

# Island Opinion

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### Islanders break ranks with state, pollsters say

Jamestowners do not follow the pack, at least when it comes to giving money to presidential candidates.

A recent campaign finance report by the Washington Post details the contributions made by Jamestown residents to presidential candidates. The figures were obtained from filings with the Federal Election Commission.

Hillary Rodham Clinton leads the Democrats and the Republicans statewide in fund-raising.

In Jamestown, however, Clinton is in second place among the Democratic candidates, trailing primary rival Bill Richardson.

During the third quarter of 2007 in Jamestown, Richardson raised \$5,600 while Clinton received \$1,000. Barack Obama was third in Jamestown with \$350.

Most of the national fund-raising was done in the third quarter. The amounts do not differ much from the overall campaign summary.

John McCain raised the most money in Jamestown among Republican candidates with \$1,100 during the third quarter. Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani did not receive any contributions locally during the same time period.

But Romney was the big winner among the Republicans in Jamestown for the overall campaign fund-raising with \$4,600. Giuliani garnered a total of \$4,513, while McCain received only \$1,300.

Former Gov. Bruce Sundlun, a Democrat and island resident, alerted the Jamestown Press to the Washington Post report. Sundlun said he believes the campaign contribution numbers reveal that Jamestown is "probably overwhelmingly Republican in national politics."

Sundlun, an astute political observer, said if you relate dollars as votes in Jamestown, the campaign finance report puts Richardson in first place, Romney in second, Giuliani in third, McCain in fourth, Clinton in fifth, and Obama in sixth.

Of course there remains quite a bit of time until the Rhode Island presidential primary in March 2008. The lead in the race could change several times.

— Jeff McDonough



### Keep an eye out for darting deer

As the weather turns cooler on our beautiful island, we would like to remind our fellow Jamestowners that this is also the season that wildlife may become more unpredictable in their behavior. November is the start of the "rutting" season, when deer become much more active and the danger of deer strikes dramatically increases. The usually shy deer are now much more active and may dart quickly across our roads. This is also the start of hunting season and the deer are naturally moving quickly to safer areas. We are asking our fellow Jamestowners to be especially watchful during the next month, in order to avoid a collision with a deer.

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The most effective measure that a driver can take is to simply slow down. Scan the roadsides for these animals and if you see one run across a road, chances are another will follow.

The greatest population of deer on our island is in the North End, so if you are traveling in this area please reduce your speed and stay alert. Deer are naturally most active at dusk and dawn, but at this time of year it can be any time of the day.

So, please slow down and be watchful for the wildlife that shares our rural island.

Nancy Crawford  
The Humane Society of  
Jamestown

### Annual 5K jog a great success

The Jamestown Recreation Department's annual Jack O' Lantern Jog 5K Road Race was held on Oct. 28 with over 120 participants. This year's race, our 19th annual, finished at the recreation center where the festivities continued with awards, prizes and raffles. A huge thank you to the major sponsors of the event: the Jamestown Press, Crystal Springs Water, Spinnakers Café, Runners World and World Trophies.

I would also like to thank the following local businesses for donating various raffle items. They are: Co-

nanicut Marine Services, Central Garage, Ocean State Scuba, Paws & Claws, Secret Garden, the Purple Door, McQuade's Market, Catherine Jamieson Salon, Anita Haircut, Pas de Chat, East Ferry Deli, Trattoria Simpatico, Tricia's Tropicgrille, and Slice of Heaven.

Thanks to the hard-working recreation department employees and volunteers who made the race happen: Cyndee Reppe, Melissa Minto, Ron Parfitt, Andrew Rushton, Rob Goode, Jim McLoughlin, Bonnie Jamison, Victoria Ryng, Phillip Ryng, Tom Munroe, Jack Romano and Olivia Frank. Thanks also go out to Junior Girl Scout Troop #865, Valerie Kelley, The-

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### Family of volunteers

When Kyle Tiexiera, center, was sworn in as a new firefighter last week, he joined his grandfather, Joe Tiexiera, at left, and father, Steve Tiexiera, at right on the squad.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten



## This week in Island history

Compiled by Sue Maden  
Week of November 8

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, November 4, 1907

The numerous fishing parties from Newport which visited the rocks at Beavertail and the Dumplings yesterday, returned with more catches of tautog. The fish were not plentiful but those caught averaged above the usual size.

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 5, 1907

Captain Slocum in his little sloop Spray \_ famous for having made a trip around the world \_ anchored in the east harbor last night, leaving this morning on his way to the Orinoco river, South America.

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 9, 1907

Mr. Seth Pierce brought a pair of mules to his place yesterday, the first pair of these animals to be kept on the island for several years, and according to some of the residents who were out late last night, they do not wish to see or hear any more. One got away ... and evidently trying to get back to Newport, wandered down to the ferry landing shortly after midnight. ... and finding his way blocked made the hideous with a series of brays.

### 75 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 9, 1932

When Newport, with one exception, swung into the

Democratic column for national and state offices in Tuesday's elections, the towns of Newport County \_ Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Little Compton, New Shoreham and Tiverton \_ adhered to their traditional policy of returning big Republican majorities in every instance. (In Jamestown, 578 voted for Hoover and 243 for Roosevelt; 31 voted for the bridge loan and 510 against.)

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 10, 1932

A committee has been formed (of the John Eldred chapter of the DAR) to sew on the cotton given by the government to be distributed by the Red Cross. Meeting will be held ... to sew for the unemployed and needy of the island.

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 12, 1932

Jamestown Post, American Legion and Auxiliary, the Legion Drum and Bugle corps and other organizations, took part in the Armistice Day parade, marching to the town hall where impressive exercises were held. ... The Armistice ball held Thursday evening at the Holy Ghost hall by the local American Legion was largely attended. Music was furnished by the Newport Majestic orchestra. At 11 o'clock, all stood in silence for one moment, dancing was then resumed and noise makers and balloons were distributed.

### 50 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, November 7, 1957

The presidents of Rhode Island's two lending banks said today that no formal agreements have been made to loan \$1,000,000 each to help finance the Commerce Oil Refining Corp.'s proposed Jamestown refinery. ... The Commerce Oil income statement indicates estimated profits of from \$10,450,000 to \$14,000,000 the first year and from \$60,600,000 to \$83,600,000 by the seventh year, as available for amortization of funded debt.

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