

An exciting mixture of traditional and classic music will be offered up by the Jamestown Community Band during its benefit concert Tuesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Holy Ghost Hall at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club.

Proceeds will go to the Holy Ghost Society Scholarship Fund.

Mitch Fortier will be making his second appearance as the band's music director. Last week, as he was cooking dinner for his wife, Liz, and children, Nina, 6, and Luke, 3, he told me the concert will have a "Swinging Into the Holidays," theme and will include traditional and not so traditional music. The first set will have the pleasurable sounds of such classics as "Tuxedo Junction," "A String of Pearls," "One O'Clock Jump," and "Pennsylvania 6-5000." The second set will feature music like "The Christmas Song," "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "We Need a Little Christmas," and the

lesser known lively "Holst First Suite in Eb, Part 3 March," and "Russian Triptych."

Mitch, 43, is band director at the Western Hills Middle School in Cranston. He has taught, conducted and performed at the middle school, high school and university levels and in addition to band director, he has held positions of orchestra director, jazz ensemble director and woodwind specialist. He has appeared on national television on shows including Arsenio Hall, MTV, Jay Leno, Rosie O'Donnell and a Disney special. Mitch plays mostly reed instruments and especially enjoys the tenor sax. He has a degree in music education. Liz is an art teacher. The family lives in Coventry.

Mitch said it is great to be a part of the band. "They're really a great group of people." He hopes to lure more young musicians so he can "expand the repertoire of the group."

Admission to the concert is



The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro

\$5 for adults and \$2 for children. There will be light refreshments and a raffle.

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Rod Smith, Ken Lombardo and Marlene Murphy reported that U.N.C.L.E is the acronym for the United Network Command for Law Enforcement. Marlene can't remember what C.H.A.O.S, Solo's nemesis, stands for? Anyone?

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It's January in November. Global warming?

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.....let me stay, let me stay in your arms.

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So, what do islanders have to be grateful for tomorrow? Janet Smith, "So many things, life

is good. Everybody's happy and healthy." Jim Pemantell, "My family's good health. My daughter and two grandchildren are now living in town and my son in Philadelphia and his wife will soon have their first child. Everyone is happy and healthy." Matt Jamison, "Thankful for my family and good health." Heather Ryng, "My healthy children." Frank Darigan, "My wonderful family and our good health plus a satisfying 25 years on the bench." Marcia Glassie, "Being alive and having a good family and clean air to breath." Florence Froberg, "My family's health and welfare. There's so much to be thankful for." Maryann Crawford, "The wonderful family I have and we're all in good health." Susan Hoaglund, "Having 10 members of our family together." Kay Worden, "I've always had a lot to be thankful for, living in Jamestown and having Cupcake, my 4 1/2-pound teacup poodle who is full of pure love." Julio DiGiando, "The fact that my brother, who has ALS, will be with us on Thursday." Tammy Fasano, "For my family and our

good health." Priscilla Foley, "That I have a two-block walk to town and I don't have to start my car, and my son and three grandchildren." Ann McIntyre, "Bruce and I have a lot to be thankful for, we're both still here and we still have each other."

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BJ Whitehouse's poser was known by Carol Baldwin, Kim Tuttle, Bill Newbolt and Elizabeth Mancini. It is, indeed, "Stairway to Heaven," by Led Zeppelin. Sorry about the lost second clue, it was edited out to make it tougher. Elizabeth also had the correct answer to the previous week's poser.

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What was the name of Maxwell Smart's sidekick?

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Twenty minutes to the pound.

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If you have book lovers on your Christmas list, you can get an early start on gifts and stocking stuffers by stopping by the Jamestown Library and checking out its book sale beginning Tuesday and running through Dec. 8, during regular library hours. Librarian Judith Bell says there are some little used and much loved volumes available at great prices. Hardcover books go for \$3 and paperbacks and children's books for \$1. There are also special-priced books available including a table of just Jamestown and Rhode Island history books.

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How did islanders know when the ferry was leaving for Newport?

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A Snapple Cap moment: Seals sleep only one and a half minutes at a time.

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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Be true!

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In addition to a regular schedule of skating opportunities, the center will offer lessons for both children and adults beginning in early January. Each program runs for six, 45-minute sessions.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the skating center holds its annual tree lighting ceremony from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. including caroling, hot chocolate and a skating Santa Claus.

Admission to the Sovereign Bank Family Skating Center is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children between 3 and 11 years of age. However, there are nightly specials, including Amica Family Night on Wednesdays, where everyone can receive \$2 off regular admission and a free cup of hot chocolate, and Stop & Shop Supermarket Night on Tuesdays where admission is 2-for-1.

A \$2 discount is also available on College Night, for those 18 years and older, with a valid college ID. This happens on Thursdays and features live music.

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