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Upcoming Events

The Interpreter

A Reading of a Play of the Nuremberg Trial

December 20

7:30 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

Joseph Vitale, executive director of College Advancement and Planning, has been researching and writing this play over the past three years about the experiences of Richard Sonnenfeldt. Sonnenfeldt was one of the last surviving participants in the Nuremberg Trials of 1945-1946, at which leading Nazi war criminals were tried with most subsequently executed. Although the actors will read their parts, minimal props also will be used to suggest sets. Admission is free.

Year End Holiday

December 24 - January 3

This is to confirm that, in accordance with the year-end holiday schedule, the college will be closed beginning Friday, December 24 and will reopen on January 3, 2011.

Spring Drama Auditions

"Coram Boy"

January 19 - 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

January 24 - 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Contact Robert Cioffi on ext. 5465 or at rcioffi@ccm.edu for further information.

More Families Turning to CCM as an Affordable Option for Starting a Higher Education

A recent *Daily Record* article noted that more students and parents from elite Morris County towns are choosing County College of Morris as an affordable option for a quality higher education. Over the last five years, CCM has seen a 30-percent increase in enrollments from students graduating from Madison, Montville, Randolph and West Morris Mendham high schools. Quoted in the article, Jim Mauch, of Chester Township, noted that while CCM might be a "non-traditional view" where they live, he and his wife "feel very good about the education" their son and daughter are receiving at CCM. Read the article "Recession sending more students from richer towns to County College of Morris."

Chartwells Holiday Schedule

The schedule for Dining Services for the next few weeks will be as follows:

December 20 - 23

SCC - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

B-Cafe - Closed

Jan 3 - 14

SCC - 8a.m. - 3 p.m.

B-Cafe - Closed

Note: On January 4th DECA will be on campus and will be bringing approximately 2,000 students so the lines in SCC may be a little longer than usual.

IRS Standard Mileage Rate

Effective January 1, 2011 the IRS standard mileage rate will be 51 cents per mile.

Swap and Shop

For Sale: Shih Tzu pup born 9/10/10. Christmas price \$400. Paper trained, up-to-date on shots and deworming. Call June Scott at 973-293-3989 before December 23.

Interesting Websites

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The origins of "OK" explored. So how do you use the word "OK?" Do you use it to mean agreement with a friend you are talking with? Perhaps it is best saved as a conversational placeholder, or to indicate, "Yes, I am still listening." And we haven't even started talking about whether it should be written as "O.K.," "Okay" or just plain-old "OK." The word has been in the news of late due a recent book on the subject by Allan Metcalf, a professor of English at MacMurray College in Illinois. Metcalf has been fascinated with the word for years, and in the book reveals the story of the true origins of this curious word. Apparently, a number of newspaper editors in Boston were sitting around in 1839 joking about abbreviations they had come up with over the past several hours. They had begun to use "OFM" (our first men), "GT" (gone to Texas) and "SP" (small potatoes). "OK" was thrown around at this bull session to abbreviate the phrase "all correct," and it soon entered the American consciousness in a political setting. In 1840, a group of individuals supporting President Martin Van Buren's re-election campaign began to form OK Clubs to support their man. President Van Buren was from Kinderhook, New York, and he had acquired the nickname "Old Kinderhook." The OK Clubs adopted the slogan "OK is OK" and this bit of phrasing began to enter the firmament of American phraseology from that point on. [KMG]

- The first link will take users to a talk with Allan Metcalf about his recent book from NPR's "All Things Considered."
- The second link whisk's users to a Straight Dope column on the origins of "OK."
- The third link leads to a review of Metcalf's book by Jonathan Yardley of the *Washington Post*.
- The fourth link leads to another review of the book by Roy Blount Jr. which appeared in this past Friday's *New York Times*.
- The fifth link leads to the American Languages: *Our Nation's Many Voices* digital project from the University of Wisconsin. Here visitors can listen to audio recordings documenting linguistic diversity in the United States.
- The final link leads to the Dictionary of American Regional English project, based at the University of Wisconsin. Here visitors can learn about which parts of the United States use the words darning needle, ear cutter, snake doctor or snake feeder.

OK: How Two Letters Made 'America's Greatest Word'

<http://www.npr.org/2010/11/17/131390650/ok-how-two-letters-made-america-s-greatest-word>

The Straight Dope: What Does "OK" stand for?

<http://www.straightdope.com/columns/read/503/what-does-ok-stand-for>

Linguistically, America is A-OK

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/29/AR2010102907644.html>

The 'O' Word

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/21/books/review/Blount-t.html?src=me>

American Languages: Our Nation's Many Voices <http://www.digicoll.library.wisc.edu/AmerLangs/>

Dictionary of American Regional English <http://www.dare.wisc.edu/>

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