

Islanders in the news! Fourteen-year-old Lacey Segal was pictured Thanksgiving day on the front page of the ProJo heading for rehearsal in New York City for that day's nationally televised parade.

And, on a front page of the Vineyard Gazette last summer Bill Sprague was pictured with his war buddy, Ray Ellis, in Edgartown where they teamed up for the first time since having lost contact 62 years ago. The two served together in the U.S. Coast Guard aboard the frigate USS Corpus Christie and bantered about their experiences escorting subs up to the China Sea out of Perth, Australia.

A week ago Friday, Bill Murphy, son of Bill and Marleen Murphy, was pictured in the Boston Globe and on You Tube with a Giant Pacific octopus. He is a marine biologist at the New England Aquarium and was consulted on several recent children's books. Rowena Burke, the Jamestown library's children and young adults' librarian said that several of those books were donated to the library by Bill's mother and her mother, Alcina Blair.

Ruth Caswell and Diane Reilly are both altos and are also alike in exclaiming the upcoming yuletide concerts by the Jamestown Community Chorus as exceptional offerings.

Ruth, 78, has been with the choral group for about 12 years, although she first sang with a chorus started by Rita Murray on Jamestown some 50 years ago, at what was then the recreation center. Traveling with her Navy husband took Ruth away from the island for some years before coming back to join the JCC. She continued her singing in Tiawan with a choral group.

Diane, 64, spent her teenage years on Jamestown and started singing in musicals in both high school and college. She also sang with a women's barbershop group in Massachusetts. She is a special needs nurse and a substitute teacher in the North Kingstown school system.

When asked about "Holiday Medley," to be presented Dec. 8 and 9 at the Central Baptist Church, Ruth said there are the familiar holiday songs that people come to expect to hear, but also some new approaches, such as the "Twelve Days of Christmas," being presented with different styles and composers representing each of the 12 days.

Ruth and Diane are equally excited about the world premiere

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



of islander Sam Bari's composition and arrangement of his new Christmas song, "Special Time of Year."

They both also agree on another thing. They're having fun.

JCC Director B.J. Whitehouse explained further about the segment of the concerts entitled "A Musicological Tour of the Twelve Days of Christmas," by Craig Courtney.

"The audience should have a pen or pencil ready to connect the 'day of Christmas' with the twelve musical styles. The historical styles and composers include: Johann Strauss, John Philip Sousa, W.A. Mozart, Gregorian Chant, Saint-Saens, Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi to name a few. As we sing the piece, audience members can try to identify the style/composer the arranger has sought to copy. It's fun and not a little bit silly. Who'd a think that we'd be singing 'eight maids a-milking a la 'Die Walkure'?"

"Fun stuff, this singing."

Charlie Masso was in with the lyrics to our poser, "Does your mother know you're out....." Cecilia. Does she know that I'm about to steal ya? Great tune going way back. Incidentally, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians and my parents, both professional musicians, named their daughter, my late sister, Cecilia Helene."

Thanks, Charlie.

We'll stick with tradition every time. It's time tested.

The Potter League for Animals will conduct a Candlelight Memorial Celebration next Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Channing Memorial Church Parish Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

According to the league, the event will be held "to celebrate the animals that have touched our lives. It is with both love and admiration of that spirit that we hold a ceremony and honor them."

The parish hall is located behind the sanctuary at 135 Pelham St. in Newport. A \$10 donation is requested at the door and refreshments will be served following the

ceremony. RSVP to susanr@potterleague.org.

Who was the host for Channel 6's "Dialing for Dollars?"

Our 11-year-old vallhund, Joshua, is getting up slower these days. We thought he was just imitating me, but Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic has the real answer.

"Whether due to injury as a younger animal or just due to the wear and tear of aging, many pets develop arthritis and sore or aching joints when they are older. Just like with people, there are many supplements available that claim to help with joint health and some of them can be helpful, some probably have no real benefit, and some could actually be harmful.

"The supplements that we recognize as providing the most

benefit for arthritis include glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, and omega-3 fatty acids. All three of these have proven safe and effective in reducing the severity of arthritic changes and in combination with weight management, and sometimes the use of anti-inflammatory drugs, they are the basis for much of our treatment of this disease.

"As always, you should consult with your veterinarian before starting your pet on any supplements or medications and if your pet is showing signs of arthritis definitely discuss it with your veterinarian."

WOOF!

Our poser this week comes from B.J. Whitehouse who refers to our previous attempts to romp through the tunes of yesteryear as "petrified music lyrics."

"It seems that you're sort of stuck in a time warp so let me help you move into the 70s and beyond - how about the following:

"Lighten up while you still can Don't even try to understand..."

Children age 5 and over are invited to a holiday card making

workshop Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Jamestown library.

Construction paper, glue, glitter, crayons and other found materials will be supplied.

The young artists are asked to bring ideas and family photographs that can become part of the holiday greetings. The event is free. Questions? Call 423-7280.

We wonder at the exaltation with which the pols bring federal money from Washington for local pet projects. The feds don't have any money. It's our money.

Watching the Patriots is boooooorrrring.

Trips to our Funk & Wagnals last week gave us the meanings of the following words:

Efficacious - capable of having the desired result or effect.

Eponymous - giving one's name to a tribe, place.

Anomie - a state or condition of individuals or society characterized by an absence of social norms and values. (Sounds like Congress)

Be true!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

The following is intended to amend Section 22 of the Jamestown Code of Ordinance. A public hearing to solicit public input is scheduled on **Monday, December 10, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

The Town of Jamestown is considering a recent proposal by the Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee to amend the following sections of the Town's Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance.

THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 22-91. Appeals and adjustments.

Any adjustment of the standards required by this article or an appeal of a decision of the tree warden shall be heard by the tree warden Tree Preservation and Protection Committee. All appeals shall be in writing to the tree warden Tree Preservation and Protection Committee. The tree warden Tree Preservation and Protection Committee shall hold a public hearing at some suitable time and place after giving notice to all persons known to be interested therein and posting the hearing in the town hall and also at the location the hearing is to be held seven days (including the day of the hearing) prior to the hearing. Within three days after the hearing, the tree warden Tree Preservation and Protection Committee shall render the decision granting or denying the appeal. Any appeal of a decision of the Tree Preservation and Protection Committee shall be heard by the Town Council.

Sec. 22-116. Tree committee.

k. Assist the tree warden in issuing permits and shall hear appeals of decisions of the Tree Warden.

Sec. 22-143. Clearance of public rights-of-way.

(b) Planting of trees along highways, rights-of-way, and on Town land will take into consideration General Tree Planting Rules and Guidelines and Rules and Regulations for Subdivisions of Land, Town of Jamestown, R.I. A notice to any abutter to a planting of a new tree or trees, but not replacement of trees, that potentially would obstruct a property owner's view of Narragansett Bay shall be sent not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the planting to the address on record in the Tax Assessor's office and shall advise the abutter of the appeal process outlined in 22-143

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue during normal business hours. The proposed Ordinance amendment may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-401-423-7200 or 423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.

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