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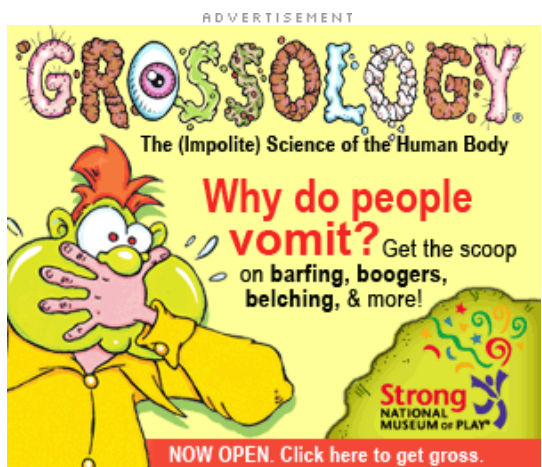
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Shame On Allegany County

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On April 29th, 2007 Allegany County EMS lost a friend and hero when Wellsville firefighter Ron Thomas Died. Ron was fishing in the lions club fishing derby in the genesee river just south of the village of Wellsvile when he went to the aid of two men who got sucked into a whirlpool by an ice levy.

The call went out for a rescue of one man in the river and before the first equipment arrived on scenen it was updated to several men in the river needing assistance. Ron was nearby and plunged right in to assist those in trouble. He was able to push the two men, a father and son team, to safety before he secumbed to the cold water.

Several of his fellow firemen were able to pull Ron to shore but were unable to revive him. Since that day Allegany county has denied firefighter death benefitts to his family. Their

stance is that it can't be proven that he went to their aid after the 911 call was made.

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There is a good samaritan law that protects those who help from being sued by those they helped. There is no law to provide for the family if the rescuer dies. I'm ashamed to say I'm an EMS provider in Allegany county.

Terrible way to treat a HERO!

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