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2009 Poinsettia Snowflake

Ever notice how freshly fallen snow seems to absorb sound? For a brief moment, the noise of the world is muffled, and all is blanketed in peace.

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Election flyer still under investigation

Jamestown Police Chief Thomas Tighe said Wednesday morning that island officials are still investigating the anonymous campaign letter that was mailed to island homes the weekend before the Nov. 3 town election.

Chief Tighe said Officer Derek Carlino was assigned to the case. Officer Carlino has interviewed several people, Tighe reported.

Chief Tighe declined further comment on the case because of the ongoing investigation.

There has been some debate around town about the validity of the state election law requiring people to sign all election advertising, posters and flyers.

"There's a law on the books," Chief Tighe said in response to a question concerning the ruling. "Based upon valid complaints received, we are investigating."

Two candidates who were the target of the flyer and were defeated in the Nov. 3 election filed the com-

plaints with the Jamestown police.

In an e-mail to the *Jamestown Press*, Steven Brown of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, wrote, "Rhode Island General Laws 17-23-2, which was enacted more than 80 years ago, generally bans anonymous political campaign literature. However, in 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a very similar Ohio law as violating the First Amendment."

"It has been our position that, as a result of that ruling, Rhode Island's statute is also unconstitutional, though it remains on the books," Brown said.

Following is an excerpt of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling from *McIntyre vs. Ohio Elections Commission*:

"Under our Constitution, anonymous pamphleteering is not a pernicious, fraudulent practice, but an honorable tradition of advocacy and of dissent. Anonymity is a shield

from the tyranny of the majority. It thus exemplifies the purpose behind the Bill of Rights, and of the First Amendment in particular: to protect unpopular individuals from retaliation – and their ideas from suppression – at the hand of an intolerant society. The right to remain anonymous may be abused when it shields fraudulent conduct. But political speech by its nature will sometimes have unpalatable consequences, and, in general, our society accords greater weight to the value of free speech than to the dangers of its misuse. Ohio has not shown that its interest in preventing the misuse of anonymous election-related speech justifies a prohibition of all uses of that speech. The State may, and does, punish fraud directly. But it cannot seek to punish fraud indirectly by indiscriminately outlawing a category of speech, based on its content, with no necessary relationship to the danger sought to be prevented."

Holiday happenings around the area

Editor's Note: Here's a brief list of upcoming holiday events we think our readers may find of interest.

Concerts and performances

- Island Moving Company's

Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff opens Nov. 27, with performances continuing through Dec. 4. Visit www.islandmovingco.org or call 847-4470.

- On Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m., meet a historical interpreter portraying 18th century Newport teenager Polly Wanton, who will discuss winter life during the American Revolution on a tour of the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House. Admission is \$25 per person, \$20 for NHS members, which includes property tours, refreshments, tax and tip. Reservations required; 841-8770.

Fairs, festivals and bazaars

- Emmanuel Church, 42 Dearborn St., Newport; annual holiday fair; Friday, Nov. 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church will also collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the Martin Luther King Center Feed

a Friend Food Pantry.

- United Congregational Church, 524 Valley Rd. in Middletown, will host a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 849-5444 for more information.

- Monsignor Clarke School will host its annual Christmas festival on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 5074 Tower Hill Road in Wakefield. Call 789-0860 for more information.

House tours

- Historic Wickford will present "Wickford Decks the Halls: A Holiday Kitchen Tour," on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The tour includes eight historic homes featuring kitchens, keeping rooms and dining areas decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the tour; call 295-2583 for information.

CRYING TIME

For a mournful musical experience, slap on:

- *That Lucky Old Sun*, sung by Ray Charles
- *Lucille*, sung by Kenny Rogers
- *A Change Is Gonna Come*, sung by Otis Redding
- *Mr. Bojangles*, sung by Sammy Davis, Jr.
- *Crying*, sung by Roy Orbison and k.d. lang
- *Color Him Father*, sung by the Winstons
- *The Grand Tour*, sung by George Jones
- *A Fool For You*, sung by Ray Charles (in Newport on July 5, 1958)

E-mail your comments and alternatives. Inspired contributions to the list will win a prize.

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