

Letters

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ary Program, and researchers from academic, Native American, and applied research institutions, such as the Rhode Island-based PAL.

I will be bringing a copy of the Press to take a picture in the NR-1 submarine while we're on the bottom of the ocean!

**David Robinson
Jamestown**

Island no longer for the working class

I am writing in response to Mr. Salvatore's letter on affordable housing. I was raised in Jamestown. My wife's father was born and raised in Jamestown and he raised his children in Jamestown.

Back then, if you grew up here you could buy a house and raise your family here. I am very offended by Mr. Salvatore's remark that if you work hard you can live here. NOT ANY MORE. Everything has changed. Our children can no longer live here even though they have good jobs and work very hard. They have been pushed out.

People like Mr. Salvatore with their multi-million dollar mansions have changed the beautiful island that everyone wanted to move to. It is no longer for the working class people.

**John Albaugh
Jamestown**

Setting the record straight on Lot 47

Contrary to Mr. Ianetta's recent letter, and for the record, as town administrator at the time, I originally proposed to the Jamestown Town Council that Lot 47 adjacent to the landfill be purchased for the specific purpose of locating and constructing a new highway garage.

The site was, chosen and subsequently purchased because it was for sale, it existed as a vacant piece of land adjacent to the landfill and it had not previously been used as landfill. It was, and remains to this day, a large enough land area to contain the necessary building and storage areas and also provide a landscape "buffer" between those public works uses and the surrounding neighborhood.

**Robert W. Sutton Jr.
Jamestown**

Food, fun for a good cause

My name is Caty Schnack. I am a seventh grade student at Lawn Avenue School. I was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a member of the "People to People Student Ambassador Program" to Australia this summer.

The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 20 day experience includes meetings government officials, interaction with other students my age, educational activities, and home stays with host families.



President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded "People to People" in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would world countries. Since its founding, "People to People" has launched many international programs including "Sister Cities" and "Project HOPE."

I and nine other student ambassadors will hold a fundraising dinner sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse at Gaudet Middle School in Middletown on Thursday, March 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. The proceeds of the dinner, raffle and silent auction will help defray the cost of our tuitions. Would you please consider joining me for an evening of great food and fun? The cost is \$25 per person. You can call me for tickets at 423-3496.

If you are not able to attend and would like to donate towards the cost of tuition, contributions may be sent to Caty Schnack, 36 Clarke St., Jamestown, RI 02835.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you March 22.

**Caty Schnack
Jamestown**

Shores group leader voices concern over dogs

By Dotti Farrington

At Monday's Town Council meeting, council President David Long asked Town Administrator Bruce Keiser to investigate complaints made during open forum about dogs in the Jamestown Shores.

Charlotte Zarlengo, president of the Shores Association, reported that town council member Barbara Szepatowski has rented a house, used also for shores association meetings, for fund-raising meetings for the animal shelter that Szepatowski and her associates are trying to locate somewhere on the island.

Szepatowski was absent from Monday's meeting because of illness, and other councilors did not know about the Shores location as part of her animal shelter efforts. Keiser said he was told the property would be used as a meeting-place for volunteers, who would

bring pets while at the meetings there.

Zarlengo said Szepatowski has started a fence, raising fears among some Shores residents that she is duplicating the fencing of a nearby yard for frequent visits by multiple dogs. "We are concerned that it is a dog run, or a shelter use, or something of that line and we do not want another nuisance in the neighborhood," she said.

Zarlengo said she and others have concerns that the latest activity is an extension of town-sanctioned efforts to establish an animal shelter.

The town administrator assured Zarlengo that the town has no involvement in the clubhouse use.

Zarlengo said the neighborhood already has been disturbed by frequently barking dogs brought to a Riptide home in the past two years. Complaints to town officials have produced no relief, apparently because the activity does not constitute an overnight kennel that would be illegal there, she said. Neighbors believe the Riptide activity is a business operation, and thus a zoning violation.

Szepatowski told the Press on Tuesday, following the council meeting, that the fence is part of general landscaping.

She said she would have her own dog, and possibly one other sometimes, while at the Shores clubhouse, but never more than two dogs at a time. She said she would issue a full report within a week about use of the Shores building.



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LEGAL TIP

A country club had no duty to protect a child who fell through the ice of an irrigation pond because it was not an "artificial condition" within the meaning of the attractive nuisance doctrine, the Delaware Supreme Court has ruled.

Disregarding his mother's warnings to stay away from the pond, an eight year old boy fell through the ice and suffered serious injuries related to oxygen deprivation. He died 14 months later.

His family sued, but a trial court granted summary judgement in the defendant's favor. The Delaware Supreme Court affirmed.

"[The trial court] correctly recognized that 'the law generally considers it unfair and overly burdensome to charge [landowners] with childproofing every natural danger that may be present on land, especially bodies of water.'"

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