

## This week in Island history

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### From the Newport Daily News, November 12, 1957

Cold weather curtailed the planned Armistice Day observance in Jamestown. A short parade was held from the Recreation Center to the Town Hall along Narragansett Avenue, and return. The scheduled speaking was postponed because of the weather, which also kept spectator interest at a minimum.

25 years ago

### From the Newport Daily News, November 9, 1982

The Town Council is expected Monday to take up a state plan to name a committee to select a route for the connector road between the Newport and Jamestown Bridges.

### From the Newport Daily News, November 12, 1982

Arnold-Zweir American Legion post and its auxiliary and Memorial Post VFW dedicated a new flag pole during Veterans Day ceremonies at Memorial Square at East Ferry and massing of the colors.

15 years ago

### From the Jamestown Press, November 6, 1992

A predicted heavy voter turnout Tuesday produced long lines and long waits at the island's sole polling place. Some 2,698 of Jamestown's 3,618 registered voters \_ about 75 percent \_ showed up at the Community Center to cast their ballots. ... But while eight voting machines were in use, most voters found that it took two hours from the time they entered the building until they left. (As of 7 a.m. Wednesday following the election Clinton/Gore had 1,265 votes and Bush/Quayle had 817.)

The Jamestown School Committee learned last Thursday that regionalizing the high school with another community would probably not attract hoped for state funding.

10 years ago

### From the Jamestown Press, November 6, 1997

After a two-and-a-half hour public workshop on proposed state plans to build a marine fisheries laboratory at Ft. Wetherill boat basin, the Town Council will take up the topic again on Monday, Nov. 10.

Neighbors were not happy with plans proposed by a group of parents to build a skate park at the "dirt pile" site in the northwest corner of the school's athletic field.

## LETTERS

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resa Murray and to Brittany Parfitt who designed the Jog shirts. I appreciate all of your time and effort in making the job a success.

Thank you also goes out to the Jamestown Police and Jamestown EMS for providing a safe running environment.

All proceeds from this year's jog will go to the on-going teen center project. We're looking forward to having next year's 20th race be the biggest ever.

**William Piva, Director  
Jamestown Parks & Recreation**

## Help with the Mitten Basket

With the expectation of a cold and long winter ahead of us, the staff at the Town Hall will start collecting mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for the annual holiday Mitten Basket.

The community of Jamestown is welcome to start making donations to the mitten basket on Tuesday, Nov.13. Donations can be made Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will benefit the Newport County Women's Resource Center. Donations must be brand new or hand-made and unwrapped to be placed in the basket at the Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave. If there are any questions regarding basket donations, please feel free to call Kimberly at 423-9801.

Last year's donations were extremely generous and it is truly wonderful to see the community's warmth and kindness for those who are less fortunate during the busy holiday season.

Please stop by the Town Hall to add to the mitten basket and continue to show the island's generous support during the hectic holiday season. Donations must be by Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. A big thank you to everyone for making the past years mitten baskets such a great success!

**Kimberly Turcone  
Deputy Town Clerk, Jamestown**

## Fall soccer season a big success

Another fall recreation season for the Jamestown Soccer Association came to an end on Oct. 27. Under the looming threat of very stormy skies, a hardy group of players, coaches and parents all came out to finish the season in style.

Some fine and exciting soccer skills were exhibited on all fields by each and every age group.

The younger players received a trophy and the older players were given a small soccer ball to practice their skills. A team photo and pizza were provided to all after their final game.

The 2007 Thomas Jacquard Memorial Sportsmanship Award was given to Joshua Brown and the 2007 Leigha Carlisle Memorial Sportsmanship Award was given to Rossibel Kurz, both players in the Under 15 league.

As the co-directors for the fall season, we would like to recognize the time and effort put forth by all those individuals who contributed to the program's success by volunteering to coach a team.

We would like to thank Kyle Froberg for directing the excellent soccer skills sessions each week in the Under 6 league and Rachel

Burnett for serving as Under 6 league coordinator.

Thanks also go to Chris Atwood for serving as the Under 8 league coordinator, David Brown and Vaughn Nelson-Lee for supervising the Under 15 league.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who worked in the concession stand and also a special note of thanks to Susan Baccari and Judy Barry for their invaluable help during the season.

Thank you as well to Jay Sisson for once again coordinating and training the referees used throughout the season. The referees did an excellent job helping to keep the games running smoothly.

We especially want to thank Roberta Fagan for her efforts, stepping into her new role as Jamestown Soccer Association registrar and Darlene Froberg for her excellent photography of all the teams and players.

Last but not least, we thank each sponsor of the 28 teams this year for supporting our league.

From the smiles on the players' faces, we would have to say that 2007 Fall Soccer was a winning experience.

**2007 Recreation League Co-Directors**

**Clayton Carlisle  
Jack Christie  
Mary Waddington**

## Special education open house scheduled for Nov. 13

An Open House Night for parents of special education students in the Melrose and Lawn Schools will be hosted by the Jamestown Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC) on Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Melrose school library.

Dr. Robert Fricklas, director of Student Services/Special Ed, therapists in the areas of speech, occupational therapy, physical education, and other special education staff will make presentations at the open house.

The open house will provide a unique opportunity for parents,

especially those new to special education programs, to see a demonstration of the various therapy techniques and exercises that are conducted with students to improve their learning challenges. The evening will also include opportunity for parents to have one-on-one discussions with therapists and special education administrative staff.

"Therapists play such a critical role in the special ed program and this is a unique forum where parents can really get a close-up snapshot of what they do and why," said Donna Perry, SELAC member and moderator of the open house.

"We urge any and all parents of students who fall anywhere in the wide spectrum of learning challenges to attend and get to know the Special Ed personnel who are working so hard for your children," Perry added. For more information, contact Perry at 423-0450 or donnaperry@cox.net, or Alexandra Nickol at founickols@msn.com.

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### LEGAL TIP

The government is not liable for an auto accident caused by an Army reservist on his way to a training center, the 2nd Circuit has ruled.

The reservist was driving to a training session, dressed in his battle gear and running more than an hour late, when he hit the plaintiff while trying to pass another car. The reservist pleaded guilty to reckless driving. The plaintiff sued the U.S. government under the Federal Tort Claims Act for \$5 million.

The plaintiff argued the government should be held liable because the reservist was acting within the scope of his employment, trying to make it on time to his training.

But the Court upheld a motion to dismiss in favor of the government, holding that there was no difference between an Army reservist going to report for duty and an employee driving to work in the morning.

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