

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



The Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force has always been a generous financial backer of the Jamestown School's eighth-grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

This year, however, the amount donated will be determined by the number of eighth-grade parents who show up for the task force's Underage Drinking Forum at the school's multipurpose room on Melrose Avenue on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Laura Bucklin, who heads up the task force, said the Jamestown group is one of only 10 towns in the state that will present a forum on the topic. The federal government gives each task force \$1,000 to produce the presentation.

Laura said determining the amount of dollars to be awarded to the class trip based on the turnout of the parents is simply a matter of an incentive to get them there.

"The eighth grade is, after all, the target age group we want to reach," she said.

Participants in the discussion will include a representative of the police department; Frank LaPere, owner of Grapes & Gourmet; Melissa Minto, town teen co-ordinator; Stephanie Wordell, student assistant counselor, health teacher Pam Allen; and Glenn Miller, a professional social worker.

Let's go, eighth-graders. Get your families out for the forum.

Kudos and KaBooms from the Rocket Dawgz, who received fireworks donations last week from Clifton White of Seaside Drive, James and Patricia Perry of East Shore Road, and Marie and Bob Greco of Seaside Drive.

The Perrys wrote, "We hope our first Fourth as islanders goes off with a big bang!"

The Grecos said, "Thinking about fireworks in July with March snow on the ground makes us smile. You and your committee make a lot of people happy. We look forward to the event and thank you for your efforts."

These folks prove it's not too early to feed the dawgz. Send your money to Box 1776, Jamestown, RI 02835, and we'll blow it up. Make checks payable to the Fireworks Fund.

KABOOM!!!

Ask Cathy Gregory, the town's animal control officer, why she has shaved her head.

Be careful, it might cost you \$20 for a spaghetti dinner.

Cathy's sister, Nancy Williams Maloney, is suffering from a recurring bout of cancer and is expected to lose her hair this week. Cathy had hers cut to bring attention to her sister's plight and promote a fund-raiser for her on April 2 at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club.

Anita Godena of Anita's Haircuts removed Cathy's hair. At the fund-raiser Anita will cut people's hair for donation to the Locks of Love program. Hair must be 10 inches long to participate, and people are asked to sign up in advance at Anita's.

So, what happens if you ask Cathy why she cut her hair?

"They buy a ticket or give me their pocket change," she said.

Some words of caution from Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"Although not a pleasant thought, our family pets may be carriers of parasites and worms and some of those could be spread to our families without proper precautions. Our pets should have fecal exams done at least annually to look for evidence of internal parasites. The little invaders will then be identified. Different medicines may be needed for different types.

"Puppies and kittens are very frequently carriers as well. Proper treatment while they are young will keep them healthy and avoid further contamination. Any family with children or with members with weakened immune systems should be aware of the potential spread of parasites and take simple precautions like frequent hand washing and keeping floors and surfaces extra clean to reduce possible spread or exposure. As always, speak with your veterinarian if you have any questions or concerns."

Thanks, Doctor.
WOOF!!

Things are coming along nicely at the Narragansett Cafe, and owner Dan Alexander said Sunday there may be an early April reopening.

"I like the way it's going. We've got the big guys in there now. It's going to look real nice," Dan said.

Stay tuned!!!

For many years, we have gone to the Ceppi family for our spiritual needs. It seemed there is always someone in Page's that we know — usually people but sometimes dogs. We buy our



Egg-citing lessons learned

Grade 4 students participated in the recent egg drop contest, which had them dropping eggs surrounded by polyhedron packages from a height of 40 feet. Winners, whose eggs survived the drop, were, from left Jasper Flour, Nina Diepenbrock, Isabel Crabtree, Emma Vogel, Melissa Bershad, Dustin Page, and Chris Smith. Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten

Powerball and Wild Money tickets for the week, chat for a while with the clerk and other customers while giving a biscuit to the dogs and get a big smile and a thank-you from the clerk as we leave.

About the middle of April, Page's liquors will be purchased by a couple from Cranston.

Another old Jamestown family leaves an old island business.

We are quickly losing our uniqueness and becoming just a another place.

Violet Lee Hayward Doty celebrated her 94th birthday yesterday in her home on Union Street.

She was born on March 15, 1912 on Ocean Avenue.

Violet is well known to long-time Jamestowners. She was the proprietress of Hayward's newspapers and variety store in the ferry block next to Pitcher's from 1930 to 1947 and Doty's TV & Variety in the same location from 1947 to 1966.

Lots of hugs, please.

Nancy Beye, who for the past 10 years has owned and run the Jamestown Learning Center on North Road, e-mailed that "The family tradition of making children happy continues."

She explained that her husband, Roy, has purchased CLM Parks, Inc. that runs the Carousel Village at Roger Williams Park.

CLM manages the carousel, cafe, and special events at the carousel.

"I visited the park this past weekend and was reminded after seeing the smiles on the children as they rode the carousel of what a magical experience it is. As an adult it was like stepping back in time," Nancy said.

Roy retired from the U.S.

Postal Service after 36 years and worked part-time for CLM Parks, Inc.

"Give an Irishman lager for a month, and he's a dead man. An Irishman is lined with copper, and the beer corrodes it. But whiskey polishes the copper and is the saving of him." — Mark Twain

They didn't have green beer in those days. Have some tomorrow. And zeppole on Sunday.

Be true!

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Visitors needed for children, seniors

Child and Family Services is looking for volunteers to serve as 'Friendly Visitors'

Friendly visitors are needed to visit the homebound elderly on a regular basis. Volunteers might chat, read, play cards, or take their elder for a ride. The most important consideration is to be a good listener. Elders are waiting for visits in Newport, Middletown, and Tiverton.

Also needed are visitors for a 7-year-old boy in Newport and a 12-year-old in Middletown whose families do not have the time to devote to them.

Anyone with several hours per week to share with a senior or child should call CFS at 848-4210 for more information about these opportunities.

Building materials for sale by habitat group

South County Habitat for Humanity will hold a warehouse clearance sale on Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, at 1555 Shannock Rd. in Charlestown. The sale will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featured items include power and hand tools, new Anderson and CustomBuilt windows, kitchens, solid and hollow doors, French doors, wooden furniture, refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, ranges, microwaves, lighting, bath vanities and fixtures, mouldings, shower doors, and more.

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