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tion that Head's Beach is, and should continue to be, for swimming, not a mooring field. It is unfortunate that Michael deAngeli chose to berate Mr. Ventrone over this issue. I would expect the Chair of the Harbor Commission or any other commission to treat residents and officials with greater respect.

Charlotte Zarlengo
Seaside Drive

A loss for schools

After one year of service at the Jamestown schools, we not only lose a great educator but a great person as well.

I am saddened by the departure of Mr. Mike Franco. He was a great administrator/ teacher and role model for our students. His contributions, in just one short year, went far beyond what the public could see.

Being a veteran teacher, Mike had a gift for reaching out to his students as well as his faculty. He was always positive and motivating. Mike instilled pride in our students: not only in the classroom but on the athletic fields as well. He took a special interest in each student, learning about each one of them. That is why the students at the Melrose school were always trying to find ways to have lunch with him. My son Colbey frequently talked about Mike. Colbey said, "Mr. Franco likes to have fun. He even plays with us at recess sometimes." On the flip side of this, Mike knew when he had to be stern and discipline his students. He was a great male role

model!

As for the staff's feelings, I can only speak on behalf of my husband. Eric held him with great regard. Mike was always there to give advice, assistance or support. Mike never hesitated to lend a helping hand to anyone. He would frequently return to the classroom to provide extra help for struggling students and teach classes that were not covered by a substitute.

The departure of Mike Franco is a great loss for Jamestown education and for our community. It is with deep regret that we have lost him to another school system. It is too bad that we did not try hard enough to hold on to him.

Penny Bush
Clinton Avenue

Why, no microphone?

What a shame someone did not have the foresight to obtain a microphone and a podium to project the voices of those who spoke at the town hall dedication.

We did read a few words, spoken by David Long, in the Newport Daily News the following day.

It was a missed opportunity for such an important event.

Karan H. Osenton
Blueberry Lane

Thanks for GSO benefit

On behalf of URI's Graduate School of Oceanography I thank the Jamestown community for their support by attending the recent benefit performance for GSO. We greatly appreciate the James Montgomery Band for their fine performance and

the Narragansett Cafe for hosting this successful event. The money raised will be used to help our students attend national and international scientific meetings where they present their research. This is important for their professional development and it helps GSO by showcasing their scientific achievements.

David C. Smith
School of Oceanography

Thanks to caring school staff

I want to thank Wendy Williams, Miss Jenny and Mrs. Caswell on behalf of my daughter for the wonderful summer Peer Model Program provided at the school this year. I want to thank the special education staff for supporting this endeavor. Caroline came home from her first day saying, "That's the best time I ever had in school." Her enthusiasm grew from there! She ended up attending four weeks total and she enjoyed all of it. She learned a lot about the special academic topics, and more importantly, she learned about respect and patience and why they are part of a good friendship. I just can't tell you how much this program impressed me.

Caroline liked the variety and the new activities, like planning and cooking the meals. She loved particular units as well. She did like seeing all the various performers too. She talked about meeting the children who were new to her and why she liked them. Individually, she got to know boys and girls she would not have met otherwise because they are in different grades. The understanding and support that go with those personal relationships are so important. They



Boat aflame in driveway

Firefighters put out a blaze Aug. 15, which started in a boat in a driveway on Swinburne Street.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

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foster a nurturing atmosphere at the school.

Again, thanks to all for providing such a great summer camp experience. We are looking forward to next year!

Julia Montminy
Green Lane

Too many deer

"Home, home on the range where the deer etc., etc."

For several summers, after a considerable expenditure of time, energy and money, my son Bruce's vegetable garden has been

decimated before harvest by deer! Now I have come down with Lyme disease caused by a deer tick bite! Down with deer!

Janet Davis Callahan
Fairview Street



LET'S SUPPORT OUR TOWN OFFICIAL'S SENSIBLE DECISION
Vote YES on August 28th



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID LONG

"Recent ads condemning the Upper Taylor Point council vote and claiming the Lot 47 location as a foregone conclusion are simply not true and irresponsible. The permitting process alone for Lot 47 could still take years, resulting in additional unforeseeable costs. The landfill re-remediation must be finished before any facility can be built on Lot 47. In order to comply with state and federal regulations the town may need written permission from two of the North End Concerned Citizens abutting the landfill in order to upgrade drainage onto their property. There is no guarantee from DEM that those signatures will not be mandatory. Both abutters have said they will not sign if the garage is on Lot 47. They cannot be forced to sign. That would bring the project to a standstill."



Town Officials who endorse the Bridge Authority Site:

JAMESTOWN POLICE CHIEF TIGHE
"A central facility will promote better coordination of DPW personnel and equipment with public safety agencies in responding to major storm events. The highway garage needs to be centrally located to insure the fastest response time in emergencies. They, the DPW, shouldn't be tied up for days trying to hack their way into town after a major event."

JAMESTOWN COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA SZEPAWOSKI
"As an environmental engineer, in the end, I do not believe that a highway barn should be located on or near a landfill."

FIRE CHIEF JIM BRYER

JAMESTOWN COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT JULIO DI GIANDO
"By locating the barn at Taylor Point we will be able to consolidate all municipal operations at one site. There is room for our treatment plant, the barn and modified salt shed and if need be a future expansion of the sewer treatment tank system..."

TOWN ENGINEER MIKE GRAY
Among his reasons are central location, water and sewer hookups and expedient project completion.

TOWN PLANNER LISA BRYER

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BRUCE KEISER
Speaking about the proposed bridge location site; "Despite popular perception, town workers do not currently, and would not be expected in the future, to make daily material trips to the North Road facility. The reality is that it's not a split site."

TOWN SOLICITOR PETER RUGGIERO
His reasons are, less permitting and legal obstacles incurring even more time and expense.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR KEVIN DEACON