

# Island Opinion

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### Etcetera

Jamestown was well represented in the audience Tuesday evening at the Rhode Island premier of Disney's new movie, "Dan in Real Life," at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

It was fun seeing the Hollywood magic transform our island on the big screen. Plenty of scenes were shot at East Ferry. The Conanicut Marina office became a book store. The movie makers built a ferry waiting room on the site of the old Jamestown ferry ramp. The Newport Bridge was in the background of several scenes.

There were also a number of scenes of other spots around the island, including aerials of the Jamestown Bridge and Great Creek.

The film crew spent six weeks in Jamestown last fall shooting the movie. They obviously liked filming here. The people of Jamestown received a thank you credit at the end of the film.

"Dan in Real Life" opens at movie theaters tomorrow. Don't miss it.

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Global warming comes to mind when one considers the weather this fall. Shirt sleeves and shorts in late October make it seem more like summer than fall.

Temperatures are expected to become more seasonal as we head into the weekend. However, it does make one wonder if we will have a warmer than usual winter.

The recent rain was most welcome. We could use some more.

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Where do we go from here?

By all accounts the Jamestown Vision charrette held last week was a worthwhile endeavor. The process helped the community take a good look at the future of the village.

Kudos to Town Planner Lisa Bryer for organizing the project. It was obvious that quite a bit of time was spent preparing for the project.

The hard part now comes as the town figures out what to do with the information gleaned from the project. Do we revamp our zoning code? Should the town utilize the form-based code that was discussed last week?

Going forward will be the true test of the project's success. There will be much work ahead for the Town Council and the Planning Commission. Those who participated in the charrette should stay involved as the town moves onto the next step.

The Press will keep you informed.

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Don't be a couch potato! Get your Halloween costume ready early and participate in the annual Jamestown Jack-O-Lantern Jog this Sunday, Oct. 28.

Registration and check-in gets underway at 11:30 a.m. at the recreation center. The 5k race starts at 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jamestown Teen Center.

Runners and walkers are welcome. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes, so be creative!

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The spooks, goblins and monsters will again be roaming the island streets on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 31. You can help the young trick-or-treaters by making sure the walkways to your home are free from clutter and are well-lighted.

We also remind you to be extra careful when driving. Let's keep the evening fun and safe.

— Jeff McDonough



### Jamestown Vision project a success

I would like to thank the residents who participated in and supported the Jamestown Vision that has been a public ongoing process since early September. Jamestown Vision was about community participation and making a conscious decision on how we want the Village to develop in the future. Because, whether we like it or not, vacant lots remain and expansions will occur, both in the commercial and residential districts. It is a community's responsibility to be involved in where, when and how development occurs. Involvement, or public participation, can occur in many ways. The Jamestown Vision process involved a

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website and on-line survey, a public, interactive visioning workshop, and stakeholder meetings to discuss specific issues. It was a very intensive process where hundreds of residents were participants. Your input made the process a tremendous success and the end product will be more valid because of your involvement.

There is always a risk when you thank people that you will forget someone, but the involvement of certain individuals deserves special recognition. Thank you to Recreation Director Bill Piva and Parks Supervisor Ron Parfitt, with the help of Andrew Rushton, for preparing the recreation

center for three separate evening events. Thank you to the fire department for the use of their tables for the week and the Public Works Department for moving them and many other things last week. Thank you Cyn-dee Reppe for handling all the details. Thank you to the Village Hearth Bakers, Slice of Heaven and Ron DiMauro for keeping the team fed and Trattoria Simpatico for the post charrette cheese platters. Thank you to the Jamestown Press for keeping the public informed in such an efficient and positive way. A special thank you to Tom Todd, for providing experience and vision to the process. Finally, thank you

to everyone for allowing the team to take over the Council Chambers for the week. The space functioned magnificently. What a great way to initiate the Town Hall.

Lisa Bryer  
Town Planner

### Local services often aid visitors

This time of year it is not unusual to reflect on the success of our peak season, which brings millions of visitors to Newport County. Many in the hospitality industry seek to identify what influences, both positive and negative, have impacted the summer travel season. Those conversations often range from the trends in weather to the contribution

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### This week in Island history

Compiled by Sue Maden  
Week of October 25

The news of 10 and 15 years ago is from the Jamestown Press. The news of 100 years ago came from the collection of the Newport Historical Society.

#### 100 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 22, 1907

Mr. J. P. Cotton of Newport, who has the contract for the new athletic field at Fort Greble (on Dutch Island), will commence work this week.

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 25, 1907

Mr. Max Schade, who left here in the spring in his naphtha launch Helena, to attend the Jamestown Exposition, returned yesterday to his home at the West ferry. Mr. Schade, accompanied by Mrs. Schade and son, left the Exposition grounds more than a week ago, making the run by easy stages.

#### 75 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 22, 1932

Mrs. Joseph B. McCall, who purchased the Alvin H. Peckham cottage on Walcott avenue two years ago, is moving the cottage to the centre of the estate, thus giving it a deep frontage on Walcott avenue. Wright Brothers have the contract and Pierce of Newport the moving contract.

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 24, 1932

The American Legion Bugle and Drum Corps held a successful dance in the grange hall Saturday evening. The hall was decorated with flags, and a large number of people from Newport was present.

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 26, 1932

The town library will be open Saturdays only hereafter.

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 29, 1932

Nicholas Petritis, fisherman, of Marine avenue, captured the most unusual fish ever taken in these waters. While hauling his lobster pots Friday, he was surprised to find a live, small octopus on the bottom of his boat. ... Many went to the house of Mr. Petritis to see the curiosity.

Charles Westall will close his ice cream parlor today and is planning to leave with the family for the South, the latter part of November.

#### 50 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 25, 1957

Commerce Oil Refining Corp. moved yesterday in U.S. District Court, Providence, to end litigation between itself and Jamestown residents and taxpayers opposing the refinery. Andrew P. Quinn, counsel for the refinery filed two motions. One was to dismiss without prejudice the company's \$2,000,000 suit against certain opponents for allegedly conspiring to block the refinery. The other was to award dismissing the counter claims for the opponents on the ground there is "no genuine issue as to any material fact."

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 29, 1957

A \$376.28 coal bill incurred to save money, posed a problem for the Jamestown Town Council at the meeting last night. The fuel budget account has a balance of \$98.65. Action on the bill was withheld until it could be determined from what budget item the money could be obtained.

#### 25 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, October 22, 1982

A Jamestown school science project has been selected as one of the top 10 exemplary programs nationwide. School Superintendent Alfred LaMarche told the School Committee Thursday night. The project is from James Sammons's, Grade 7, and is named "Ecology and the Community."

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