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The Jamestown Community Theatre's production of the delightful play, "Miracle on 34th Street" scheduled for November, has been canceled. Donna Gavin, president of the group's board of directors, said the decision was made following an unexpected low adult turnout for the auditions. "We'll put something together in the spring," she said.

Artistic Director Mary Wright added that she wished to thank the people who did audition. "I'd like to emphasize that everyone who tried out certainly did well, and all would have been offered a place in the cast."


Anna Templeton-Cotill writes, "I did enjoy your little paragraph, you know, but, you know, there is another word that, like, should be taken out of the English language, like, you know."

Our Swedish valhund, Josh, was 12 years old last Friday. Happy woofs, my best friend.

Mary Alice Lurgio, Alena Caldarone, Bob Kinder and Barbara-Ann MacIntosh all agree that Kate Smith was the one who sang the best rendition of "God Bless America." Barbara-Ann added that the song was written by Irving Berlin and all the royalties go to the Boy Scouts of America. John A. Murphy called it a toss-up between Kate Smith and Melissa Etheridge who sang it at the Democratic National Convention last week.

Nobody can beat Kate. It came from her heart.

There was no response to John's poser last week. He said that the group on the Arthur Godfrey Show was The Mariners who are best known for their "I See the Moon."



The Walrus Says
 By Jim Munro

The correct name of the pavilion at Ft. Getty is the Lt. Col. John C. Rembijas Memorial Pavilion.

Boy Scout Troop 1 Scoutmaster Dave Volpe writes:

"On Sunday August 17, Troop 1 Jamestown returned from a week at the Yawgoog Scout Reservation. Camp Yawgoog is situated on 1,800 acres of beautiful wilderness in Rockville. Yawgoog is divided into three separate camps: Three Point, Medicine Bow and Sandy Beach. All three camps share reservation program facilities. Each year Troop 1 Jamestown attends the seventh week at Yawgoog and stays in camp Medicine Bow at campsite Wetuomuck.

This year we had 24 scouts attend camp and they earned a total of 88 merit badges and 11 rank advancements. Some of the merit badges earned were First Aid, Swimming, Environmental Science, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, Camping, Art, Mammal Studies, American Heritage and Sports. There were eight scouts who advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot (Ian Archibald, Truman Christie, Milo DiGasper, Finn Dwyer, Ryan Geib, Mason Kelly, Jim Lowell and John Waddington.) Hayden Maclean advanced to Life, and Eagle Scout Brian Volpe earned his Gold Palm.

All in all this was a great year at camp. The troop also continued its friendship with Troop 40 from Mount Vernon, N.Y. through a night of camarade-

rie around a campfire sharing doughboys and roasted corn; this is an annual event which we expect to continue. Additionally the two troops engaged in a number of competitions including ultimate football, water dodge ball, and a card game called "Cut & Burn." This year camp was lead by Senior Patrol Leader Sal Morenzi and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Michael Brendlinger and in addition to the above scouts was attended by scouts: Eric Archibald, Daniel Bailey, Nathaniel Hopkins, Tom Munro, Josh Nolan, Ben Normand, James Perry, Michael Pratt, Cameron Toppa, Dylan Walsh, Chris Waterman and Kyle Wright.

I would also like to thank the adult leaders for their dedication to making this week possible by camping with us. They were Diane Archibald, James Archibald, Glen Hopkins, John Keavy, Jim Lowell and Mike Perry."

Thanks Dave, great job, guys!

It's so refreshing to see someone running for national office who's not tainted by the "inside the beltway" politics. And she wears a real skirt!

Who was the Thin Man?

.....cause nobody wants you when you're old and gray.

A reader sent us the September issue of the magazine "World War II" which has an article that tells of Jamestown's Ft. Getty and Ft. Wetherill and their contribution at the end of the war to educate German prisoners of war on the topic of democracy.

The goal was to return the prisoners to their homeland as a spearhead of democracy. Avoiding hardcore Nazis, the prisoners were hand-picked. In an eight-week course at Ft. Getty the emphasis was on administration and the curriculum included English, military government and American and German history. The subjects were taught by academics from Harvard, Brown and other first-rate universities.

At the police-training school at Ft. Wetherill the eight-week course focused heavily on how law enforcement operates in democratic society. The curriculum from Ft. Getty was condensed and about half the time devoted to criminal investigation, fingerprinting, crowd control and other aspects of police work.

As successful as the reeducation program was from the viewpoint of its creators, only a handful of the 528 Getty graduates eventually found jobs in the military government. The reason was another lesson in democracy, bureaucratic red-tape. But as the author points out, the greatest lesson in democracy versus national socialism was the utter physical destruction of their country that awaited the prisoners when they returned to their homeland.

A Snapple cap moment: A male kangaroo is called a boomer.

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