

Ali's Run, the 6th annual Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Race, will get underway from the Lt. Col. John C. Rembjas Memorial Pavilion at Ft. Getty on Sunday.

The 1/2 mile Kid's Fun Run/Walk, free for all children 10 and under, will kick off at noon. Registration is not necessary to participate.

The kids will get goodie bags, awards, bib numbers, and a complimentary lunch. They are also urged to bring their soccer balls to be autographed by New England Revolution players Shalrie Joseph and Michael Parkhurst.

The 5K USATF-certified race begins at 1 p.m. and finishes at Fort Getty Park.

Walkers are encouraged to participate. Music, awards, prizes and activities are planned for the entire family.

Registration for the run/walk will be available Sunday and a complimentary lunch will be provided.

For additional information, log on to www.alisrun.com or call 423-9695.

Ali's Run is a nonprofit organization benefiting Rhode Island youth. It happens rain or shine.

Don't forget to take part in Tick Control Awareness Day at a special event, Saturday at 3 p.m., at 11 America Way (at the entrance of East Passage off East Shore Road).

The tick research team from URI will be on hand to help islanders learn how best to control ticks on their yards and pets, and how to prevent tick bites and disease.

A story in the ProJo explains that adult deer ticks must be attached for 48 hours to transmit the Lyme disease pathogen, while nymphs, which are tiny and difficult to see, need only be attached for 24 hours to transmit a Lyme infection.

In addition to Lyme disease, deer ticks also carry a malaria-like protozoan that causes babesiosis and a bacterium that causes human anaplasmosis. Like Lyme disease, these infections cause summertime flu-like symptoms and are difficult to diagnose, but unlike Lyme disease, they can be fatal.

For further information, call Anne Lane, 423-3942.

Anita Marie is home again.

After leading a vagabond life for 10 weeks in the Shores area the two-year-old chocolate Lab has been reunited with Abby, a 4 1/2-year-old chocolate Lab.

Anita Marie has been the object

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



of a search by islanders and the subject of notices throughout town and newspaper ads. Shy and fearful of humans, she ran away from her owner Justin McAloon when a neighbor approached while she was playing in the yard and off her leash.

She had been adopted the day before, on St. Patrick's Day, from Labs 4 Rescue out of New Orleans. She is a special needs Lab, skittish around people. At her kennel, volunteers would read books to her to try to help her overcome her shyness. She was adopted to be a companion for Abby.

Justin and his wife, Candace, searched every morning and night and asked islanders to call with any sightings of her.

Finally the couple, after consultations with veterinarians, reluctantly decided to do what people had suggested weeks ago - tranquilize her with a dart. They borrowed a gun from a veterinarian and spotted her on Schooner Avenue. After the shot, they tracked her and found her asleep 40 minutes later.

People involved with Anita Marie's recovery are Animal Control Officer Cathy Gregory and other members of the police force, Luann Botelho and Henry Dutton.

Justin said Anita Marie is adjusting OK, although she has Lyme disease and hook worm as a result of being without her preventive medications for so long.

Abby has her companion back and it's a happy ending for everyone.

WOOF!!

Kudos to the latest fireworks donors, Serena Beretta of Walcott Avenue; Kristin and Philip Zhivago of Seaside Drive who wrote, "Here's some hard-earned money to blow sky high. We will miss the fireworks so much. Thank you for years of big bangs and glowing faces - and the laughter brought by the big finale;" David Cain of Fayston, Vt., who commented, "I am looking forward to retiring back to the island where I grew up from 1944-67. " Cheers; and Pat and Jim Perry of East Shore Rd. who wrote, "Here's hoping your last is the best!"

Send your contributions to the Fireworks Fund, PO Box 1776, Jamestown, 02835, or drop them off at the Press office and we'll blow your money up, too.

KA-BOOM!!

Meg Hovanesian and John Kaiser, chefs at the PAC Club, are touting their "fabulous new summer menu."

Some 20 "farmers" turned out at the Community Farm Saturday to get the growing season "off to a bang" as one observer put it.

Long-term volunteer Phil Larson said the group, toiling under an unusually hot spring sun, planted 200 tomato plants, 250 pepper plants, 250 eggplants, 1,200 feet of green beans and 1,600 feet of squash.

"There wasn't a weed in the field," Phil said, crediting Bob Sutton who had plowed the day before. "He doubled up on the harrows and by using an invention of his, set the rows three feet apart that makes the plants easier to weed and cultivate."

New farmers on Saturday were Peter Fay and his 6-year-old son, Tim; Cliff and Elaine Hamm;

Dan Shapiro and his son, Greg, and the extended Clarke family.

Phil credited long-time farmers Mike Innoli and Bob Henrikson for their leadership.

The group works at the field Saturday mornings from 9 to noon, and Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Phil invites everyone to come on out and get your hands dirty. "You'll be feeling good."

Here we are, out of cigarettes.....

Ace's is under new ownership. We're told it's going to take on a sports atmosphere.

This from Jim Anderson, "Your line in the May 10, 2007 edition, J.P. - I know a little bit about a lot...started me mentally meandering to a theory I came up with many years ago.

"I did not realize this was a song line (which usually appear at the tail of your articles) until speaking with a close Walrus observer.

"Here is my thought presented for your consideration. (Thank you Rod Serling)

An expert is one who knows a

lot about a few things. A generalist is one who knows a little about many things.

"As they progress, the expert knows more and more about less and less. The generalist knows less and less about more and more.

"At their final extrapolation, the expert knows everything about nothing.

"The generalist knows nothing about everything!"

Thanks, Jim, that explains a lot.

We all know how unpleasant it is when we experience a skunk-pet encounter. Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic tells us how to deal with it.

"It is not uncommon for some of our pets to get sprayed by skunks during the spring and fall seasons. First make sure that your pet does not have any wounds after an encounter with any wild animal. Also, make sure your pet is up to date on rabies vaccine. If the skunk is out during the day, or worse yet acting unusual or fearless towards you or your pets, get away

from it and contact animal control immediately. "If your pet does get sprayed in the face, try to flush out their eyes and mouth with warm water or saline solution. You can bathe the rest of them using a shampoo made from 1/3 parts hydrogen peroxide, liquid dish soap, and baking soda. Use this recipe as a shampoo and rinse and repeat as necessary to reduce

the odor as much as possible."

ARF!!

Jackie Deinert wonders how many homeowners on the island have had their homeowner's insurance policies not renewed over the past year due to possible hurricane losses? "We received our notice two weeks ago. However, the company would renew our policy if we put hurricane shutters on all windows, glass doors and garage doors, etc. Maybe they are going into the shutter business???"

Actually Jackie, we've been on top of this ever since Quincy Insurance pulled our homeowner's out from under us some six or so months ago. We've been in touch with Rep. Bruce Long who is a member of the ad hoc legislative committee investigating the insurance companies. He promised to keep us informed.

The Duke would have been 100 last week.

If you get behind a school bus close all your windows. The amount of exhaust being pushed out of them is unbelievable as they drive around the island spewing out their pollutants. We're not an environmental wacko, by any

means, but if we have to have our vehicles checked every two years why shouldn't these tax-payer-supported buses also be required to clean up their act so we don't have to breathe in their poisons.

Kudos to whoever is responsible for the Narragansett Avenue patch job. Onward to North Road.

While on a short vacation trip, Kathy Westall purchased a circa 1919 Mills slot machine. However, it's jammed up. Anyone out there with the necessary talents to unjam it? Call her at 423-2616.

Kudos to Spinnakers for offering the opportunity for the community to send letters to the troops overseas.

We were taken back over the weekend to hear the talking heads on television wishing people a "happy Memorial Day." Don't they know what the day symbolizes.

Tomorrow is the Rose Moon, Flower Moon, and Strawberry Moon. Take your pick.

It was on June 6, 1944, D Day, when allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in the invasion of Europe.

Be true!!

Call in your stuff for this column to 423-0383 or 829-2760. You can e-mail us at jtnwalrus@hotmail.com, or drop your items off at the Jamestown Press office.

Grade six to debut films

In October 2006, Deb Barone's sixth-grade students were introduced to a new world of possibilities and invited to participate in a novel educational film program called Student Provocateurs.

While in the program, the class created a film about a child's right to healthy food.

Student Provocateurs was founded by Bradford Davey of North Kingstown as part of an action research project through the School of Education at Pepperdine University. Ms. Barone's students have worked very hard to create an original feature film that addresses an important issue in such a way to increase the dialogue of those who watch it. Davey has created this film program to increase student awareness of democratic participation and the power of the medium of film.

The film will be screened at the Melrose Avenue School on Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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