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Jamestown Animal Clinic is right on top of it in his Pet Tip of Week.

“Spring in the animal kingdom means lots of shedding for our pets. Regular grooming will help keep your house cleaner and your pet looking good. Experiment to find the best brushes and combs for your pet, but slicker brushes are often best for winter coats. If Fluffy’s shedding drives you crazy, then schedule regular appointments every two to six weeks with a pet groomer, and you will notice a big difference.

“Pay special attention to the areas under the ears, armpits, and back of the legs, where most pets first develop matted fur. Pets that are well overdue for a grooming can get mats that are too big or too tight to easily comb out and may need to be shaved by a professional. Never try to cut out mats with scissors if they are close to the skin. Seek help or get hair clippers that will not injure the skin and avoid an emergency trip to the veterinarian’s office.”

WOOF!

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And, we welcome the wolf to the island.

According to the Jamestown Warrior student newspaper, the wolf has been chosen to be the Jamestown School’s mascot. The wolf was chosen by the students after a visit to the Student Council by John Brown, the Narragansett tribe’s medicine man, who explained the wolf symbolizes leadership and would make an excellent mascot representative of the school’s student body.

The medicine man explained that many tribal leaders were among those who inhabited the area of the Jamestown School.

WOOF!

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It’s called the North Road ballet and is danced by many of us on our way to and from the dump each week. After passing the West Reach entrance going north, we swerve gently to the left then back to the right. Watch the road carefully. When the sites of the big potholes come up, switch back to the left and drive 10 yards or so before coming back to the right. Throughout all this, you slow down and speed up depending on the volume of bumps and holes in one area. After the biggest bump and a series of little

ones, the entrance to the dump is just up on the right.

Of course, the dance will have its own individual moves depending on how many runners, cyclists, or cars you dodge in the opposite lane. Use your discretion on what is most important, the ends of your tie rods or a jogger.

Reverse the steps on the drive back from the dump, and ignore the roadside deer that observe and seem amused by the whole thing. They have some pretty cool steps of their own.

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Got a call from Jim West on Sunday. Jim, who is now 91, wanted to know when the fireworks are going to be this year. He has a big family reunion scheduled around the pyrotechnics each summer.

This Memorial Day parade will be the 60th in which he has participated. First, though, he has to fly to Texas to attend his great-grandson’s high school graduation.

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Congratulations to Lucy Jones and Kahn Kurt, essay contest winners for this year’s Learn to Sail Scholarship sponsored by the Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation.

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For those of you who have been around the island awhile, Len Panaggio’s Grist Mill in last Saturday’s Newport Daily News had a fun recollection of Jamestown’s early family markets. Much of the information in the column came from Thomas W. Lyons Jr. of Portsmouth, whose grandfather founded Lyons Market on Narragansett Avenue after World War I.

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Who on TV used to say, “I love the wide, open country, out where the cacti grows”?

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Sunday is Mother’s Day. Don’t forget Mom.

Monday is Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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Be true!

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We welcome your contributions to this column. Any kind of stuff will do. Call us at 423-0383 or our cell, 829-2760. E-mail us at jtnwalrus@hotmail.com or drop the stuff off at the Jamestown Press.

## Sailing day for people with disabilities

On Saturday, May 20, people of all ages with disabilities are invited to enjoy sailing free of charge at the Shake-A-Leg Open Sailing Day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fort Adams State Park.

This annual event is a fun way to kick off the summer season and an ideal opportunity for people with any disability to try sailing for the first time, or simply to enjoy an outing on the water with family and friends.

Shake-A-Leg operates the oldest Adaptive Sailing Program in the United States, and in 2005, over 500 people with disabilities enjoyed the waters of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay.

The Shake-A-Leg fleet of five Freedom 20’s were custom designed and built so even the most severely disabled can safely sail, and each boat is fitted with two supported seats for those in wheelchairs. An instructor accompanies each group on the water, and all the required safety equipment is provided.

The program runs from June through the end of August, by appointment, embarking twice daily Monday through Friday from Shake-A-Leg’s fully accessible sailing compound at Fort Adams State Park.

For more information, call 849-8898.

## Town officials to release Siegmund arbitration documents

Town Solicitor J. William W. Harsch late Tuesday afternoon said he and town officials have decided to provide access later this week to documents pertaining to the town’s arbitration case with Laszlo Siegmund, of Sigmund and Associates, a Providence engineering firm, who Monday issued a letter criticizing town officials. (See story on Page...)

Siegmund sent a copy of his letter to State Attorney Patrick Lynch, whom Harsch is challenging in the November election.

Last week, the town claimed the arbitration award of \$47,105 to Siegmund and nothing to the town represented a “draw.” In his letter, Siegmund said it was his win.

The arbitration documents, described by the town as a

“boxload,” will be reviewed for a report in next week’s Jamestown Press. Harsch said he also would provide his interpretation of the documents. The Town Council is considering whether or not to

appeal the decision of the arbitration panel. The town already has spent more than \$200,000 on the arbitration process.

See page one for a related story.

## Make a splash at Save the Bay anniversary event

Join Save The Bay in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Narragansett Bay Swim with a “Big Splash” event June 3 at the Save The Bay Center in Providence.

A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 8 p.m.

Dancing to the music of Horns in the House will go on until midnight.

Displays and historic photographs of past swims, along with personal swim tales will be on exhibit.

For tickets, at \$125 each, call Save The Bay at 272-3540. Attire is casual.

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