

Why were three large enclosed trailers were parked Sunday on the west side of West Passage Drive? We were told they were there and drove over to look for ourselves. A security guard stopped us from proceeding any further than the beginning of the drive.

We had heard rumors that Disney has rented or leased a house in that area and was in the process of renovating the residence for an upcoming movie. On Sept. 21, a Disney film crew was spotted scouting locations around the Jamestown School on Lawn Avenue.

The security guard, wearing a T-shirt that read "Showtime Security," was tight-lipped about what is going on, but the Showtime on the shirt would seem to confirm the rumors.

We've also been told that the activities on West Passage Drive have been a welcome boon to some island businesses.

We goofed.
The dates we gave you last

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



week for the annual Boy Scout Troop 1 Pumpkin Spooktacular are wrong. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The place is correct, 30 Beach Ave., and the excitement in anticipation of viewing the mass array of the carved artistic wonders is growing every day.

All islanders are invited to contribute to the display. There is no entry fee. Last year, 180 pumpkins of all sizes scared or amused and delighted some 385 guests.

Awards will be presented for the funniest, scariest and best in show.

There is no admission fee, but it is a Troop 1 fund-raiser so visi-

tors are encouraged to donate to the Scouts. There will be a raffle and sumptuous spooky treats to consume there or take home.

The Spooktacular is on, rain or not.

Pumpkin drop-off day is Thursday, Oct. 26. If you wish to retrieve your pumpkin to display at home, it must be picked up before noon on Sunday, the 29th.

During the Halloween season, Cucurbita pepo of the gourd family lights up the north end.

Confused? Call Maryann Toppa, 423-2866, who organizes the event and lets it happen all around her yard.

WOOOOOOoooooo

The theatrical backgrounds of some island 13-year-olds is often mind bogling.

Take Hannah Cordes, who plays the part of Sally Brown in the Jamestown Community Theatre's production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

Hannah has appeared in some 20 JCT plays as well as productions by Fantasy Works in East Greenwich and Narragansett.

Her last local role was singing in JCT's "HONK!" last fall. Her island credits include the lead in "Down the Rabbit Hole," Jennifer in "Anastasia Krupnik," one of the twins in "Peter Pan," and appearances in "My Fair Lady," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "On Borrowed Time," and "Oliver."

She was the Monkey Girl in the CBC Players' "Inherit the Wind."

Hannah's favorite role to date was that of Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" at the Fantasy Works in East Greenwich. Other productions she appeared in at that venue include the role of Rapunzel in "Into the Woods Jr.," the Demon of Insincerity in "Phantom Toll Booth," an Indian in "Peter Pan," a featured dancer in "Bugsy Malone," and a member of the

ensemble in "Cinderella" and "A Christmas Carol."

She was also Duffy in the Narragansett Fantasy Works' "Annie Jr."

Hannah is awaiting the results of her audition for the Fantasy Works's upcoming "Miracle on 34th Street."

In her current role she plays Sally Brown, Charlie Brown's little sister, who Hannah describes as "really cute." She said she's enjoying the part, and "Julie (Director Julie Andrews) is so good. She's also my singing teacher."

She urged everybody to come see the musical.

The Jamestown School eighth-grader enjoys tennis and studies dancing and singing.

Hannah's entire family is active with the theatre. Her sister, Chelsea, 17, appeared in many JCT shows as did her mother Donna Gavin and father Gaylin Cordes.

Asked what her mom was doing for this play, she replied, "She supports me."

In addition to giving Hannah support, Donna is working on the lobby decorations and is in need of a small piano, similar to Linus' in the comic strip, and a dog house. Anyone wishing to loan the items to the JCT can call Donna at 423-3454.

With the performances of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" falling on the weekends just before and just after Halloween, can we expect a surprise visit from the Great Pumpkin?

An animal lover's greatest nightmare is losing his or her pet. Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic tells how to relieve a lot of anxiety in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"No matter how careful we are with our pets they can get loose, get lost, or possibly even stolen. Having an ID tag with your name and number on the pet will help, but there is one device which cannot be lost and which will be unique to your pet.

"Microchipping has become a recommended way to identify your pets and increase their chance

of being returned to their owners. The process involves inserting a rice-sized chip under the skin between the shoulder blades. The chip has a unique registration that is assigned to your pet, and it shows up when a scanner is passed over the chip.

"Most animal clinics, animal control officers, and shelters routinely check any stray or found pets and can contact the microchipping service to track down the owners.

"If your pet is not microchipped please ask about it the next time you visit your veterinarian's office."

Plan ahead for great reunions. Thank you, Doctor!

Kudos to Jamestown natives Eileen Tiexiera and Mark Matoes, who will be running in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, Oct. 29.

Eileen said, "We have both run this very patriotic marathon (26.2 miles) on several occasions and are both affiliated with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I am also running in honor of all soldiers serving in war zones. We will miss Chief Pemantell running with us this year, but he just ran one in Pennsylvania!"

Good luck, Eileen and Mark. We're proud of you.

I'd love to get you. . . .

Islander Diane Forest has begun a whole new career. Since retiring in June after many years as a nurse for Bridges, Inc., she is now a REIKI practitioner.

Diane explained, "REIKI is a healing technique by which the practitioner helps a person to balance his or her energy. It helps with stress reduction and promotes relaxation. I am switching gears... moving from conventional nursing to this alternative model for healing."

Diane is at the Cathryn Jamieson Salon on Thursdays.

Good luck in your new venture, Diane.

We got loose just reading about it.

Sometimes referred to as "the rock," it seems that Conanicut Island has a sister city in the South. U.S News & World Report says the Arkansas capital of Little Rock will now be known simply as "the Rock."

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey said, "There is something substantive about it."

We know that. Perhaps we could exchange something.

Troop 1 Boy Scouts will be camping out this weekend at Cachalot Scout Reservation in Carver, Massachusetts.

Be true!

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