

About Town

Chinese film screened at library tonight

The final film in the Friends of the Jamestown Library 2006 Foreign Film Series, "Not One Less," from China, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m.

"Not One Less" is the heart-warming tale of a 13-year-old girl, Wei Minzi, who is a substitute teacher living in a poor village in rural China. She is given a month-long assignment to teach a classroom of 28 students, ages 6 through 10, with instructions to make sure that all the students, "not one less," stay in school. Wei approaches the job as any 13-year-old might — like a sullen teenager. But because she is close in age to her students, they respond to her with playful attentiveness.

The movie's running time is 106 minutes. The film series is free and open to the public.

Sea shanties concert planned this Sunday

The Friends of the library are sponsoring their third concert in the music series this Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m.

The library will host Everett Brown and an afternoon of sea shanties. Brown has been performing for over 25 years and will give a little history of the songs as he goes along.

Citizens group talks about highway barn

The North End Concerned Citizens, the group that opposes the building of a new highway barn on the lot adjacent to the transfer station, will offer a presentation this Sunday, March 5, on possible environmental impacts

that could result from the project.

This presentation will be the group's informational counterpoint to the recent public workshop by GZA engineering hired by the town.

The presentation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club, 138 Narragansett Ave. Refreshments will be provided. Call Ellen Winsor at 423-2304.

St. Matthew's to host Lenten suppers

Throughout the season of Lent, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will hold a series of Wednesday night light suppers followed by a period of study.

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd said that the soup and bread dinners will begin March 8 at 6:30 p.m., and the discussion and "review of our baptismal covenants," will last until 8 p.m.

Suppers will continue each Wednesday until April 5.

Participants are asked to R.S.V.P. to the parish office at 423-1762 if they would like to attend the suppers.

Sailing scholarship offered locally

The Joshua Wadsworth Leonard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible child between the ages of 8 and 14 who has an interest in nautical pursuits.

The deadline for applications, which are available at Baker's Pharmacy and both school offices, is March 15.

The application asks for a 100-word statement, written by the candidate, on the topic of why sailing lessons are desired.

Call Gretchen Bradley at 423-9230 for more information.

Island housing plan ready for comment

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Jamestown Housing Authority is in the seventh year of its Agency Plan.

The plan is available for review at the Jamestown Housing Authority office, 45 Pemberton Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

There will be a public hearing on the plan on Thursday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in the Pemberton Apartments Community Room. The public is invited to attend. Written comments will be accepted until Friday, April 14.

Learn to knit socks at library

A class in how to knit hand-made socks will run for three consecutive Sundays at the library.

The first session is March 12 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Jamestown Library, the class will feature knitting instructor Nancy Mowbray, who will lead the group through casting on using double pointed needles, to turning a heel, to forming the toe. The cost of the three classes is \$15. Pre-registration is required and payment is required at the time of registration.

Knitters will need to bring yarn for their project and appropriately sized double pointed needles. Various patterns to accommodate different yarn weights will be provided.

Call the library at 423-7280 for more information.

Leprechaun hat-making workshop

A leprechaun hat-making workshop will be held for young people ages 5 through 15 at the Jamestown library on Thursday, March 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.


All materials will be supplied. Registration is not necessary for this free program, which will be held in the library meeting hall.

19th-century yacht to be topic of talk

The Friends of the Jamestown Library's second lecture of the Sailing Series will be held Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. and will be presented by Cynthia Goss of the International Yacht Restoration School.

She will bring to life the background of the yacht "Coronet," the last remaining American schooner yacht of her kind.

Built in 1885, the 133-foot schooner yacht Coronet is a magnificent example from the great age of yachting. Her remarkable record of ownership and her extensive voyaging make her an historic vessel of unique and international significance. The International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) is restoring Coronet.

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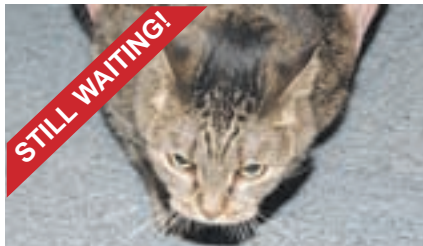
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MURPHY'S LAW ON GOVERNMENTAL WASTE

Given the enormous needs of the citizens of Iraq, and the good it could do our country if we actually met those needs, it is truly outrageous that our government has wasted billions on ripoff scams such as that perpetrated by Custer Battles.

It seems so preventable.

Here at home, the waste attendant to the federal rehab effort following Katrina is scandalous.

And on the local level, take a good look at the trestle portion of the old Jamestown Bridge. It will be gone soon. The folly in tearing down a facility of that recreational utility boggles the mind. In a progressive state, it would have been recycled in place, by using it as a public pier.

It reminds one of an earlier pier in Jamestown, the one constructed by the Navy in the 1940s at the foot of Eldred Avenue. Never used by the Navy, and left to rot in place. Later turned over to Commerce Oil by the Town of Jamestown on terms tantamount to a gift.

Respect for the taxpayers gets lip service only.

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