

The spirits of the builders and soldiers who occupied Fort Adams through its long history await you within the structure's cold, bleak walls this Halloween season.

The Fort Adams Trust will present its third annual Fortress of Nightmares the weekends of Oct. 19 to 21 and 26 to 28, starting at 7 p.m. The historic fort will unleash its restless spirits of the past during special haunted tours.

Because of its eerie intensity, children under 12 will not be admitted.

According to an announcement from Jamestown native Robert J. McCormack, director of visitor and membership services, guides will lead the way through spooky areas of the fort not usually seen on regular tours. "Visitors will encounter the resident 'spirits' and hear tales of the fort's long history and legends, from those who lived, but more importantly, died there.

Meet the laborers who built the fort, the soldiers and families who lived there, and learn the secrets hidden within the fort's ancient walls.

Unlike other haunted attractions, the Fortress of Nightmares utilizes the history, legends and folklore that surround Fort Adams to heighten the creepy atmosphere that is Fort Adams after dark.

Admission is \$10 per person with a \$1 discount for those with a Haunted Newport RIP Pass.

Tours are weather dependant. Ticket sales begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 each evening. Sturdy footwear is required.

All proceeds benefit the Fort Adams Trust whose mission is to direct and support the stabilization, restoration, maintenance and operation of Fort Adams as a public historic site.

Questions? Visit [www.fortadams.org](http://www.fortadams.org) or call 841-0707.

BOO!

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This is 10-year-old Julia Hirsh's first play but she sounds like an old trouper.

She plays Gretel in the Jamestown Community Theatre's production of Steven Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods" to be staged in November at the community center.

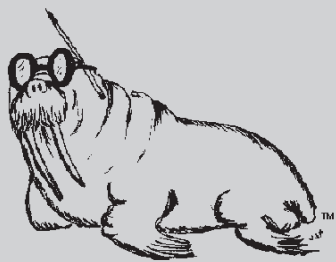
The Jamestown school sixth grader also participates with others as a dancing princess. What delights her most though, is having her own solo in the song "One Midnight Gone." It's one line and it goes, "The harder to get, the better to have. Agreed?" She also has one word in Second Midnight and some stage business with Hansel (Damien Beecroft).

"It's going to be real good," she proclaimed.

Julia is not the only Hirsh in-

## The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



involved with the JCT production. Her dad, Bennet, is an understudy for the Mysterious Man role, and mom, Dori, is co-chair of costume design.

Julia's siblings, Madeleine, 8, and Abigail, 6, are waiting in the wings for the next JCT offering.

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Starting to compile Christmas gifts for your children or grandchildren? Here's the perfect stocking stuffer.

The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum has its own coloring book. For \$5 you can color in facts about the Newport Light House, as the first tower was called when it was built on the southern tip of Conanicut Island in 1749.

The book, which comes with a 4-pack of crayons, was written and designed by Dorrie Linn, with illustrations by Sarah Litchfield.

To purchase the coloring book, call Dorrie at 423-9871.

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John Longo and "Hatcher" go hunting in Connecticut for pheasants and partridge in Saturday morning's edition of "Kettlebottom Outdoor Pursuits," on Cox 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Then, Robb Roach heads to the marshes of Galilee with his kids and a few friends and shows how easy clamming can be. He heads home with the catch and prepares a batch of Clams Casino.

The program is produced by Robb's Kettlebottom Outfitters.

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Barbara-Ann MacIntosh is in with the lyrics to Open the Door Richard, and Bob Kinder elaborated on last weeks lyrics, "All or nothing at all, half a love never appealed to me. If your heart, it never could yield to me, then I'd rather have nothing at all. Old Frank Sinatra tune."

And, how he could do it!  
Thanks, guys.

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Who was Fang?

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The most interesting garage on the north end must be the one at 665 North Main Rd.

We first noticed it on the way to the dump some time ago when, with red paint on its door, it was announcing someone's 50th birthday.

This past weekend we saw that it had been decorated in a Halloween motif with appropriate sea-

sonal fare.

We assume the house behind the garage, high on a hill and not easily seen from the road, owns the garage and takes advantage of the location right on North Road to share the various holidays with other islanders.

Kudos to the artists.

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Beware of what you give Fluffy says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"Although there are many biological similarities between humans and our pets, there are enough differences that not all things which are good for us are good for them.

"Most people know that chocolate can be bad for pets. Besides the sugar content which can upset stomachs, the actual reason is that the caffeine in the chocolate is metabolized differently and can make those pets tremor and shake after eating it.

"Similarly, dogs can usually tolerate plain buffered aspirin if they are in pain due to muscle pain or arthritis. But ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil, and Alleve are not aspirin, and although people can use aspirin and ibuprofen basically interchangeably, for our pets the non-aspirin pain killers can actually make them very sick. "So, please do some research, ideally by talking with your veterinarian, or in a pinch by checking reliable internet sources before giving your pet any medications, because what is good for you may not be so good for our four-legged furry friends."

WOOF!

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The Jamestown Press has a new

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Walkin' Jim Stoltz will perform three shows at the Jamestown school tomorrow and give a free concert at the community center Saturday night at 7 p.m.

The entertainer is a one-of-a-kind environmentalist who has walked all over America, 27,000 miles and counting.

Sponsored by the Conanicut Island Land Trust, Walkin' Jim brings his message of preservation and conservation through his original songs, stories and fabulous photos of America's wild places.

Trust member Mike Swistak said, "The Land Trust is bringing Jim to Jamestown to continue the message of local preservation and to say thanks for all the support it receives from islanders and friends."

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Bongo, bongo, bongo, I don't want to leave.....

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Kudos to 14-year-old Clayton Robertson who hauled in a 30-pound striper while fishing with his uncle, Mark Robertson, off Newport. The North Kingstown High School freshman brought the beauty to the boat on 10-pound test line.

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The Canada geese are heading south. Well, some of them anyway. However, no one can convince me that the Monarchs will ever get as far as the state border by Christmas. They're just having too much fun getting there.

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To this column's Newport readers: The last people we need to send to the General Assembly are recycled pols who have been there and are the reason for many of today's problems.

We need young, innovative,

new people who want to turn this state around.

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The fascinating beginnings and detailed history of the aircraft carrier will be outlined by Maj. Mike Coletta, USMC, a native Rhode Islander, at the Jamestown Library next Thursday, the 18th, at 7 p.m.

A student at the Naval War College in Newport, Major Coletta has extensive experience flying F/A-18s from carriers in day, night and combat situations. Highly decorated, the major will speak of how ships and airplanes have come together in such a special way.

The program is free and open to the public. Questions? Call 423-7280.

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Another moment of mirth from Beth: When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your underwear, Grandma," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

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Be true!

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