

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



Dr. Steve Groskin will join Dr. Joe England and Nurse Practitioner Kathy Westall in the Jamestown Family Practice beginning in April.

Replacing Dr. Kyle Murray, who left two weeks ago to reside in New Hampshire,

Dr. Groskin comes to the island from Vermont, where he has had his own practice in Stowe for nine years. He has five grown children. His youngest daughter is a student at the Brown University Medical School.

Dr. Groskin is planning to rent on the island.

There is a member of the company for the Jamestown Community Theatre's production of "Yours, Anne" who has been involved with every musical presented by the JCT except three.

This is Janet Grant's 23rd production as the JCT's piano accompanist.

And though her involvement is always offstage, her theater regimen is probably stricter than the actors. They must learn their lines, but Janet spends as much if not more time studying the music.

Janet says the music for "Yours, Anne" by Michael Cohen "is very haunting and very, very beautiful. The more I hear it, the more I like it. People will love it."

She went on to say that "everyone in the play is very talented, their voices suited perfectly for the roles."

This production is the latest in a long run of music-related performances since Janet came to the island with her husband John in the spring of 1983 from San Diego. She is originally from Wyoming. She has a degree in music education but didn't start using it until 1989.

It was then that she began teaching piano out of her home on the island. Since then, many Jamestown residents who studied under Janet have added the joy of music to their lives.

Soon after beginning her teaching, she became accompanist for the Jamestown Community Chorus and later also took on that job for the Jamestown Men's Chorus.

Janet joined the JCT in November of '91 in time for the company's third production, "Fiddler on the Roof." Other than the first two plays, the only other musical she missed was "A Christmas Carol" because that was accompanied by

the play's composer.

During the winter and fall, she must accommodate the rehearsal nights of the JCC and the JCT.

In addition, Janet is music director for the Channing Church in Newport. Her husband told us that she also works informally with smaller groups. "An accompanist is what keeps them alive," he explained.

Janet said, "It's been fun, but also a lot of work. It's a big commitment, but I've enjoyed being a part of it."

This latest JCT musical is based on the longtime best-seller "The Diary of Anne Frank," and tells of two families hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II.

"Yours, Anne" will be staged at the Central Baptist Church Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Also, on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11.

Tickets can be purchased at Baker's Pharmacy, the Secret Garden, Pleasant Surprise in Newport and Midnight Sun in Wickford.

The dress rehearsal on March 1 is free to seniors 65 and over. Tickets must be picked up at the Senior Center.

The JCT is also offering free tickets to students to encourage them to see the play. Their tickets must be picked up from Melissa Minto at the Teen Center.

It doesn't say much for us when the media goes bonkers over the death of a ditz blonde with no talent. And the coverage will go on, and on, and on.

We told you last week that there were five fire department trainees moved up to active membership on Feb. 1. We received that information from the department's newsletter.

As it turned out, there were actually six. The sixth being our good friend Giovanni Castiglione. Congratulations Gio!!

R.I.P. Jim Filkins. Your kindness will always be remembered.

A poser: Up in the morning, out on the job. . .

Sunday is the Chinese New Year. It is the year of the pig.

Cats are up next, says Dr. Josua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic.

"Most dog owners are aware of the risks of heartworm disease. Transmitted by mosquitoes, these parasites infect the lungs and hearts of dogs and are very difficult to treat. Fortunately, excellent protection is available in the form of monthly preventatives like Interceptor, Heartgard, or Revolution. Annual testing also helps catch the disease early if there is a breakdown in prevention."

"Recently, feline heartworm disease has received more attention because it now appears that cats are more at risk than previously thought. Even indoor cats are at risk because one of the mosquitoes responsible for transmission is primarily an indoor insect. Your veterinarian will be better able to discuss a plan for protecting your feline companion to ensure everyone has as healthy, happy, and worm-free life but it appears that heartworm prevention for our cats is going to be the next step."

Cheer on, Chris!

An e-mail from Grandson Tom:

Hey,
Whats up Gramp
How are things?
I miss you!!!
Love,
Tom

According to the Jamestown Warrior, art work created by kindergarten through fourth-graders at the Jamestown School will be shown at the Jamestown library this Saturday through March 1.

Jan Kraus is the teacher.
Great job, guys!

Monday is Presidents' Day. We've never understood what that is exactly except for the store sales and it being the first day of the school winter vacation.

We used to have Washington's Birthday on the 22nd off and that seemed right because it is the birthday of our first president.

We guess we're suppose to tip our hat to all of them on Presidents' Day so as not to offend any



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

Robb Roach took the Press along recently when he visited John McGuirl for surfing in Samoa (formerly Western Samoa). John is working in Samoa at Salani Surf Resort as a surfing guide.

of them.

Well, we've had sort of a personal relationship with one of them all our life. In years past, often when introduced to someone the person would say, "Oh, like the president." And we'd reply, well, almost. Phonetically anyway.

This has pretty much slowed down in recent years because most people who have gone to school in the past 30 years or so don't know who President James Monroe was because they no longer teach American history.

However, the presidential spelling seems to be the most popular derivative of the original clan spelling of Munro. And for a matter of accuracy, we have spent a good deal of our life correcting the spelling of our name. Over and over again.

The general public seems to prefer Monroe, Monro, and Munroe. Our name at the top of this column is fairly clear, yet the name on some mail will come through with a an "e" on it. Even though we spell it out, people will still look up our name beginning with "Mon" in telephone directories, on computers, in card files anywhere that names are listed alphabetically. They'll come back and ask, "Are you sure you're in here?" So we spell it for them again, "Munro."

Grandson Tom would bring home papers from school with his name with an "e" hanging on the end. "Take them back and have it taken off your name," we would tell him. But, he wouldn't. Nip it in the bud while you're still young, we told him.

So, he and our other grandchildren will go on through life spelling our name over and over as we're done for so many years and continue to do.

So, on this Presidents Day, we will take a moment and say a silent prayer of patience to our fifth president, President James Monroe, whose name we have seen more times than anyone should have to.

Sometimes we wonder if as president he ever received any mail addressed to James Munroe, James Monro, or James Munro.

Be true!

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Two chamber scholarships available

The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce plans to award two \$500 scholarships. Any island resident who wants to take business courses for career advancement or is studying business is eligible. High school seniors who plan to study business are also eligible.

Application forms are available at Baker's Pharmacy. Applicants should complete the form and include a letter explaining why they are applying for the scholarship. The deadline for submitting applications is May 19.

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