

After many years in the theater, Julie Andrews' appearance as Marmee in the Jamestown Community Theatre's presentation of "Little Women" will be her first role in a serious drama. Her career as a singer and actor was realized in opera and musical theater. She has directed serious drama and her appearance on stage in "Little Women" she called a challenge and a very exciting opportunity. "It was one of my favorite books as a child and very formative in the way I came to view the role of women in society. For me, it

was so liberating to read about a woman who, during the Civil War era, was brave and self-confident enough to pursue her life-long dream of becoming a writer. The other girls in the family had other visions for their lives and the character I play as the girls' mother is that rare kind of mother who can support each girl in the unique way they require to realize their goals.

"This role merges the two parts of me I value most, first my role as a mother to my own wonderful children, now adults, Paul and



The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro

Elizabeth: and as a performer.

"I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Lisa Kerr. She has extraordinary insights into the very human characters in 'Little Women.' A very skilled director, she is able to help us all see her vision while she appreciates, incorporates and validates our perspective."

Julie graduated magna cum laude with a master's degree in vocal performance. She has taught in the music departments at Salve Regina University and Roger Williams University. She has 30 years of experience as an individual voice and piano instructor. Julie has performed throughout the United States, Germany and Austria.

The recipient of the National Opera Association's grant for theater direction, she is in demand as a stage director for drama, opera and musical theater productions throughout the region. As a choral director, Julie leads choral workshops on vocal and choral technique for churches and schools in the state.

In 2006, she was artistic director for the JCT's production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and the year prior for the Central Baptist Church Players' "Enchanted April." She was also artistic director for the CBC Players' "Inherit the Wind," "Godspell" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

"Little Women" will be staged May 15, 16 and 17 at the Recreation Center.

A Blarney Stone is now on Jamestown. She comes to us in the form of a 2-year-old choco-

late Lab via the Potter League for Animals. The dog was adopted by Joanne Dunn about a month ago. Why Blarney Stone? "When I was in Ireland I almost kissed it, I ear kissed it," said the retired Providence school teacher who now "grows tomatos and loves dogs." Joanne's two Siberian huskies, Laurel and Hardy, that lived with her for 13 years passed away within two months of each other. As for Blarney Stone, "she's a gift from God."

Welcome to the island, young lady!

In reply to our asking the name of the bar on the pier near the ferry, Alice (Cooney) Erdmann said it was Teft's Restaurant and each year after her brother Bill launched his boat behind Pitcher's he and his friends would visit the establishment. Tom Gillis said it was The House of Teft and Eileen Tixerera wrote, "Harbor Lights was the name of the bar next to East Ferry.....not that I went there!" Peter C. Pemantell e-mailed, "As far back as I can remember it was Tefts many years ago with Barkers Sausage next door I believe. Next it was the Surf Cafe run by none other than Doc Frye and he had the gift of gab so the place was always pretty full. Then it became the Harbor Lights I think and from then on I have no idea. Here's one for ya! What was the name of the sandwich shop down by the ferry waiting room? I remember it as two different owners and both seem to prosper from it as it was the last place to grab a coffee or a sandwich before jumping on the ferry. How many remember Charlie the Barber?"

Thanks guys, the answer I was looking for is Coley Teft's.

B.J. Whitehouse reports there was a large dead bird near the Great Creek osprey aerie last Friday but it wasn't an osprey. It turned out to be a great cormorant recently deceased. He spotted it and slogged

out to investigate. "It appears that the osprey are just fine," he said.

.....don't take it serious, life's too mysterious

Way to go, Guv!

Heard of any tea parties next Wednesday?

Speaking of which, we had our annual visit last week from islander Stanley Reitman who prepares our tax returns. After Mim has spent hours gathering and organizing last year's expenditures the two go over the information. My participation in the process are the opening remarks during which I rail against the American tax system and declare I'm not going to give anymore to those people who just give it away to someone else. Stanley has heard it every year and just stares at me with a slight smile and then goes about his work. I still don't understand why I can't deduct Joshua our watch dog's food and vet's bills.

Wouldn't you know that for the first time in many years I buy a bag of pistachios and they get recalled.

Lucked in on the peanut butter though.

No answers to the poser "Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go!" It's from the spiritual "Go Down Moses." It will be sung by the Jamestown Community Chorus at its concerts on May 2 and 3.

Tonight's full moon is the Grass Moon or Egg Moon.

May the Easter Bunny bring you many goodies.

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