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We would like to thank the following local businesses for donating items to our raffle, the proceeds from which will be used to establish an NKHS Class of 1997 scholarship fund: American Bay Outfitters; Bay Leaves Restaurant and Bistro; Beach Rose Cafe; Brickley's Ice Cream and Cakes; E & J's Restaurant; Flowers by Burt & Peg; G. Willakers Country Store; Jitter's Cafe; J.W. Graham; Newport Creamery; Tavern by the Sea; Wickford Gourmet; and

Wickford Lumber.

In addition, several of our fellow alums showcased their talents by making the following donations to the raffle: Richard Boucher of Acoustic Vibrations for a free DJ'd event; Emily DaSilva, D.D.S. for her "Healthy Smiles" basket; Richard Soule of Chicago Pizza for a gift certificate; and Elisabeth (Baker) Swain of Little Miss Izzy for her "Baby Bits" basket.

We would especially like to thank the following alums who donated their time and services to the event: Richard and Shannon (Downey) Boucher of A Deli-

cate Image for photographing the picnic, and Julie (Drescher) Michaels of Allie's Donuts for providing a delectable donut cake for the party.

Special thanks to Erin (Petrella) Montagano and Andrew Deslaurier for their skill with streamers, and to Shawn Edge for manning the grill.

Most importantly, we would like to thank our fellow classmates, without whom there would not have been a reunion. It was a pleasure to reconnect with all of you and learn what our fellow Skippers have been doing over the course of these ten eventful years. Please continue to visit our class web site at <http://www.classreport.org/usa/ri/north%5Fkingstown/nkhs/1997/> so that we can plan additional events, and so that we may share in your stories.

The NKHS Class of 1997 Reunion Committee:

- Brad Crevier, Emily DaSilva, Maggie (Shuhy) Deslaurier, Tivia (Berman) Edge, Katie (Craft) Ross, Marianne (Smith) Stern, Ryan Yorkery, Donna Comolli, and John Ward**

This week in Island history

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From the Newport Daily News, November 4, 1982

A building permit to construct six town houses on Taylor's Point has been issued to Taylor Point Development Co. of 350 Thames St., Newport. Each unit will be two stories and contain 1,600 square feet. The units will be in one building.. The cost was estimated at \$432,000.

15 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, October 29, 1992

A bald eagle showed up at East Ferry Monday afternoon and was still in the downtown marina area Tuesday morning.

About 350 runners participated in the annual Jack O'Lantern Jog on Sunday. The 3.1 mile jog brought runners around the state and was won by John Petrarca of Providence with a time of 17 minutes, 10 seconds.

10 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, October 30, 1997

The Jamestown school will no longer celebrate holidays like Halloween unless they can be taught within the context of a specific curriculum.

The Town Council Monday voted unanimously to encourage the preservation of Conanicut Battery, a Revolutionary War fortification on town-owned land off Battery Lane.

The Jamestown Recreation Department held its annual Jack O'Lantern Jog Sunday Oct. 26. A total of 208 participants dressed up in costumes of all shapes and sizes and laced up their running shoes for this 5K run or walk, and 206 of them crossed the finish line.



Cited for Cold War service

Joseph A. Pizzi of Jamestown recently received a document, signed by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, recognizing him for his service during the Cold War. Pizzi, now 85, served as a corporal in the U.S. Army from November 1942 to January 1946. Originally from Providence, Pizzi has lived in Jamestown, with his wife Mary, for 12 years.

Photo by Donna Drago

Candidates hope to make the grade

By Tom Shevlin

School Committee candidates Melissa Burrows, Julie Kallfelz and Bruce "BJ" Whitehouse made their case to island residents at the Jamestown Shores Association's candidates forum last Thursday at the Jamestown Senior Center.

Speaking to a room of about fifty people, candidates were given the opportunity to make opening remarks on the topic of their choice.

Melissa Burrows, a first-time candidate running on the Republican ticket opened the forum by saying that as a life-long island resident and mother of two special-needs children, she was acutely aware of the challenges facing Jamestown parents.

Julie Kallfelz, an incumbent Democrat, introduced herself to the crowd by emphasizing her experience on the school committee and pledging her commitment to addressing the "many challenges" facing Jamestown including challenges of financial inefficiency and education quality.

Bruce "BJ" Whitehouse, also a Democrat and first-time candi-

date, broke the ice by playing off of his typical experience at the senior center. "I expected to hear singing," said Whitehouse, who has served as the long-time director of the Jamestown Community Chorus. Whitehouse went on to address school committee issues by distinguishing himself. "I don't plan on being a world-beater," he said "I plan on being an advocate for children."

Audience questions were sparse during the joint forum, with council candidates drawing the majority of inquiries. However, Whitehouse did field a question regarding ways to extend the classroom experience into the community. Whitehouse responded by proposing what he described as outreach programs between town entities such as the town council and students.

Closing remarks were brief. Melissa Burrows expressed her

support for exploring inter-community projects with neighboring towns in order to share costs and expand the learning experience. Julie Kallfelz emphasized that fluctuations in the town's school age population and state mandates have created a challenging environment for the school committee. She said that her experience in addressing those challenges was an important qualification. Bruce Whitehouse used his allotted time to reflect on the differences between the experiences of today's students in comparison to his own. "There are special needs and mandates that we couldn't have dreamed of," Whitehouse said. He concluded by renewing his desire to be an advocate for Jamestown's youth.

Voters can vote for their choice of school committee candidate on Tuesday, November 6.

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