

**About town**

## Film series begins tonight

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will kick off the 2007 Foreign Film Series, which begins tonight, Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at the library with the French film "Bon Voyage."

Rated PG-13, "Bon Voyage" stars Gerard Depardieu and Isabelle Adjani. With a running time of 114 minutes, it will be screened in French with English subtitles.

Set in Nazi-occupied France and billed as an adventure comedy, the movie is a lavish, expensive, period production by Jean-Paul Rappeneau. The characters are thrown together as they try to flee to Bordeaux to escape the Nazi army that is entering Paris.

Film critic Roger Ebert said, "The movie is funny not in a ho-ho way but in the way it surprises us with delights and blindsides us with hazards. There's a lot of contrivance involved. . . . It is after all improbable that these characters would not only constantly cross paths, but always at moments of crisis. But once we accept the movie's method, it implicates us. . . ."

The second film in the series

will be another French film, "Le Diner de Cons" on Thursday, Feb. 1.

The third film in the series will be the French film "Huit Femmes" (Eight Women) on Thursday, March 1.

## Rec basketball to start

The recreation department will hold open practices for everyone registered for the Recreational Basketball League on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Boys in grades 7 and 8 will practice from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Lawn Avenue School gym. Boys in grades 5 and 6 will practice at the Lawn Avenue School Gym from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Girls in grades 3 to 8 years old will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Boys in grades 3 and 4 will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

These practices are to help aid the coaches in picking even teams. Games will start on Saturday, Jan. 13. All children that are registered will be put on teams. For more information, call 423-7260.

## Give blood in January, receive a pound of coffee

The Rhode Island Blood Center and Dunkin' Donuts would like to do something special for blood donors during the month of January. Donating blood or platelets during January, National Blood Donor Month, will give donors a coupon courtesy of Dunkin' Donuts for a pound of any flavor Dunkin' Donuts Blend Coffee.

The blood supply needs constant replenishment. The only resource is people. Each blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives.

The Rhode Island Blood Center has donor centers in Providence, Warwick, Narragansett, Woonsocket, and Middletown, and holds several blood drives throughout the state every day. To make an appointment at a donor center, call 1-800-283-8385. For more information visit the blood center's Web site at [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org), or call 1-800-283-8385.

## Knit this Sunday

The next Sunday Knitting Circle at Jamestown library will take place on Jan. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Sunday knitting sessions are free and open to all levels of expertise. Participants should bring needles and yarn with them to the children's area of the library.

For more information, the library's programs visit the library at 26 North Main Rd., call 423-7280, or look at the calendar of events on the library's Web site at <http://www.jamestownri.com/library/>.

## Rehearsals begin for spring concerts

On Monday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m., the Jamestown Community Chorus will begin rehearsals at Central Baptist Church for its spring concert titled "Going Home," which will be performed on May 5 and 6. The concert will include selections from this country's heritage with singing, dancing, and instrumentalists.

The chorus is seeking additional singers who will not only perform in May, but also be a part of RISings II, the second concert of the Rhode Island Festival Chorus. Jamestown Community Chorus is one of five choruses that will perform on Sunday, April 29, at East Providence High School.

There are no auditions, and experience in a choral setting is not necessary. There is a modest membership fee and nominal cost for music.

For more information call B. J. Whitehouse at 423-1574, or visit [www.jamestownri.com/chorus](http://www.jamestownri.com/chorus).

## Celebrate twelfth night with medieval feast

The Chorus of Westerly will throw a Peasants' Feast, a traditional component of the Chorus's annual production of "A Celebration of Twelfth Night." Performances are on Jan. 13 and 14 at the Chorus of Westerly's George Kent Performance Hall, 119 High St. in Westerly, at 1, 4, and 8 p.m., with the Peasants' Feast being served at 6 p.m. both days. Peasants' Feast tickets cost \$14 and can be purchased through the box office. For more information, call 596-8663 or visit [www.chorusofwesterly.org](http://www.chorusofwesterly.org).

The Peasants' Feast menu is rich with traditional flavors with Chef Steve Kitchen's inspiration being medieval banquets. The meal, which promises to maintain the Chorus of Westerly's reputation for inventive and delicious cuisine, includes slow roasted port loin with an apricot horseradish glaze, roasted root vegetables and green beans in garlic butter. A desert of oatmeal chocolate cake will bring the meal to a sweet finish. Hot wassail is the beverage of choice included with the meal. However, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available at a cash bar.

The final ingredient to the Peasants' Feast is live music and entertainment. Served in the Performance Hall between "A Celebration of Twelfth Night" performances, the meal includes entertainment. This year's Peasants' Feast performers include the Boston Festival Brass, Joan Ceo on harp, fiddle music, bagpipers and a mummer's play presented by the Westerly Morris Men and directed by Peter Leibert.

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