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At the Jamestown Community Chorus' winter concert Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, the Jamestown Community Youth Chorus will make its world debut. The talented youngsters are Julia Bush, Rachel and Brooke Warner, Sarah Hodosh, Melissa and Daniel Bershad and Damien Beecroft. Chorus director BJ Whitehouse said the kids will sing songs about Halloween, harvest festivals and narrate a story about the origins of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. "They will join the 'old folks' in the JCC for four songs including 'Harvest Round' and the English folk tune 'A-Souling.'"



By Jim Munro

While putting together the program entitled "Fall Into Spring" BJ told us he saw a perfect opportunity to add children to the mix as many of the holidays between the autumnal equinox and the end of the year center around children trick-or-treating, "a-souling" and caroling from house to house. "The kids are rehearsing diligently and sound wonderful! We hope that everyone will come out next weekend to hear a very unique concert at the Central Baptist Church," he said. The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on the 13th and 3 p.m. on the 14th. Tickets can be purchased at Baker's Pharmacy and Jamestown Hardware or call 423-1574 for reservations and information.

SING ON!  
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Jamestown will be well represented at the presidential inauguration next month. Trombonist Alex Clarke told us that the North Kingstown High School Symphonic Band will be there. The 80-member group was selected to attend the ceremonies in our nation's capitol after winning a competition in Cleveland last year. It will be the only band representing the Ocean State and will perform at George Mason University.

Other island members of the band are; Emily Falces, Mike Wright, Chris Wright, Alex Gorelick, Alice Toll, Madeline Crabtree, Lauren McDonough, Eric

O'Neill and Mike Spahr. The students have tickets for the inaugural parade and speech. They will be in D.C. for four days.

Great job, guys!  
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Robert Fleming correctly states that Maxwell Smart's sidekick was Agent 99 played by Barbara Feldon. He wrote, "I had to laugh when you asked how we knew when the ferry was leaving. The only answer I can give is the three blasts from the horn, the gates coming down and the chains being hauled in." Thanks, Bob, we were just looking for the horn.

Debra Vierra Murphy and Kathy Tiexiera were also in with the correct answer to the previous week's U.N.C.L.E. question.  
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We know it's that time of year when trucks are unloading Christmas trees in front of Atlantic Lawn and Garden on Narragansett Avenue across from the PAC. Hundreds of trees of all sizes fill the lot and owner Nick DiGiando fills the sky with lights. Check it out daily between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

HO!HO!HO!  
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And, what's Christmas without gingerbread! Build a whole house of it with Kathy Brownell at the Jamestown Library Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Parents and children of all ages are welcome to the event "which will involve lots of candy canes, icing, cookies and giggles." The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Jamestown Library, is free but seating is limited so pre-register at the library desk or by phone, 423-7280.  
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Nature patterned you.....  
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What was the name of the bar on Narragansett Avenue directly behind the old Bay View?

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Don't forget the Jamestown Community Band concert at the PAC Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
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Bill Newbolt sent us a copy of comments made by Ben Stein on the CBS Sunday Morning Commentary program. Here are excerpts of his remarks:

"It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year.

"I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

"Where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to."

Thanks, Bill!  
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Sunday is Pearl Harbor Day. Fly your flags and say a prayer for all those who gave their lives fighting in the South Pacific defending our country.  
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Be true!  
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The Courthouse Center for the Arts is proud to announce its First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, tonight, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

A Rockefeller Plaza-sized tree will be featured in the courtyard. The tree will be decorated by Brownie Troop 418 of West Kingston. This fun filled family event is free and open to the public.

Hot cocoa, cider, and cookies will be served by the members and leaders of Brownie Troop 418. The Courthouse Caroling Quartet will sing seasonal carols for all to enjoy.

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