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bridge. We are getting hosed.

There is also no question in my mind that, if the Pell Bridge were in state hands, our legislators would have gotten us the parcel we need for nothing. It is of little value for any kind of private use. But we are the Town of Jamestown and not some private developer and more than \$100,000 is another hosing.

How about a 99-year lease for a buck?

**Bob Dolan**  
Coronado Street

**Thanks for a great job**

All Jamestown Police Officers want to acknowledge and thank Ramon Ibarlucea of the highway department for the outstanding job he did in renovating and restoring our break room at the department headquarters on Conanicus Avenue.

Ibarlucea worked relentlessly for two weeks to complete the project as efficiently as possible, and the department wishes to ex-

presses their gratitude.

**Jamestown Police**

**Zoning rulings inconsistent**

As reported in the Press of Feb. 2, 2006, Cingular Wireless was denied an application to construct a communication antenna at 179 Tashtassuc Rd. where the generator used to sit. The reason for the request was to reduce significant gaps in coverage.

Even though over 50 percent of all emergency calls are now via cell phones, the request was denied by the zoning board because it would disturb the scenic character of the island. Drawings presented by Cingular depicted an almost indiscernible speck above the vine covered tree line.

Now comes the Department of Homeland Security and, with nary a word from the zoning board, installs a large surveillance camera on top of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center on Beavertail, at the site where a cell phone antenna in 2000 was installed despite vigorous objections by various groups. Of course, neither homeland security nor RIDEM advised the Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee, of which I am a member.

We can now feel secure, knowing that the Harbor Entrance Control Post is again looking for enemies approaching our island.

**Frank Meyer**  
Southwest Ave

**More people must be thanked**

The Holy Ghost Society wishes to thank the following people, whose names were left out of a previous thank you letter.

Peter Medeiros, Darleen Gammone, Rita & Moe, Maple Creek Farm, Debbie, Marty and Sue, Steve Linda, Ammie and Adam Andrade, Joe Andrade, Jimmy Godena Jr., John Godena, Al and Sandy Bowder, Al Lopes, Amy Vigars, Cut Rite Concrete Cutting Corp., Keith and Nick Sweeney, Mark Mello, Linda Brown, Marlene Murphy, Polly Lathan, Joe Texiera, Jeff Rezendes, Nancy Moorhead, Lane Clark, Peggy, Evelyn and Genevieve, Cayla Haggerty and Courtney Beachamp.

Thank you so much everyone!  
**The Holy Ghost Society**



**Back to school**

Wearing their brand new clothes, these kids lined up to begin the new school year yesterday morning at the Melrose Avenue School.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

**BankNewport is a good place to work**

BankNewport was honored at the "Best Places to Work in Rhode Island 2007" award ceremony held on Aug. 30 at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport. Representatives from BankNewport's human resources department accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

Presented by Providence Business News and sponsored by Cox Business Services, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the Rhode Island State Council of SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management), the "Best Places to Work in Rhode Island 2007" ceremony recognized twenty-two organizations chosen as the "Best Places to Work" in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. BankNewport was the only bank recognized, and was only one of eight organizations in the "large company" category (i.e., 150 or more employees) nominated with this distinction.

"The award is significant as it demonstrates the Bank's commitment to provide a positive work environment for our most valuable asset, our employees,"

said BankNewport Executive Vice President and COO, Sandra J. Pattie. "We are proud that our team of employees recognize the bank's efforts to provide an environment that fosters pride, enthusiasm, and dedication. It is our team and their work philosophy that makes all the difference, ultimately providing an extraordinary experience for our customers everyday."

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1819 and currently holding \$1 billion in assets, is an FDIC-insured savings bank. Along with its other OceanPoint Financial Partners - OceanPoint Insurance Agency, Inc., Smith Mack & Associates, Meredith & Clarke, and Narragansett Underwriting Group - BankNewport is proud to serve the financial needs of customers from banking and insurance offices located throughout southeastern New England.

**Give blood, win Patriots' tickets**

A blood drive, sponsored by the island veteran's groups, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holy Ghost Hall.

Arnold Zweir Post 22 of the American Legion and VFW Post 9447 will be the co-sponsors of the event.

Donors will be entered into a pool to win a pair of tickets to see the New England Patriots play the Washington Redskins on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Gillette Stadium.

To be a blood donor one must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in general good health.

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