of Grahamsville. Miss Repenske graduated from Liberty High School and Oneonta State University. She teaches kindergarten at St. Peter's School in Liberty.

Her fiance graduated from Tri-Valley High School and East Stroudsburg State College. He teaches health and physical education at Jefferson-Youngsville High School.

**PROGRAM OFFERED FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

Catskill Regional Medical Center's Cancer Support Group will host the American Cancer Society's "Look Good Feel Better" program on Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Patricia Morris, owner and operator of Fantasy Hair in Wurtsboro, NY. This program is also sponsored by the Personal Care Products Council Foundation. The program will be held in Board Room A, 2nd Floor of the Ambulatory Services Building. Pre-registration is required, and participants should bring a hand mirror. To register, or for further information about the cancer support group, please call 794-3300, ext. 2831. Cosmetologists who want information about certification classes should call 1-800-395-LOOK, or call Pat at 888-0739.

**STAR & SQUARE ASSOCIATES**

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 • 5-7 pm

Liberty Lodge  
• Eagle Drive •

• Italian Varieties •  
Salad  
Dessert • Pie Sale

Adults \$9.00  
Under 12 \$5.00

Take outs available

Call 796-1261 for info.



**HERE AND THERE**

Those of us who chose to tough out the winter months here in the North are feeling more like survivors every day of the recent single-digit temperatures and/or the biting cold wind. Our snow-bird neighbors down there aren't faring much better - a high of 35 in Miami isn't much to cheer about.

January doesn't have a lot of holidays for everyone to celebrate, but there are a few that some like to keep in mind. New Year's Day, of course, holds our attention for quite a while before and after the event itself. After that we have to wait a couple of weeks for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, observed this year on Jan. 18 and marking the first of the year's three-day weekends. Betty Ann Ter Bush and her Virginia relatives could probably tell you that Jan. 19 is known below the Mason-Dixon Line as the birthday of Robert E. Lee; and older Democrats may remember that F.D. Roosevelt celebrated his birthday on Jan. 30. Most adults will remember the Persian Gulf conflict of 1991, called Desert Storm, beginning Jan. 16, and lasting until early April. ... Locally, we have only three birthdays in our January list: Steve Conklin, Jan.13; Janna Worden, Jan. 15; and Pauline Kocijanski, Jan. 16. Many Happy Returns to all!

Here on Hastings Drive/Court, we have lost one set of neighbors and gained another in their place, all in the last few days of 2009. Dave and Phyllis Moore, formerly of Hastings Court, have established their new home with her mother, Joyce Thomas, at the bottom of Denman Mountain Road. Our new neighbors are newly-weds Jim and Jessica (DeVore) Garigliano. We wish both couples happiness in their new homes.

Grandparents Vernon "Bud" and Charlotte Stratton are beaming with pride these days, and with good reason. Their grandson, David McDonald, son of Lynn (Stratton) McDonald and the late Dr. Harold McDonald, is a student in the Honors Program at SUNY Binghamton, where he is carrying a challenging course-load: His double-major subjects are Biology and the Classics; his minor is the Scholar's Program (I'm afraid to ask what that includes). And with this academic load, he is maintaining a 4.0 average! No wonder his grandparents, along with Great-grandmother Ethel Coombe, are beaming! Congratulations, David!

"As a rule, men worry more about what they can't see than about what they can." (Julius Caesar)  
Have a good week. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

No news this week. Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**TVCS SUPERINTENDENT (From Pg 1)**

We want to be able to make important, informed decisions about our financial situation and if it's feasible, replace the Elementary School roof. The roof is needed and has to be done.

We appreciate the support from the community and want to make sure you are fully informed going into this necessary vote. To summarize, the taxpayers have already approved a \$1,000,000 transfer of funds to pay for a new roof. We are now asking the taxpayers to vote to approve expending up to \$700,000 of this \$1,000,000 at the January vote for the replacement of the roof. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Administration at 985-2296, ext. 5102.

**INCREASED TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR COLD WAR VETS (From Pg. 1)**

This new law (Ch.235 of 2009), effective Jan.2, increases the real property tax exemption of Cold War veterans, and each municipality may adopt local laws to provide these exemptions, which also include cooperative apartments and property held in trust for the benefit of a veteran.

New York State has a host of benefits for veterans and their families. The Cold War lasted 46 years from 1945 to 1991. Our Cold War veterans endured tense times and served during two wars, both the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Their service kept our nation secure, and their sacrifice made peace a reality for all of us. This law lends support for countless veterans, many of whom are retired and in financial situations where every little bit helps.

The Assembly has always strived to go beyond a salute to our veterans and address the increasingly complex circumstances of those who defend our families and freedom. We are committed to providing our veterans with the help and support they need when they come home.

Veterans exemplify the principles and ideals of democracy. Their work made events like the falling of the Berlin Wall possible and helped unite nations for the cause of freedom. Our world would be a very

different place without their tireless efforts.

Visit [www.veterans.ny.gov](http://www.veterans.ny.gov) for more information about state programs for veterans. If you need more information on this new law, contact my district office at 845-794-5807.

**2009 SEPTIC REPAIRS (From Pg.1)**

The CWC Board of Directors recently adopted a measure allowing reimbursement for septic repairs done between January 1 and December 31, 2009 that were not within priority areas for the regular Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program. Adequate monies in the program fund allows the CWC to make this assistance available at year's end.

Homeowners who can show proof that repairs were completed, were approved by NYC Department of Environmental Protection and were paid for may fill out a CWC form to request reimbursement. Call 845-586-1400 to obtain this form.

The ongoing Septic Program can help homeowners located within 200 feet of a watercourse in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed. If you are experiencing difficulties with your on-site system, call the number above for information on how to participate in the program in 2010.

Homes that were constructed after November 2, 1995 are not eligible for this program.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed, visit [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).

**NYSDEC APPROVED TRAINING AT SUNY ULSTER (From Pg. 1)**

**Basic Wastewater Laboratory-**This laboratory course is a prerequisite for the Basic Wastewater Operations Lecture course. The course is designed to enable the wastewater operator to perform those laboratory procedures which are necessary to determine control strategies for the efficient operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Tue/Thu 6 - 9:00 PM o January 19 - February 23 o 11 sessions o \$475 o no text.

**Basic Wastewater Operations Lecture-**This lecture course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge base which will enable that person to keep a wastewater treatment plant operating efficiently. The student will study the characteristics of each individual process within the plant and will learn how those processes are joined to achieve the desired results. Tue/Thu 6 - 9:00 PM o Feb 25 - May 18 o 21 sessions \$983 o includes two texts.

**Activated Sludge Course-**This course provides the student with information needed to efficiently operate the activated sludge portion of a wastewater treatment plant. Operational control strategies will be presented and discussed and the student will be able to apply laboratory data to the proper control of the activated sludge process. Safety and Regulatory Recordkeeping will be emphasized. Tue/Thu 6 - 9:00 PM o May 20 - June 17 o 9 sessions o \$500 o includes one text.

To register, contact the Continuing Education registration desk at 845-339-2025. For further information regarding the content and requirements, please contact Ann Songayllo at 845-687-5012 or [songayla@sunyulster.edu](mailto:songayla@sunyulster.edu). Coming in the Fall 2010: Water Operator certification courses.

**WEB 2.0 MARKETING WORKSHOP (From Pg. 1)**

This six-session non-credit program will run January 26, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23 and April 6 from 8 - 10 a.m. Participants will be guided through the Web 2.0 planning process, learning how to utilize and measure social networking sites, blogs, wikis and other online media tools to better their business performance. The program will be taught by Cynthia Marcello, assistant professor in the college's Division of Business and Information Technology.

The cost for all six sessions is \$50 for Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development members and \$100 for non-members. Advance registration is required by calling SCCC at 845-434-5750 ext. 4398 or emailing the college at [scccworkforce@sullivan.suny.edu](mailto:scccworkforce@sullivan.suny.edu) before January 19.

This program is part of the "Make Your Business Competitive" Breakfast Series sponsored by SCCC in conjunction with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development. Chamber and Partnership members receive reduced fees as a result of a State University of New York (SUNY) Workforce Development grant.

Founded in 1962, SCCC is a two-year community college and a part of the SUNY system. It offers 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as a variety of continuing education and specialty courses, on its 405-acre campus, online and through its distance learning program. For more information, visit [www.sunysullivan.edu](http://www.sunysullivan.edu).

**SC SHERIFF'S RECOVER CAR STOLEN (From Pg. 1)**

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Rogers utilized store video and evidence recovered at the scene to identify the car thief as John Pace, Jr, age 50, of Middletown, a parolee. A warrant was obtained for Pace's arrest and an alarm was transmitted for the car. On Tuesday evening, January 5, 2010, John Pace was picked up by the Town of Wallkill Police in Orange County. He was caught shoplifting at Shoprite on Route 211. A computer check revealed the warrant for Pace and the car he allegedly stole. Wallkill Police checked the Shoprite parking lot and located the Toyota. Pace was turned over to Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputies and charged with Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree. He was arraigned before Town of Thompson Judge Martin Miller and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. The Toyota Camry was recovered undamaged, and reunited with its owner.

**SCDW ANNOUNCES CASTING CALL-SINGERS NEEDED FOR A VALENTINE WEEKEND CABARET OF LOVE SONGS**

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces a casting call -singers Needed for a Valentine Weekend Cabaret of Love Songs that will be directed by Lori Schneider-Wendt and Bunny Woloszczak (Roy Singer, Accompanist)

Auditions will be held Wednesday, January 13th 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville Singers should plan on bringing sheet music for a song that shows off their range Performances are scheduled for February 14th and 15th at the Sullivan County Museum.

For additional information, or to schedule an alternate audition time, phone Lori at (845) 434-7232 or contact her via e-mail at [MLori1962@aol.com](mailto:MLori1962@aol.com)

**THE ODD COUPLE**

By Peggy DeWire

A fine friendship that has gone on outdoors right under your nose and you may never have known this. It's between the odd couple of the insect world.

Aphids and ants have been patting and hugging and carrying on as they move up and down plant stems together.

The small black pinhead size aphids suck plant sap and produce sweet clear drops of liquid called honeydew which ants feed

on eagerly.

By gently tapping the aphid with its antennae, the ant encourages its

friend to let down honeydew like milking a cow. In return ants protect aphids from harmful insects like faithful shepherds guard their flocks.

It's a grand relationship - one helping the other - called symbiosis in nature.

An ant will carry its precious aphid in its mouth to a new food plant as gently as a cat transports her kitten.

Only outdoor ants (different from house ants attracted to greasy and sweet foods) tend aphids. Cornfield ants attach their aphids to the roots of cornstalks underground. Aboveground ants bring their aphids to the stems of plants where they suck the juices.

You can see that too many aphids weaken plants and spread virus diseases. They are serious pests of cultivated flowers and garden crops.

Aphids (family Aphididae) have an interesting and complex life cycle involving generations that are bisexual or female only, with wings or without.

Often each generation alternates food plants. It works like this: Aphids generally overwinter as eggs which hatch in the spring into wingless females that produce only live young female aphids, not eggs. Up to ten generations may pass before a generation of winged females finally appears in late summer. These winged aphids produce a generation of normal male and female babies. When adult, they mate and the females lay eggs that overwinter to start the life cycle over again.

The ants that live closely associated with aphids gather up these eggs and store them safely in underground nests until spring. Then they carry the new aphids out to a food plant and stand guard.

All summer long the ants tend their aphids, carrying them from one food plant to another.

With our odd couple here in their last remaining days together, the protector ant gently strokes his small friend who gives him honeydew as long as he lives.





**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING,  
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School, Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York, 12740, on: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, construction and reconstruction of the roof of the Tri-Valley Elementary School and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$700,000; and to appropriate, encumber, and expend \$700,000 from the general fund of the 2009-2010 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing addition to, construction, reconstruction of the Elementary School Roof all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$700,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from the general fund of the 2009-2010 school year all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on December 3, 2009, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots to vote on the proposition may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid special district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such special district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday). An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of such special district meeting.

By order of the Board of Education  
Dated: December 4, 2009  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
Grahamsville, New York  
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk

12/10; 12/17; 1/7; 1/14

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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Will hold a Regular Board Meeting  
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**LEGAL NOTICE:**

**DEP** NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

**NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

**Description:**  
The City of New York will sell maple sap that can be harvested via tapping Sugar Maple trees on City watershed lands located at two separate sites:

- Hemlock Rd & Hasbrouck Rd, Town of Neversink, NY.  
◦ Approximately 836 taps may be installed.
- Big Hollow Rd and Thunder Hill Rd, Town of Neversink, NY.  
◦ Approximately 488 taps may be installed.

**Project information:**  
Bid Solicitation for two Sugar Maple Tapping Projects.  
Sugar Maple Tapping Project #1909  
(Hemlock & Hasbrouck Rds, Neversink)  
Sugar Maple Tapping Project #1910  
(Big Hollow & Thunder Hill Rds, Neversink)

**Availability of bid information:**  
Bid Solicitation information and Bid Solicitation Packages are available by calling Charlie Laing, Senior Property Manager (845) 340-7218, or requesting via e-mail at: [CLaing@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:CLaing@dep.nyc.gov)

**Required contractor qualifications:**

1. The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.
2. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy.
3. The contractor should have demonstrated experience in tapping and extracting maple sap from Sugar Maple trees.

**Bid due date:**  
All bid proposals must be received by DEP at 71 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 NO LATER THAN January 27, 2010 AT 3:00 PM, local time.

**Opening of bids:**  
Sealed bids will be opened at the DEP offices at 71 Smith Ave. Kingston, NY on January 28, 2010. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or about January 28, 2010.

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**Legal Notice:**

Notice is hereby given that the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners monthly meetings for the year 2010 will be held on the third Wednesday of the Month with the exception of March, April, June, September and December meetings which will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month with the general meeting at 7:30 PM and the public meeting at 8:00 PM at the Neversink Fire House, Route 55, Neversink, New York.

By Order of the Neversink Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Kim J. Moore, Fire District Secretary  
Dated: January 8, 2010

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**CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED**  
(From Pg. 1)

Presenters: Sean Welsh and Susan Dollard - This class is free and open to the public, but you must pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. There must be a minimum of 10 pre-registered participants for this class to be held.

Income Tax Season Is Quickly Approaching - We are an AARP tax preparation site, with a focus on senior citizens and low income families and individuals by appointment only. You may call Susan Dollard to set up an appointment at 845-292-5250. Classes Offered- By Consumer and Financial Education At Cornell University Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Liberty, N.Y.

Buying a New or Used Car: Learn how to budget for and finance a car. The pros and cons of new vs. used, leasing vs. buying, APR vs. rebates are all discussed. Understand warranties and service contracts. An excellent class for anyone thinking about buying a car, especially for the first time.

Financial Education 101: This class will teach you how to establish a realistic budget, emergency fund and strategies for limiting your debt.

Consumer Smarts: Learn how to be a savvy consumer, how to protect yourself from scams and check your own credit. This class also covers what to do when a consumer problem arises, including identity theft. Lots of helpful tips!

First Time Home Buyers Club: You can learn how to navigate the home buying process. This six class series includes several guest speakers. Get helpful information from a real estate agent/broker, banker and lawyer. Discussions also include grant resources for first time home buyers.

Working with Home Improvement Contractors: If you are considering hiring a contractor to do work on your home, this class is a must for you. Learn all about the contracting professionals, how to check

references, payment options, contracts and job checklists. Avoid the pitfalls that so many consumers make.

Money Management: Become a responsible borrower and avoid going into debt. This a great class for first time credit card holders. You will get strategies for obtaining the best credit card for you. Also covered is credit card vs. student loan, debit cards, identity theft, credit scores/reports and recognizing warning signs for credit trouble. This is an excellent class for anyone just starting out on their own.

Empower Class Series: Developed by Cornell University, these classes provide energy and financial information for households with limited resources faced with higher energy costs.

Save Energy, Save Dollars: Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. Participants receive a kit of energy saving items.

Making Ends Meet: This workshop provides an overview of the process for developing and using a household spending plan. Also, explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Participants receive a free money management kit.

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues: This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and reviewing a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants receive free credit management tools.

How to Balance a Check Book: This is a basic course in how to open a checking account, write checks and keep a register. Learn how to match your bank statement to your register and balance sheet.

Long Term Care: Are you trying to decide whether you need long term insurance? This is the course for you. It covers all the ins and outs of long term insurance. Learn what can effect your premium, as well as what NYS Partnership is.

Energy Efficiency: Save money by making your home more energy efficient. Learn about programs designed to lower your utility costs. Become a smart energy consumer. Great tips for warm or cold weather.

Smart Money, Smart Seniors: This workshop is tailored to the needs of seniors. You will get money management guidelines and spending plans. Learn how to organize all your important personal information and records. Make care plans for the future.

Indoor Air Quality: Learn about indoor air problems including radon, mold and many common household sources that can affect your health. Proper ventilation, infiltration and radon testing are explained. Many helpful tips are given to identify and avoid indoor air pollutants. A healthy home is important for you and your loved ones.

Stop -Think-Click: The internet can give you access to information, entertainment, financial offers and countless other services. At the same time, it can leave you vulnerable to online scammers or identity thieves. Learn experts' top seven practices for safer computing, as well as some terms and remedies.

Get Organized: Learn how to organize an efficient system for paying bills and keeping track of important papers. Setting up a home office, temporary and permanent files, budgeting and credit will also be covered.

"Empower yourself with Consumer Education!" Some of these classes are free others have a nominal fee to cover materials and supplies. For more information please contact; Sean Welsh or Susan Dollard at Consumer Education, Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-5250 or [sw288@cornell.edu](mailto:sw288@cornell.edu); [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu)

**SCDW CASTING CALL FOR STAGED PRESENTATION DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces a casting call For a staged presentation during Black History Month of contemporary black American playwright, John Henry Redwood's No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs! zirected by Oliver King.


The Cheeks family makes its home in a small town in North Carolina. The year is 1949 and the title refers to signs commonly posted in the region. The Cheeks are visited by Yaveni, a Jewish scholar from Cleveland who is researching the effects of prejudice on both Blacks and Jews in the "Jim Crow South."

Powerfully written with dynamic characters, this show offers a poignant look at the strength of family and friendships.

Auditions will be held Saturday, January 16th and Sunday, January 17th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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VOICES FROM THE WEST COAST.....  
 "What a ride!" That was one of my favorite quotes when I was employed at WVOS in Liberty, right across from a great sandwich place called 'Last Licks'. Times sure have changed during the last decade. All of us have become a bit more aware while fulfilling our everyday lives that need to be filled.

Ordinarily I would write a summary of last year's sports scene, but this time, it will be a perspective not only of what was the last year, but also the last decade. In a nutshell, it seems that all of us in American have experienced what our grandparents and great grandparents endured 80 years ago. It felt like an endless recession. To me, it was a depression. The good news for some of us is we survived and are now rebuilding what this great nation is all about.

Not only the economy, but our political systems continue to evolve. Our new generation has something to live for, too. Women, and varied ethnicities have taken and filled the political potholes. In other words, the 21st century has very much so re-awakened the American spirit! I am glad for the opportunity to be alive and to see what our great country is becoming. There will still be challenges in the next decade and room for improvements, too. All in all, we could say the first decade has a lot of history for us to look back on.

As I looked back this past year, California went through some pains. Yet with proper leadership, in time, the state government will get fixed, not only regarding current events, but inclusive of the entertainment industry. The last few weeks have been busy for me and well, the beginning of the new year looks really fantastic. (Contd. Pg. 8)




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**SOLID WASTE USER FEE BILLING**  
(From Pg. 1) In past years, the County's Property Taxpayers subsidized the Solid Waste System through the County's General Fund.

There has been a Special Revenue Fund established to fund the all-in costs of the Solid Waste System of the County. This Special Revenue Fund was created to prevent the use of the proceeds for any other purpose but for costs directly associated with the Solid Waste System.

"Many years ago, the County issued bonds to fund the Solid Waste System; however, during those years a debt service reserve was not established. The landfill has reached capacity, but there remains a \$40 million debt to be repaid through 2022, as well as, about \$1.2 million in annual post-closure costs that the County will have to fund for a thirty year period," Fanslau said. The Solid Waste User Fee will partially fund the expenses of the Solid Waste System, with the remainder funded through disposal fees at the Transfer Stations and convenience centers.

The County has executed an agreement with IESI Corporation to manage a portion of the Solid Waste System. The County Landfill in Monticello is now closed, having reached capacity. All Municipal and Commercial haulers will utilize the Ferndale Transfer Station Monday through Friday on an interim basis, until Commercial haulers may be received at the Mamakating Station, and until the centralized Transfer Station is constructed in Monticello.

**New Operating Hours for 2010:** The operating schedule for the Convenience and Transfer Stations for 2010 is as follows: Convenience Centers: Highland -Open to Residential Waste Only -Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 7:45am - 2:45pm; Western Sullivan: -Open to Residential Waste Only -Wednesday and Saturday, 7:45am - 2:45pm; Rockland: -Open to Residential Waste Only -Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 7:45 - 2:45pm; Monticello (Landfill): -Open to Residential Waste Only -Monday - Friday, 7:45AM - 2:45PM, Saturday 7:45AM - 12PM  
Transfer Stations: Mamakating: -Temporarily Open to Residential Customers Only, Will be Open to Municipal Sanitation Departments and Commercial Waste Haulers in Early 2010 -Wednesday and Sunday, 7:45am - 2:45pm; Ferndale -Open to Residential Customers, Municipal Sanitation Departments and Commercial Waste Haulers Monday - Friday, 7:45AM-2:45PM (scales close at 2:30PM) and Sundays 7:45AM-10AM for non-residential and 7:45AM - 2:45AM for residential customers  
**Special Notices (Including Pricing Changes):**  
The Ferndale Transfer Station will no longer be accepting cash, effective January 18, 2010. Only coupons, checks or money orders will be accepted at this location. (Contd. Pg. 10)



**VOICES FROM THE WEST COAST**  
(From Pg. 6)

The year saw great events in country music and the tours, that are too many to list. There are two that quickly come into mind, however, and that was Keith Urban at Arco Arena and the other, which still makes me laugh, was Brad Paisley at the Sleeptrain Amphitheater with Jimmy Wayne and Dierks Bentley. A female country fan said it correctly here in the area, "the Three Yums"; very talented and high powered. Jimmy Wayne is doing something commendable now and you may follow him on his Twitter page. He is walking to raise money for the homeless. If you haven't heard, Jimmy was homeless at a young age. Now, he is looking to raise money for awareness of the homelessness in the United States. The other, Brad Paisley, is singing not only "American Saturday Night", but "Welcome to the Future".

Toward the end of the year, KNCI did very well with the toy drive for the Sacramento Sheriffs. Close to 2800 toys were collected making many children's Christmas happen. Speaking of 105.1 KNCI, it was a great week for the beginning of the second decade. This past week, while this article was being written, the legendary Harlem Globetrotters stopped in our studios, with the great Curly Neal as the spokesperson. Now I know why I shave my head!

What has really struck me regarding the radio and television industry is the ever increasing newer formats. HDTV and internet access continues to be strong. KNCI HD is now called "Ranch Country". Check this out, if you have a computer, go to [www.kncifm.com](http://www.kncifm.com) and click on Ranch Country. KNCI is streaming on the internet with great country classics of the past. And for the religious at heart, KNCI has an eight-hour gospel music program also streaming online. Check it out at [KNCIFM.com](http://KNCIFM.com) on Sundays.

What a ride! ...More to come.  
Chuck Martin

**ERH BLOOD DRIVE** (From Pg. 1)

The statistics are clear. About every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. Every day, 34,000 donations are needed in the United States to help save the lives of cancer patients, accident victims, children with blood disorders among others. This affects every member of our community, where they work, live and play, (Next Col.)

whether it's a friend, family or neighbor who needs blood. Just one pint of blood can help save as many as three lives

**SCDW CASTING CALL** (From Pg. 4)  
Performances are scheduled for February 23rd and 25th at SCCC) For additional information, or to schedule an alternate audition time, Phone Oliver at (914) 799-5528 or contact him via e-mail at [Dragonarius@yahoo.com](mailto:Dragonarius@yahoo.com)  
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**JOYCE CHEEKS:** 17 year old Black girl, on the verge of womanhood, Mattie and Raul's oldest daughter. Very smart, sharp tongued, takes after her father in temperament. Events in the story of the play make her sullen and rebellious

**YAVENI AARONSOHN:** Jewish man, 30s-40s, scholar and recently befriended to the CHEEKS family. Highly emotional, often uses humor to camouflage pain and guilt.

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES - DID YOU FINISH YOUR DOCUMENTS?**

Have you always meant to start your Advanced Directives, or you gave them some thought, put the papers aside & then these papers were forgotten? On February 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, the most basic of estate plan documents are explained - (Next Col.)

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**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

their "winter work." This translates into planning for calendar events and programs for 2010. We are choosing books, felt stories and crafts for our Pre-School Children's Programs. In March, letters will go out to previously participating families, publicity will be widely distributed inviting new families, and registrations will be accepted. Our variety of Story Hours will begin the week of April 12, 2010. Registration forms may currently be found on our website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

Several Adult Programs continue to meet at the Library on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. On the first Thursday of each month, the book discussion group "1st Thursdays" meets. "Writer's Circle" meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The "Alchemy" poets meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. All of these readers and writers enjoy their gatherings and love to welcome new members.

As extensive detail and finishing work progress on the new Library, the ongoing need for financial support continues. We offer many thanks to all the individuals who have contributed so generously to this great community project.

We continue to add books, DVDs and CDs to our growing collection, and invite you to come in to see what is available. One of our most recent additions is the newly released CD, "From My Perspective." This recording, with original music and lyrics by local artist Paul Lounsbury, is a collection of instrumentals and ballads composed over the past forty years, and recorded locally at the studio of Larry Kitzmiller in Woodbourne, NY.

**This Just In**

The following items have arrived recently at the Daniel Pierce Library, and are available for your enjoyment:

<b>Adult Fiction</b>	<i>The Scarpetta Factor</i> by Patricia Cornwell
<i>I, Alex Cross</i> by James Patterson	<i>U is for Undertow</i> by Sue Grafton
<i>The Lost Symbol</i> by Dan Brown	<i>The Christmas Sweater</i> by Glenn Beck
<i>Under the Dome</i> by Stephen King	<i>Half Broke Horses</i> by Jeannette Walls
<i>Breathless</i> by Dean Koontz	<i>Nine Dragons</i> by Michael Connelly
<i>Ford County</i> by John Grisham	<i>Evidence</i> by Jonathan Kellerman
<i>The Wrecker</i> by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott	<i>Deeper than the Dead</i> by Tami Hoag
<i>The Last Song</i> by Nicholas Sparks	<i>Morning Show Murders</i> by Al Roker
<i>Pursuit of Honor</i> by Vince Flynn	<i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel
<i>The Lacuna</i> by Barbara King-solver	<i>The Girl Who Played with Fire</i> by Stieg Larsson (Contd. Pg. 9)
<i>True Blue</i> by David Baldacci	

(Next Col.)



*Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro

**Adult Non-Fiction**

*Going Rogue* by Sarah Palin  
*Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom  
*True Compass* by Edward M. Kennedy  
*Arguing with Idiots* by Glenn Beck  
*Superfreakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner  
*What the Dog Saw* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*A Simple Christmas* by Mike Huckabee  
*A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity* by Bill O'Reilly  
*Open: An Autobiography* by Andre Agassi  
*American Rebel* by Marc Eliot  
*Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson  
*How to Raise the Perfect Dog* by Cesar Milan  
*When China Rules the World* by Martin Jacques  
*New England Soup Factory Cookbook* by Marjorie Druker  
*Read My Pins* by Madeline Albright  
*The Time of My Life* by Patrick Swayze

**Books on CD**

*Pursuit of Honor* by Vince Flynn  
*The Wrecker* by Clive Cussler  
*Picture Perfect* by Jodi Picoult  
*Last Words* by George Carlin  
*Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro  
*Black Cross* by Greg Iles  
*Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

**Children's DVDs**

*Up*  
*Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure*

*Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws*  
*Barbie and the Three Musketeers*

**ADULT DVDS**

*Julie and Julia*  
*Angels and Demons*  
*Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*  
*My Sister's Keeper*  
*Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*  
*Taking of Pelham 123*  
*Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince*

**Juvenile Picture Books**

*Milly and Tilly* by Kate Summers  
*I Could be a Superhero* by Chris Hornsey and Gwyn Perkins  
*Taking a Bath with the Dog* by Scott Menchin  
*Goldilicious* by Victoria Kann  
*Once Upon a Twice* by Denise Doyen  
*What Was I Scared Of?* By Dr. Seuss  
*The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown  
*Disney Princess* by Walt Disney  
*Moxi's Words* by Kate Banks  
*Babar's Mystery* by Laurent de Brunhoff  
*Spring's Sprung* by Lynn Plourde  
*Summer's Vacation* by Lynn Plourde  
*Pemba Sherpa* by Olga Cossi  
*Princess Hyacinth* by Florence Parry Heide  
*My Name is Sangoel* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed  
*Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea* by Marcus Pfister

*I Will Be Especially Very Careful* by Lauren Child  
*Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer* by Carol Brendler  
*Panda and Polar Bear* by Matthew Baek  
*Stagecoach Sal* by Deborah Hopkinson  
*Skippyjon Jonas* by Judy Schachner

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

*The Barefoot Book of Princesses* by Caitlin Matthews and Olwyn Whelan  
*Christian the Lion* by Bourke and Rendall  
*Baby Animals* by Seymour Simon  
*The Girls' Book of Excellence* by Sally Norton  
*A Walk in the Woods with Poppy* by Mary Farrall Hannah  
*Art from Her Heart* by Kathy Whitehead

**Juvenile Easy Readers**

*A Birthday for Bear* by Becker and Denton  
*The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow* by Andy Griffiths  
*Mouse and Mole* by Wong Herbert Lee

**Juvenile Fiction**

*The Eldorado Adventure* by Lloyd Alexander  
*Murder at Midnight* by Avi  
*Wild Card* by Tiki and Ronde Barber  
*The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Bag of Bones* by Vivian French  
*The Secret of Zoom* by Lynne Jonell

**BCES RECOGNIZES STUDENTS**

The recent recipients of Shining Star and Outstanding Effort as nominated by their teachers for grades kindergarten through second grade at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. are as follows:



Shining Stars: Abohousien Dieudonne, Andrew Porter III, Antonio Batres, Arieana Blount, Kyle Marmorstein, Martin Tejada, Celines Dieudonet, Madison Seymour, Sebastian Wunner, Rebecca Vales, Jamie Rein, Madison Shene, Ennie Li, Mailee Martinez, Stephanie Canales, Sabrina Abouhussien, Angelique Murcia, Veronica Medina, Ryan Halstead, Jahaira Cordero, Mark Stubble, Liridona Ahmetaj, Hayley Weiner, Bradley Delgado



Outstanding Effort: Alysha Forgione, Julius Kessler, Iesha Marong, Heavyn Robinson, JonCarlos Reyes, Sheldon, Rosa Encarnacion, Kayla Murray, Marlo Martinez, Jahleel Rivas Dicks, Corey Sullivan, Cristian Ramirez, Juan Garcia Gomez, Timothy Nash, Gohan Norford, Angel Sandoval Melara, Jakai Williams, Ethan Olmsted, Elizabeth Burger, Troy Holmes, Jennifer Chavez, Mariah McCoy, Brandon Castro, Shaina Hurwitz, Erica Barahona



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**SOLID WASTE USER FEE BILLING** (From Pg. 7) Existing coupons may be used through February 1, 2010, at which point the coupons must be used in denominations commensurate with the per bag fee, or turned in for new coupons reflecting the current per bag price. Coupons may be purchased at any of the transfer or convenience stations throughout Sullivan County, but only checks or money orders will be accepted as payment.

The following rates are only applicable for Sullivan County residents. Out-of-county residents seeking to use the Solid Waste system must pay the \$85 solid waste user fee to access the system. Please take note of changes in Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Effective January 1, 2010: The tipping fee for Municipal Solid Waste at Sullivan County Transfer stations equipped with scales will change from \$75 to \$85.

Please take note that Sullivan County will no longer accept commercially-generated roll-off containers with construction and demolition debris until further notice. The tipping fee for residential-generated Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste at Sullivan County Transfer Station in Ferndale equipped with scales: \$125 per ton.

Please take note of changes in Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Effective February 2, 2010: Individual Bag Fee for Non-Clear Bags: \$4.00 per bag; Individual Bag Fee for Clear Bags (containing no recyclables): \$2.00 per bag

The following real property class codes have been removed administratively from the Solid Waste User Fee billing: 474 Billboards; 653 Gov Parking Lot; 734 Wells (Junk); 822 Public Services (Water Supply); 823 Water Treatment Facilities; 830 Communication(Radio, TV, CATV prop); 831 Telephone land, bldgs, towers, etc; 832 Telegraph; 833 Radio; 834 Television; 835 CATV (bldgs, land, towers, etc); 836 Telephone outside plant; 837 Cell Towers; 842 Ceiling Railroad; 843 Non-Ceiling Railroad; 845 Water (Canal); 846 Bridges, tunnels, subways; 850 Waste Disposal; 852 Landfills and Dumps; 853 Sewage Treatment; 860; Special Franchise Property; 861 Electric and Gas; 862 Water; 866 Telephone; 867 Misc; 868 Pipelines; 869 Television; 870; Electric and Gas (Facility); 871 Electric and Gas (Facility); 872 Electric Substation; 873 Gas Measuring and Regulation Station; 874 Electric Power Generation Facility- Hydro; 882 Electric Transmission Imp; 883 Gas Transmission Imp; 884 Electric Distribution -Outside Plant Property; 885 Gas Distribution -Outside Plant Property; 695 Cemeteries; 900 Wild, Forest, Consv Lands, Public Parks; 910 Pvt Wild Forest; 911 Forest Land under Sect 480 RPTL; 912 Forest Land under Sect 480 a RPTL; 930 State Owned Forest Land; 931 State Owned Forest Land in Adir/Catskills 532-a RPTL; 932 State Owned Forest Land in Adir/Catskills 532-bcdefg RPTL; 940 Reforested Land; 941 State Owned Reforested Land; 970 Other Wild or Conservation Lands; 971 Wetlands Pvt or Govt; 972 Land under water Pvt or Govt; 993 Transition Assessments

**UC COMPTROLLER ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES**

Marla B. Siegel, Esquire joins Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach's staff and will assume the research and analysis duties formerly held by Laura F. Walls as Walls takes on the role as Deputy Comptroller.

Siegel spent four years as director of research and senior analyst with KROLL INC, a company specializing in business intelligence and investigations as well as compliance and integrity consulting. She has a law degree from Albany Law School and a Bachelor of Science degree from Union College.

Walls spent the past year assisting Comptroller Auerbach in developing the role of and procedures for the newly established Office of the Comptroller. In addition, she had oversight responsibility for each of the ten reports issued by the Office in its first year.

Laura F. Walls was co-founder and president of the community development consulting firm Shingebiss Associates, Inc. that raised over \$100 million for Hudson Valley projects before closing its doors. She was research director of Pattern for Progress, a regional public policy and research institute, where she led the Global Hudson Valley Initiative. Elected Gardiner Town Supervisor in 2000, Walls served one term in which she revamped the budgeting process and implemented needed financial safeguards. Her 9 years on the New Paltz Board of Education illustrates her value of lifelong learning as integral to effective public policy.

In lauding the skills and attributes of Siegel and Walls, Auerbach also noted his appreciation for the staff he inherited when he came into office. "The professionalism and institutional knowledge of my staff are to be credited with our ability to accomplish so much in this one, inaugural year of the Office of the Comptroller," said Auerbach, "our role as watchdog for Ulster County offers great promise in 2010."

**HINCHEY JOINS CENSUS BUREAU OFFICIALS AT GRAND OPENING OF LOCAL CENSUS OFFICE FOR ORANGE, SULLIVAN AND DELAWARE COUNTIES**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and U.S. Census Bureau officials today formally opened the local Census Bureau office for Orange, Sullivan, and Delaware counties. Hinchey and Census Bureau officials discussed the importance of the 2010 Census for New York and encouraged public participation in the census. Hinchey and Census Bureau officials also discussed upcoming job openings related to the collection of census data.

"A full participation in the 2010 Census among local residents will help ensure that the region gets its fair share of federal resources," Hinchey said. "It is extremely important that everyone living in the area fills out the surveys they will receive in March so that our region is not shortchanged and receives the full level of federal funding it needs and deserves. The 2010 Census also presents a very good opportunity for thousands of area residents to gain temporary, part-time employment while helping to ensure that their communities are accurately counted."

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The information the U.S. Census Bureau collects every 10 years on the U.S. population also helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars in federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and services such as hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, and emergency services, as well as bridges, roads and other-public works projects. Maximizing participation in the 2010 Census by residents of the Hudson Valley and Catskills will help ensure that these regions receive their fair share of federal resources.

More than 130 million addresses throughout the U.S. will receive a census form in March 2010 either by mail or in person from a census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt. Addresses that do not respond will be visited in person by a census worker beginning in late April through July. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. (Contd. Pg 12)





## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

**Happy and Healthy New Year to All!!! I'd like to welcome Preston Kelly as the new Highway Superintendent and Georgianna Lepke as Councilwoman.**

**Alternative Energy Strategy** The Town of Neversink Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals invite all interested residents to a joint meeting to be held on Wed., January 13th at 6 PM at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Alternative Energy Strategy in the Town of Neversink.

**Assessor's Office** The Aged Exemption forms will be sent out January 6th and will need to be returned with the current income information by March 1, 2010.

**Dept. of Motor Vehicles** The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on January 14th and February 11th.

**Emergency Situations** Winter weather is upon us and I would like to remind everyone that if they are faced with an emergency situation (i.e. no heat, electricity, etc.) and need assistance from the Town to please call me at the Town Hall or at my home (985-0027) so that I am able to get you the help needed or at least reach out to the appropriate authorities for assistance.

**Historian's Office** New for 2010 - Carol Smythe, Town Historian, will have designated office hours for the convenience of the public on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM for research and/or questions and Fridays 1 PM to 4 PM by appointment.

**Sewer Project Update** The sewer project has reached final completion! Those homeowners who are part of the extension project should have received a letter from the Town. The City has extended the hook-up period until June 30, 2010. You or your contractor may stop in at any time to obtain your no-fee permit, even if you are not hooking up until the spring. This would make it less burdensome for John Perrella, CEO, rather than everyone coming at the same time in the spring for their permits. John can be reached at 985-2262 ext. 302.

**Stream Management Program** The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and NYC DEP, along with cooperation from the Towns of Neversink and Denning will be developing stream management plans for the upper Rondout Creek and the East and West Branches of the Neversink River. It is through this effort that they will be looking at ways to prevent damage to property owners caused by chronic flooding, erosion problems, etc. We are happy to report that they now have an office located in the Town Hall and can be reached at 985-2581.

**Tax Collector** Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector has announced that along with the regular hours of business, she will extend the hours to collect taxes on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

**Transfer Station** The 2010 annual transfer station permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office. As you know, the County of Sullivan has imposed a solid waste user fee which is reflected on your tax bill. If you have any questions or concerns about the charge on your bill, you should contact the County Treasurer's Office at 807-0200. You should also feel free to contact your representatives of the Sullivan County Legislature which approved the Solid Waste User Fee. Your representatives are Leni Binder and Elwin Wood and they can be reached at 807-0435.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

Anyone interested in having the Supervisor's Corner e-mailed to them, please contact Brenda Devore @ 985-2262 ext. 306 with your e-mail address. She will put you on a list to receive the column when it comes out each month.

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  - 301 Gregory Goldstein - Town Supervisor
  - 302 John Perrella - Code Enforcement Officer
  - 303 Teri Lockhart - Bookkeeper
  - 306 Brenda Devore - Supervisor's Assistant
  - 307 Lisa Garigliano - Town Clerk
  - 311 Deborah Shaver - Clerk to the Court
  - 312 Jamie Dymond - Parks & Recreation Director
  - 313 Carol Smythe - Historian
  - 315 Georgianna Lepke - Catskill Watershed Corp.
  - 316 Janis Offringa - Sec. to Planning Board & ZBA
  - 319 Joan McNeill - Assessor's Office
  - 323 Gene Froehlich - Assessor's Office
  - 320 Board Room
- 985-2281 Preston Kelly - Highway Superintendent  
985-7281 Danita Kristoff - Dog Control Officer  
985-2581 Bobby Taylor - Stream Management Program  
Karen Rauter - Stream Management Program

**GRAND OPENING OF LOCAL CENSUS OFFICE** (From Pgl. 10) The Census Bureau will be hiring thousands of part-time, temporary employees to undertake the count over the coming months. The Census Bureau has been testing prospective applicants since October so that it has a large enough pool of applicants when its staffing needs peak. The Census Bureau is still giving the employment tests, which are required for all those seeking positions (scores determine the order of hiring). Individuals interested in obtaining a job with the Census Bureau can schedule a time to take the test by calling 1-866-861-2010. At this number, job applicants will be asked for their zip code so that they can be directed to the appropriate local office (this number is good throughout the state). Individuals living in Orange, Sullivan and Delaware counties, which are served by the Newburgh office, can call the Newburgh recruitment officials directly at 845-476-3050. The various field positions provide compensation starting at \$16 per hour along with reimbursement for certain travel expenses. More information is also available at: [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

### GILLIBRAND MAKES DIRECT APPEAL TO NATIONAL GRID USA: DON'T OUTSOURCE NEW YORK JOBS

With National Grid USA considering outsourcing much of its Northeast operations that would result in significant job losses across New York State, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stepped in and urged National Grid to reconsider plans and keep these jobs in New York.

According to recent news reports, National Grid is considering outsourcing much of its information services work, including software programming, computer networking and other functions. According to the reports, one request for proposals (RFP) for outside vendors has already been issued, with possibly three more to come in the coming months. The plan could send as many as 1,200 jobs in New York and New England overseas. National Grid USA made nearly \$1.5 billion in profits last year, due in large part to the quality American workforce it relies on.

In a letter to Tom King, President of National Grid USA, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "In this economic time it is very disconcerting to hear that any company would consider outsourcing its jobs to overseas businesses when we have a competent and capable workforce here in the United States. A workforce that you have been utilizing since 2002. It is even more upsetting to know that a company who made \$1.43 billion in profits last year would look for ways to cut costs by reducing its employees."

In addition to urging Chief Executive Holliday to keep these jobs in New York State, Senator Gillibrand is also working with businesses in all sectors in all regions of the state to keep their workforces right here in New York, and is working on new legislation that would encourage businesses to start hiring again - putting New Yorkers back to work. This fall, Senator Gillibrand launched her Innovation Agenda to increase America's competitiveness in the global economy, keep and attract more high-tech businesses to New York, and create more high-tech jobs in New York.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA & SENATOR BONACIC AGREE ON 12)** Senator Bonacic, who has introduced and passed legislation in the Senate to create the Hudson School of Math, Science and Engineering agrees with President Obama that our high schools too often trail many other countries in areas like math and science.

According to Bonacic, "We specialize in schools for cosmetology, auto repair and numerous other hands-on careers. It is wonderful when a young person identifies a career that they have a strong interest in and want to focus on. Yet, while we offer specialty schools for some career paths in the Hudson Valley, we fail to offer specialist schools for students who want to go into neurosurgery, quantum physics, or advanced solar energy." (Contd. Pg. 13)



**OBAMA AND BONACIC** (From Pg. 12)

While Bonacic's legislation has had bi-partisan support, with unanimous support in the Senate, during the past three years, the State Assembly has not acted on the legislation. Bonacic's legislation is supported by the leadership of BOCES, SUNY New Paltz, Orange County Community College and Ulster County Community College as well as numerous local business leaders. Run by BOCES, it would encourage innovation by students and would create career paths in the Hudson Valley, allowing students in area schools with common interests to come together and learn specialized skills in areas of math, engineering and science.

Implemented by the Obama administration, The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program, a new one-time appropriation of \$53.6 billion under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) became effective. These funds are distributed directly to states to:

- Help stabilize state and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential public services.
- Help ensure that local educational agencies (LEAs) and public institutions of higher education (IHEs) have the resources to avert cuts and retain educational personnel and staff.
- Help support the modernization, renovation, and repair of school and college facilities.
- Help advance early learning through post-secondary education reforms to benefit students and families.

As of today, \$2,203,172,739 in State Fiscal Stabilization funds have been awarded to New York

For more information and updates on government spending visit:  
<http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

**COMPTROLLER AUERBACH RELEASES LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD**

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach announced a new reporting medium he is calling Measure 2 Manage. "Borrowing from the adage, 'If you can't measure it, you can't manage it,'" explained Auerbach, "we believe this is an effective and affordable way to report government spending, efficiency and effectiveness."

Measure 2 Manage is a series of short, 1-2 page, snap shots portraying the use of County resources. This inaugural Measure 2 Manage report documents legislator attendance in 2009. The report identifies for each Ulster County Legislator the percentage of meetings attended including regular sessions of the legislature, public hearings and committee meetings.

The report provides factual background information regarding the role of the Legislature and the over \$500,000.00 of salaries and benefits provided to legislators.

Future Measure 2 Manage reports will share information such as property leases the county has entered into, mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle use, EZ Pass use, hotel-motel occupancy tax collection and gas and diesel fuel consumption

"On a daily basis my office generates data worthy of analysis," said Auerbach, "this data can be valuable to managers. By presenting the data in a useable format, the work of my staff will contribute to a culture of data-driven decision making within

the County and within the community."

The Ulster County Charter crafted the Office of the Comptroller to serve an independent analyst of county functions and finances. The Comptroller is to be a watchdog who reports on economic, efficiency and effectiveness findings. In this role, the Comptroller has identified the importance of education and creative thinking as key components.

"We want this data to cause people to pause and reflect and question," said Auerbach, "and in so doing, create new strategies, ideas and concepts for continuous improvement in governance."

**THE ROLE OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

The Ulster County Charter empowers the Legislature with the authority to adopt the budget, levy taxes, incur debt; create, amend or abolish local laws; approve vendor contracts and change orders in excess of \$50,000; approve labor contracts; set salaries for non-union employees; create, amend or abolish county administrative units; set the equalization rate among the taxing entities within the county; and more.

The 2009 Legislative Session included: 12 regular legislative sessions; 13 public hearings; 129 committee meetings

- Legislator Terpening passed away on October 21,

**LEGISLATIVE ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Legislator	% Regular Meetings Attended	% Public Hearings Attended	% Committee Meetings Attended
Hector Rodriguez	100	100	100
Glenn Noonan *	100	100	97
Roy Hochberg	100	92	100
David Donaldson **	100	92	95
Richard Gerentine	100	92	89
Donald Gregorius	100	85	100
Brian Cahill *	100	85	94
Alan Lomita *	100	85	92
Gary Bischoff	100	85	86
Robert Parete	100	77	82
Paul Hansut	100	77	69
Kenneth Ronk, Jr.	100	69	91
Catherine Terrizzi	100	69	74
Jeanette Provenzano	92	92	94
Sue Cummings	92	77	89
Kevin Roberts	92	77	81
Dean Fabiano	92	77	64
Wayne Harris	92	69	83
Laura Petit	92	69	76
Mary Sheeley	92	62	58
James Maloney	92	54	74
Frank Dart	83	77	92
Richard Parete	83	38	82
Jon Decker	83	38	55
*Philip Terpening	75	88	89
Peter Loughran	75	69	94
T J Briggs	75	62	71
Susan Zimet	75	62	73
Frank Felicello, Jr.	75	46	60
Joe Roberti, Jr.	75	8	50
Brian Shapiro	67	31	50
Joe Stoeckeler, Jr.	58	62	43
Robert Aiello	25	0	None assigned

2009; his attendance is pro-rated.

- Chairman of Legislature (\$9,500 stipend)
- Vice-Chairman of Legislature
- Majority Leader (\$2,000 stipend)
- Minority Leader (\$2,000 stipend)

Legislators are paid \$10,000 per year. Legislators

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
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845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Paul Nulton  
John Bult, Organist

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.

Weekend Mass schedule:  
Saturday afternoon: 5:00  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:  
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am  
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.



**WINTER HOURS FOR ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL**

The Little Church with the Big Heart

**Sundays, 3 pm: Communion**

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42  
South Fallsburg

Info: Mother Joan LaLiberté, 845-887-4742

are eligible for health benefits; 18 receive health coverage; 4 receive dental/vision coverage; each covered legislator contributes to the cost of their coverage. 27 legislators are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System.

The 2009 Legislative Budget included: \$343,500 for legislator salaries; \$252,895 for health benefits of which legislators contributed \$25,289.28

Legislators who serve five terms are entitled to insurance coverage upon retirement.

**HINCHEY SECURES FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF \$1.6 FOR ARMOR DYNAMICS IN KINGSTON**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) announced that he has secured final congressional approval of a \$1.6 million federal investment for Armor Dynamics in order to assist the Kingston-based company with bringing its advanced reactive armor system to market while creating and saving jobs. Hinchey used his position on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense to obtain the funds as part of the fiscal year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, which the House passed this week (Contd. Pg. 14)



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am

985-2283

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**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY, JAN. 17**  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon

ADULTS \$7  
CHILDREN AGE 5-11, \$3  
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE

\$50. FROM EACH MONTHLY BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
Sunday School 9 A.M.  
Worship Service 10 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Looking for a Lifeguard?  
Ours walks on water!

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor



Jan. 2, 2010  
5:30 pm  
Sundown United Methodist Church  
at the Sundown Church Hall



**ARMOR DYNAMICS** (From PG. 13)

and the Senate is expected to approve this weekend. The bill will then move to the White House for the president's approval.

"This federal investment will create or save 10 jobs in Kingston right now and pave the way for the likely creation of two dozen more jobs within the next two years from federal contracts that Armor Dynamics will be well-positioned to receive," Hinchey said. "I was very pleased to obtain these funds to support a growing employer in Kingston that is making an important contribution to the well-being of our troops. This money will help Armor Dynamics grow and create jobs in Kingston while providing equipment to our military that will protect and save the lives of the men and women serving in our armed forces."

Armor Dynamics is the developer of Magmacore Armor -- a patented composite armor technology that is designed to improve human survivability. The company will use the federal funds to develop a more sophisticated reactive armor system for U.S. military vehicles that would provide U.S. troops with unprecedented protection from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), Explosively Formed Penetrators (EFPs), and other weapons and explosives. The Magmacore Reactive Armor would be fitted for a variety of lightweight military vehicles.

Armor Dynamics President and CEO David Warren said, "We are grateful to Congressman Hinchey for his unparalleled commitment to promoting the development of the innovation economy and job growth in our community. This funding will support our research partnership with the US Army and lead to innovative solutions that will better protect our combat soldiers."

Armor Dynamics will utilize the funding that Hinchey secured in two phases. The first phase will be for testing and development that includes, but is not limited to, paying for engineers, scientists, equipment, raw material and testing facility costs. The company plans to use the remainder of the funding for the continuation of testing and development in preparation for market release.

The company's product will be lighter, stronger and less expensive than competitive armor systems. The Magmacore Reactive Armor system would provide superior levels of protection by using proprietary technologies, advanced composite and custom-configured ceramic materials. Additionally, the advanced armor systems can be easily modified as threats evolve, and can be adapted to specific combat and threat conditions in the field.

Armor Dynamics is located within the Kingston Business Park, which Hinchey helped establish in 1996 by securing \$1.8 million in federal funds. That investment has resulted in a variety of businesses staying in the business park or moving to it, including Armor Dynamics.

**UC MOVES TO PARTNER WITH TOWNS FOR BETTER, FASTER AND LOWER COST HIGHWAY SERVICES "Study Identifies Potential for Millions in Taxpayer Savings"**

County Executive Mike Hein convened a meeting with Town Supervisors and Town Highway Superintendents, as well as representatives from the Ulster County Legislature, Pattern for Progress and the Center for Research, Regional

Education and Outreach (CRREO) of SUNY New Paltz. The meeting was called to outline an innovative, decentralized approach to delivering highway services in Ulster County.

What was proposed today is the largest shared services initiative in the history of Ulster County and, according to consultant's projections, it has the potential for million of dollars in savings to Town and County taxpayers.

"This innovative program calls for the decentralization of various highway services, from the County to the Towns, starting with the plowing, salting and sanding of County owned roads, and when in place, it will provide extensive cost savings. This overhaul will reduce duplication, provide better services and safer roads, and will do so at a lower cost to our collective taxpayers. If elected leaders are willing to work together in a non-partisan way, there's no telling how much we can accomplish," said County Executive Hein. He added, "When this overhaul is completed, no longer will residents see a municipal snowplow drive with its plow up over an unplowed road simply because it's not 'theirs'."

This shared services approach is a clear path to savings for Town and County taxpayers and, in my view, represents the future of government."

New York State Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez said, "I am extremely pleased that the Department of State was able to support Ulster County's innovative proposal to improve highway

services and create cost savings for its residents. This type of inter-municipal collaboration to reduce the cost of delivering key public services, such as safe highways, is an important means to control property tax increases. It is precisely the kind of out-of-the-box thinking that I hope is replicated by more communities across the state."

John Valk, Supervisor of the Town of Shawangunk and President of the Ulster County Association of Supervisors and Mayors said, "With the Highway Superintendents on board, this program will provide our residents with safer roads during snowstorms and save money too. It is a very worthwhile pursuit."

"I'm open to exploring any innovative idea that can help us provide better services and safer roads, at a lower cost. I'm sure there are many details to be worked out, however, I think that we can move forward and I think that a collaborative approach to our common challenges is a good way to go," said Gael Appler, Highway Superintendent of the Town of Marlborough and President of the Ulster County Association of Highway Superintendents.

The meeting was convened by County Executive Hein to review the findings and recommendations contained in a New York State Department of State grant-funded Shared Municipal Services Study, commissioned by Ulster County in May of 2008. The study was conducted by Pattern for Progress and included extensive interviews with Town officials. The study was designed to identify potential savings opportunities in a number of operational areas, including highway services. The study also researched successful programs and models being utilized by other communities throughout New York State.

Expanding upon recommendations contained in the study and working with elected officials from all of the Towns, the County Executive proposed a decentralized, coordinated approach to the delivery of highway services, starting with the plowing, sanding and salting of County roads. This plan would offer the greatest opportunity for savings for County and Town taxpayers and could be implemented relatively quickly. One of the key factors in the County Executive's determination was the award of a \$481 thousand dollar grant, from the New York State Department of State to Ulster County and participating Towns, for the installation of an Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) System on all County and Town highway vehicles. The AVL system makes it possible to track vehicles in "real time" and thus to coordinate the timing and completion of snow plowing routes over a wide geographic area.

As a result of today's meeting, an Implementation Committee is being formed consisting of members of the Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors, the Ulster County Association of Highway Superintendents, the Ulster County Legislature and representatives from the Executive's Administration, including the Commissioner of Public Works. The committee will be tasked with analyzing data and developing an action plan for implementing the new strategy prior to the presentation of Town Budgets for the 2011 fiscal year. The Committee's initial report is to be delivered to the County Executive within 45 days.

Implementation of the proposed strategy requires the negotiation of inter-municipal agreements between the County and participating Towns. These agreements are subject to approval by the Ulster County Legislature and participating Town Boards

**GILLIBRAND TO FEDS: EXTEND DEADLINE TO RECYCLE CLUNKERS**

Six Month Deadline Not Enough Time for Scrap Yards Inundated With "Cash for Clunker" Trade-Ins

To give scrap yards the time they need to properly recycle vehicles that were traded in during this summer's successful Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) "Cash for Clunkers" program, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand urged the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to extend by an additional 90 days the original 6-month deadline to destroy traded-in vehicles. Scrap yards were inundated with trade-ins as a result of the popular "Cash for Clunkers" program and are now struggling to recycle cars and car parts in time to meet the 6-month deadline imposed on them. The majority of cars would need to be scrapped before May.

In a letter to Ronald Medford, Acting Deputy Administrator for NHTSA, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "The spirit of the CARS program was to help the environment while at the same time creating jobs and rejuvenating the automotive industry in this country. These scrap yards simply need more time to process these old cars, so they can harvest a higher percentage of the salvageable parts. This recycling process is environmentally friendly and good for the economy. While helping the part sales industry, it will also save car owners money by supplying them with used

parts at a fraction of the cost of new parts."

CARS was a program where old, inefficient vehicles could be traded in with a discount for a new, more efficient car as long as it met certain requirements. Initially, the program was to dedicate \$1 billion for rebates, which could reach up to \$4500 per vehicle. The program was so successful that it was extended by an additional \$2 billion. This extension increased the number of cars in the program by approximately 200 percent.

One of the stipulations in the program is that cars turned in via CARS would need to be scrapped within 6 months of their trade-in date. Since the original program was tripled, scrap yards have been unable to process the influx of vehicles that were traded-in within the time frame originally set. In addition, used car parts dealers store the harvested used parts inside the car until the time of sale. This caused a substantial storage shortage.

A 6-month extension would give scrap yards and used parts dealers the time they need to process these cars and more time to sell the parts.

**GILLIBRAND, BIPARTISAN GROUP OF SENATORS INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO HELP JUMPSTART LENDING TO SMALL BUSINESSES, CREATE JOBS**

U.S. Kirsten Gillibrand and a bipartisan group of her colleagues introduced a bill to spur small business growth and create jobs by increasing access to loans from credit unions. The Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 2009 was co-sponsored by Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Mark Udall (D-CO).

The bill is in response to pleas the Senators have heard from small business owners in their states. In the past 15 years, small businesses generated nearly two-thirds of all new jobs created in the United States - yet during the economic crisis, small business owners have struggled to access credit they need to expand. This is in part because big banks have tightened their lending and partly because of a lack of access to loans from credit unions.

The Senators' legislation is designed to increase access to credit union loans. By law, credit unions are required to limit member business lending to 12.25 percent of the credit union's total assets. The Senators' bill would raise that cap to 25 percent of total assets, and increase the minimum business loan subject to the cap from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

"If we're going to create new jobs and rebuild our economy for the long term, small businesses need more access to credit," Senator Gillibrand said. "This common-sense legislation would free up lending at not-for-profit credit unions in every corner of America to small businesses. This would give small businesses more of the capital they need to get off the ground, grow and get hundreds of thousands of Americans back to work."

According to the Credit Union National Association, these sensible reforms will increase small business lending by \$10 billion within the first year of their enactment, producing more than 100,000 new jobs.

Furthermore, the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the independent federal regulator with oversight of credit unions, supports this legislation. In a letter to the Treasury Department, NCUA Chairman Debbie Matz wrote, "NCUA supports a proper balance of serving business lending needs with a prudent regulatory framework to protect safety of the institutions and the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.... Credit union member business loans total over \$27 billion in assets. The potential is much greater - both for credit unions and for small businesses."

The legislation would also encourage more credit unions to extend credit to small businesses. Under the current law, many credit unions find it difficult to start member business lending programs because the cost of meeting high regulatory and staffing requirements is too expensive relative to the cap. Credit unions say that raising the amount they are able to lend would make it easier to recover costs, and therefore would increase the number of credit unions able to start small business loan programs.

**NYSAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON GOVERNOR'S STATE OF STATE ADDRESS**

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario Governor David Paterson introduced a blueprint for New York State to emerge from this recession. County leaders from across the state look forward to reviewing the details of many of these initiatives, especially the economic development programs. Fostering job growth is critical for New York State to come out of this economic downturn stronger than before. Linking higher education and our businesses in ways that create emerging industries would spur job growth in our communities. All efforts should focus on a renewed commitment to retaining and creating jobs in all areas of the state.



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS**

**SOUTH PACIFIC MUSICAL NYC**  
 Wednesday, May 5- Coach leaves Town Hall 10 am and returns approx 8 pm. If you plan to attend \$80 must be paid no later than Jan 26

**FREE BOWLING** Ellenville Lanes -Feb 21 3-5 pm All families in TVCSD and Town of Neversink adults/non-residents \$10. Must sign up by Feb 9

**PIZZA & EGG DECORATING** - Mar 19@ 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents. Sign up by Mar 9

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING** - FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -

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**"BE MINE TOO" AN EXHIBITION ABOUT LOVE AT ALLIANCE GALLERY**

"Be Mine Too," Alliance Gallery's second annual exhibition of photographs, collage, poetry, and "poem objects" celebrating the universal theme of love, opens on Saturday, January 30, 2010 with an opening reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit runs throughout the Valentine's Day season, closing on Saturday, February 20.

"In February, residents of the Catskills can use a little warmth," says Alliance Gallery director Rocky Pinciotti. "The concept of an exhibition based on romance, love, desire, and affection is not a unique idea, but it is an engaging one."

Mary Greene of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective and the River Reporter curated the poetry portion of the exhibition. The poets will create "poem objects" to sculpturally illustrate their words and will also recite their poems during the opening reception.

Photographers and collage artists include Linda Berkowicz, Norma Bernstock, Nada Clyne, Gloria Forelli, Edith Gould, Kristin Gronbeck, Erica Hart, Philip Hazard, JoAnne Kalish, Lindell McElfresh, Brandi Merolla, Sarah Sax, Bill Strouse, and Leslie Yudelson. Poets featured in the show are Cass Collins, Will Conway, Lorraine Davis, Rees Davis, Briar DeHaven, Nancy Dymond, Kathy Grimaldi, Judith Lechner, Sandy Long, Jane Luchsinger, Pamela Lundgren, Georganna Millman, Mimi Moriarty, and Corinne Robins.

"Be Mine Too" is a continuation of last winter's photography and poetry show. New this year is the inclusion of artistic collages. "It is a medium that lends itself extremely well to the spontaneous creative expression of emotion that is the essence of the exhibition," says Pinciotti. Last year's opening reception brought out an overflow crowd.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

**ALLIANCE GALLERY 2011 EXHIBITIONS -Call for Submissions**

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is calling for submissions for solo, group, or curated shows in 2011. The Alliance Gallery program priority is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists who live part-time or full-time in the Mid-Hudson, Catskill, or Upper Delaware River regions. All media and styles are considered, as are installations and proposals by curators. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 22, 2010. There is no submission fee.

Interested artists should submit 10 to 12 images of recent works as either slides or jpeg (Next Col.)

- 1/13/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 1/14/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 1/16/10 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale - 9 am - 1 pm
- 1/16/10 Jubilee musicians Jam Grahamsville 1st Aid Bldg 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- 1/17/10 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 1/18/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/20/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 1/23/10 Grahamsville Jubilee Old-fashioned Hymn Sing 7-8 Southern Blue Grass/Gospel Music 8-9:30pm
- Grahamsville Methodist ChurchHall call 845-985-0402
- 1/21/10 Time & the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 1/26/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall Upstairs Meeting Room
- 1/30/10 Jubilee musicians Jam Grahamsville 1st Aid Bldg.
- 2/1/10 Time & the Valleys Work Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
- 2/3/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 2/4/10 Daniel Pierce Library First Thursday Readers - 1:00 pm
- 2/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/15/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - Presidents' Day
- 2/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm

Send your group's or organization's 2010 calendar of events to us so that we may keep our readers posted on what will be happening throughout 2010 in the Tri-Valley area.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**14th Annual Women's Conference** to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College

**Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>

**Town of Neversink Website:** <http://townofneversink.org>

**Daniel Pierce Library** - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

**Time and The Valleys Museum** - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>

**Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:** <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  
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images on CD Rom.

- SLIDES: 2" x 2" paper or plastic-mounted slides numbered at top right corner.
  - CD Rom: 300 dpi 8" x 10" images labeled with title or number only.
- If your slides/jpegs do not represent the work that you want to show, please describe your concept in a cover letter or proposal.

- A one-page itemized list corresponding to the numbered slides/jpegs listing the title, medium, date, and size of each work.
- A one-page résumé or description of your art background.
- A one-page detailed proposal if your work is of a conceptual nature; or, if you are a curator, a proposal describing the curatorial concept, accompanied by support materials (i.e. slides/jpegs, résumés, etc.)
- A SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for return of your slides/CD Rom. Send to: Alliance Gallery, P.O. Box 170, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Jurying is based solely on the slides/jpegs, so it is important to submit consistent, high-quality images. As the jurors change each year, it is strongly recommended that artists keep applying even if their work has not been chosen in the past. Artists who have exhibited in one- or two-person shows at Alliance Gallery are welcome to reapply after a two-year period.

For a PDF of the Alliance Gallery submission guidelines, visit [ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://ArtsAllianceSite.org). For more information, call the gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at (845) 252-7576.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATES FUNDS FOR ASK'S EXTERIOR STAIR PROJECT**

The Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, has been awarded a grant of \$5,000 from funds provided by an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of Dutchess County.

Given in person by Cynthia A. Lowe, Director of the Ulster County Community Foundation and Nevill Smythe, Vice President of Programs of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, during December's First Saturday art reception, this generous donation will be put toward an essential fire escape project for ASK's Regional Art Center located at 97 Broadway, Kingston.

Katharine McKenna, ASK's president, had one goal before stepping down, to take ASK to the next level. Literally. In order to get to the next level, or upstairs, the building would need a fire escape or external stair. She made this the focus of her November 2009 President's Circle Reception with a funding goal of \$40,000.

A matching grant of \$12,500 from Markertek of Saugerties has been met with \$2,890 from the President's Circle membership, \$5,000 from the Community Development Block Grant administered by the City of Kingston, and now \$5,000 from the anonymous donor. These funds make a total of \$25,390 (Next Col.)

**The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Store will be open for shopping on Saturday, January 16, 2010**

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raised for the exterior stairway.

The exterior staircase will allow ASK to apply for temporary permits to use the second floor for classes, small group activities, and performances. The renovation of the building with the end goal of a 99-seat state-of-the-art theater and classroom is ongoing. Walters-Stork Design Group based in Highland has drawn up building plans. Previous Community Block Grants administered by the City of Kingston have funded ADA compliant bathrooms upstairs and down, given the foyer of the building a face-lift, and funded the insulation of office and gallery spaces.

The Arts Society of Kingston's mission is to be a regional multi-arts center. With useable space on the second floor at ASK will be one step closer to that goal.

This year ASK has hosted more than 10 performances in the main gallery on a temporary stage including: the second annual Playwrights' Lab Festival; "Turbulent Voyage, A Domestic Retelling of Henry Hudson's Epic Explorations," a play by Paul Cooper; and award-winning Gustafer Yellowgold in his Kingston debut.

**INTRODUCTORY SNOWSHOE HIKE JAN 31 AT FROST VALLEY YMCA**

A free Introductory Snowshoe Hike will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 1-3 p.m. at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville.

The snowshoe hike will take participants into the backcountry around Frost Valley. The hike will be appropriate for anyone age 10 and older, of all ability levels. Hikers can bring their own snowshoes, or borrow a pair from Frost Valley. Snowshoeing techniques will be discussed and staff will provide information on the history of snowshoeing.

"This three-hour program will include basic information on the history, construction, techniques, and benefits of snowshoeing. We'll also be going for a backcountry snowshoe hike to explore some off-trail terrain," commented Reid Bauer, Frost Valley's Natural Resources and Environmental Science Coordinator.

Reservations are necessary for this event because participation is limited. Contact Reid Bauer at: [rbauer@frostvalley.org](mailto:rbauer@frostvalley.org) or (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 to register or to request more information.





**Daniel Pierce Library**

**HOURS:**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesdays & Fridays - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm. 845-985-7233

**Time and the Valleys Museum** has copies of every **Townsmen** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: [historian@townofneversink.org](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org), or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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**ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THE FEBRUARY 4th ISSUE**

The Townsman will resume the **ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD** in the February 4th, 2010 issue and will continue to publish this insert the first week of each month.

All ads for the February **One Dollar, One Line, One Item** flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th at 3:00 pm.** You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Buidling or email it to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

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**Denning Democrats**

The Town of Denning Democratic committee joins and supports the fight to get Governor Paterson and the DEC to throw out their Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (dSGEIS) on gas drilling using hydro fracturing and write a new report from scratch. For more information; on the net:

<http://catskillmountainkeeper.org/news>

Rally to Albany on January 25, 2010 or call Catskill Mountainkeeper (845) 482-5400. The movement continues to gain momentum. Help stop Marcellus Shale gas drilling in New York's watershed. Get involved and preserve our pure water.

Have a suggestion for the Dem committee, email, [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com), or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair  
Frank Comando

**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

B. William Prince

A. Yes, a French dramatist, Cyrano De Bergerac

**TRI-VALLEY PROPERTY FOR SALE**

CLARYVILLE:

- **NEW** Renovated 3 bed/1 bath farmhouse with creek on approx. 1 acre \$299,000; with 6.42 acres \$329,000
- **NEW** Two quiet, pretty, level 1 acre, buildable lots. \$22,500 each. (1 lot is under contract)
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- **RENTAL** Elegant 4 bed/5 bath home on 150 acre estate with Neversink frontage. \$1,900/mo + utils.

GRAHAMSVILLE /LOCH SHELDRAKE/JEFFERSONVILLE:

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- **NEW** 4 bed/2.5 bath single fam. home + two 1 bed/1 bath apts in attached bldg. In quiet section of Jeffersonville Village. Short walk to school. \$249,000
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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**



This Sunday, January 17, 2010, there will be a on TCM a double feature on TCM. First a remake at 8:00 PM-Roxanne (1987) The story of a fireman with great nose who tries to match the woman he loves with a young friend while he is pining in his heart for her. Cast: Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah, Rick Rossovich. Dir: Fred Schepisi. C-107 mins, TV-14, Letterbox Format. Then at 10:00 PM a long-time Jose Ferrer classic, Cyrano De Bergerac (1950). This is the story of a master swordsman-poet, who helps another man woo the woman he secretly loves. Cast: Jose Ferrer, Mala Powers, and William Prince. Dir: Michael Gordon. BW-113 mins, TV-PG

- Quiz:
- A. Was there a real historical figure that the "Fireman character" is based on?
  - B. Who played Cyrano's friend in the classic film?

What's going on in the **Gnome Gneighbourhood™** this week?

On Jan 15, 1929: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born. For more information on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. try the Daniel Pierce Library, or on line, [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html)

Next Benjamin Franklin's birthday and that was on Jan 17, 1706. He is one of 'Gnomedom's' favorite people who lived an interesting and active life. Benjamin Franklin was not only one of the Founding Fathers of the United States but he was a leading writer, publisher, inventor, diplomat, scientist, and philosopher. He is well known for his experiments with electricity and lightning, for publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac," and the Pennsylvania Gazette. He served as Postmaster General under the Continental Congress, and later became a prominent abolitionist. He is credited with inventing the lightning rod, the Franklin stove, and bifocals. One of his most famous quotes is, "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." ~ B. Franklin. For more information on Ben Franklin try Daniel Pierce Library, or on-line at : <http://www.earlyamerica.com/lives/franklin/>

Ben died peacefully in his sleep on April 17, 1790. He was 84 years old.

Bye,

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