

## About Town

### Chinese New Years for youngsters today

Today, Jan. 26, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year, there will be a dragon paper-bag puppet workshop at the Jamestown library. Materials will be supplied. This program is for children ages 5 and up.

Registration is not required for this free program. For more information, call 423-7280.

### Baseball information meeting tonight

The Jamestown Baseball Association will the first several Parents Information Nights tonight. The schedule for the meetings is Thursday, Jan. 26, at

7 p.m. at the police station conference room., Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Melrose School teachers lounge, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at Jamestown library, Wednesday, Feb 8, at 7 p.m. at Jamestown library.

All parents of current and new baseball players are encouraged to attend one meeting. General information on the baseball program will be presented. Parents of players interested in playing on a 13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth team should attend as well. Call Tony Rafanelli at 423-3953.

### Church display is open to all islanders

A display of the World House will be open to the public at the Central Baptist Church, 99

Narragansett Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m until noon.

The display is a locally-made, physical representation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s acceptance speech for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The speech was entitled the World House and is timeless in many ways. All are welcome to attend.

### Preschool applications are now available

The Melrose Avenue Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year.

Now in its 15th year, the program was originally designed for Jamestown preschool children with special needs. The program is now an inclusive program available to all Jamestown preschoolers ages 3 to 5.

There are two sessions daily except Fridays, when there is a morning session only. Children without special needs attend two or three mornings per week or four afternoons per week at a cost of \$10 per day. Spaces are limited and filled through a lottery

system. The application deadline this year is Feb. 28 and the lottery will be held March 3.

Children applying for the program must be Jamestown residents and are required to be screened through the Jamestown Child Outreach Program, which is a free service.

Appointments for screenings can be made when applications are picked up at the Melrose Avenue School.

### Farrell named to dean's list

Hannah Farrell of Jamestown was named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the fall 2005 semester.

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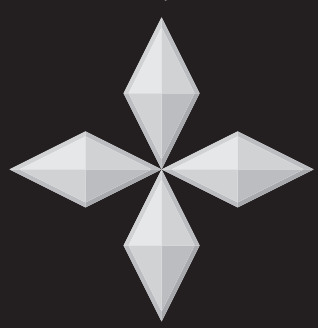
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## No public comment at landfill workshop

By Dotti Farrington

The Feb. 1 workshop on the landfill closure, including plans for a public works barn, is not intended for public comment, Town Councilor President David Long said Monday.

He said the town offered to conduct a work session, for public review by councilors of the plan, but the session is not mandated by the state Department of Environmental Management, nor is it intended as a public hearing.

The state has mandated that the plan be available for public review. Copies of the plan are available at the town clerk's office, at the town library, and on the town Web site at www.jamestownri.net. People who want to comment on the plan must do so in writing to the DEM by Feb. 10.

Long said he might allow very limited comment or take questions from the public at the workshop, but the meeting is intended for officials to be informed about the status of work on the landfill closure and on the the proposed building of a new highway barn.

DEM officials in September cautioned town officials about some aspects of the barn proposal, which town-hired consultants GZA GeoEnvironmental of Norwood, Mass., say are only in the "conceptual stage" at this time.

GZA's document for the landfill closure, called the Remedial Action Work Plan and 50 Percent Design Drawings, will be detailed at a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at the town library.

In its report, GZA describes how it would excavate an estimated total of 10,000 cubic yards of decaying trash, for the footprint of the 12,600-square-foot barn and about 26,000 square feet of pavement for parking and driveway access.

In September, the DEM told the town that "solid waste generated during construction at the landfill should be removed, properly managed and disposed of at a licensed solid waste management facility."

GZA said its plan responds to the DEM's comments by its proposal to screen and sift through the waste, using non-offensive material as backfill, and trucking away any materials that were clearly contaminants.

The water supply for the barn will be piped through the old landfill to a well to be dug on Lot 47, which is at the east, uphill, boundary of the landfill.

### Other changes

In addition to the closure and barn, GZA is proposing a one-acre paved storage pad on east side of the landfill, and paving some of the gravel roads that currently exist, but not paving the entire road as the DEM suggested

Other landfill changes would include a 50-foot expansion of the yard and leaf-composting area, relocation of existing overhead power lines, enlargement of the entrance to the existing transfer station, and a septic system for the barn.

Numerous drainage systems and catch basins are required for underground retention for control of groundwater runoff, including runoff that flows over North Main Road at the transfer station entrance. The existing metal recycling area will be paved, and the transfer station floor drain system and collection tank may be upgraded.