

Letters

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inspector for a period of time, I have witnessed firsthand the damage termites inflict and the disease that cockroaches spread. To those who say these precious creatures should be annihilated through the use of any lethal means... I simply question your humanity. After all, roaches have rights too, and most people are not even aware of the document. "The Tenets of Termite Tenacity, Eating Wood / Eating Good.," written by Hall of Fame termite, Marvin Mastication.

He contends that all creatures are equal in God's eyes. "Who are Homo sapiens to judge and exterminate any non-bipedal friend," Mastication writes, "all of whom have their place in our ecology and circle of life." I ask each of you to examine your heart and answer whether the disease and damage may well be worth the, uh... yes, inordinate overpopulation. But ultimately, who are we to judge? It is my contention that all fauna have rights and it is not the domain humans to take the life of any creature in God's realm.

In closing, enjoy your Thanksgiving! At minimum, enjoy it more than the turkey most of you will be eating. I am reasonably certain that if the turkey had its druthers, it would rather be gobbling than being gobbled. As I am equally certain the deer would rather be

prancing than being impaled... then one day reality took hold.

And God forbid, if you should be eating a wild turkey! But then, mass extermination of turkeys, turkicide, in processing plants is somehow socially and ecologically acceptable. Go figure... but weren't we talking about deer... or was it insects?

In any event, I just have one word for you all. **Heathens.**

**Richard Spahr,
Jamestown**

Questioning 'litigation'?

Lately, it seems that after every council meeting, the Town Council goes into executive session for "Litigation." What is all this litigation about? Is the Town being sued? Is the town planning to sue others?

As I prepare to pay my next installment of taxes, water and sewer charges, I wonder how much more money the town will be paying for unnecessary lawsuits.

A few weeks ago I read with interest that the sewage treatment plant's contract had been amended, from \$2.9 million to \$2.58 million; I understand that this was a negotiation to keep the contract within the \$2.6 million

allocated for part of the required upgrades. It was very disturbing to read that \$320,000 of required improvements would need to be removed from the contract. Perhaps if the town had not gone on the unnecessary errand of suing Laz Siegmund, spending \$200,000 on attorneys and expert witnesses, plus having to pay a settlement to Siegmund of \$47,000, we would have had the money to make these improvements now, not years later when they will be much more costly.

The pursuit of unnecessary lawsuits is always expensive. Once in the hands of the attorneys, events escalate, and then spiral out of control, as evidenced by the Laz Siegmund lawsuit. The town should be focusing more on negotiation and less on frivolous lawsuits which only enrich the attorneys. It just seems that many issues that come before our Town Council become unnecessarily contentious. Politics should be the art of compromise.

**Emma A. Durand,
Jamestown**

Emergency route logic

With all due respect to Mr. Waller's "Washouts Happen" letter of Nov. 9, commenting on my letter of Nov. 2, I cannot comprehend his logic.

An Emergency Evacuation Route is mandated to be clear and passable in the event of a flood emergency. Approximately 200 families were stranded during the "washout" in violation of that mandate. An impervious road is illegal, and must be prevented.

**Dr. Richard A. Robin,
Beavertail Road**

Islanders are caring people

During the season of thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of my family for the many kind expressions of sympathy offered by our friends, relatives, neighbors and the people of Jamestown following the death of my husband, Dan on August 3rd. We are grateful for the kindness and professionalism of the Jamestown EMS, the Jamestown Police Department, and especially, Chief Thomas Tighe.

Also thanks to the staff of the Jamestown Early Learning Center. Special gratitude to Rev. William O'Neill of St. Mark Church and to all those who participated in the mass.

My family and I are so fortunate to live in such a caring and helpful community.

**Jean Lilly & Family
Jamestown**

Thank you to the fire dept.

On behalf of the PTO and the Teen Center, we wish to express our most sincere appreciation to the men and women of the Jamestown Fire Department for allowing us to use their facilities for the second annual Monster Bash. Not only did they allow us to intrude on their space several days before the event in order to decorate, but they were most willing to help in any way needed. Their support and spirit is something that is unique to the JFD and further evidenced on Halloween Night. It was memorable for the kids to roll around in foam! In addition, we wish to thank all the parents that provided the great variety of

food. Everything was thoroughly enjoyed! Finally, we would like to thank the teens and Melissa Minto for putting up the haunting decorations. Once again, the Monster Bash was well-attended and great fun for all!

**Dori Hirsch,
Jamestown PTO**

New photos add to history

On behalf of the officers and directors of the Jamestown Historical Society, I want to thank the Jamestown Press for its donations of photographs, which cover a period of many years, the NET&T Co. Bulletin 469, and the Jamestown Gazette of July 22, 1937.

We are most grateful for these generous donations. They are significant additions to the society's collections.

**Sue Maden,
co-chairwoman,
Collections Committee**

Scouts' work was great

The St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Mark Church would like to express a sincere thank-you to the Boy Scouts for donating the canned goods collected in their recent food drive for the needy.

Their efforts will alleviate the hardships of the less fortunate in our community and beyond our island.

May God continue to bless all who donated to the canned goods drive and those who gave of their time and energy to collect and deliver boxes to the church.

**Mildreth Feeny,
chairwoman,
St. Mark Church
SVDP Committee**

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