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Anne Frank, played by Hannah Cordes, listens as her father, Otto, portrayed by Matt Bolles, shares advice on living in their friend's attic. The JCT production of "Yours, Anne" opens Friday evening.

Photos by Sam Bari

'Yours, Anne' brims with haunting hope

By Michaela Kennedy

The new Jamestown Community Theatre production, "Yours, Anne," is a departure from the lighter, larger-cast musicals typical of the local theatre group, and promises to stir emotions and inspiration in every heart.

The show opens tomorrow night, Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church.

The musical, written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, is based on "Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl," the renowned chronicle of two Jewish families hidden in a cramped attic in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation. The music, composed by Michael Cohen, with a libretto written by Enid Futterman, is described as "haunting" and "moving" by those who have already snatched glimpses of the production.

"The actors have made it more spectacular than I could have expected," artistic direc-

tor Mary Wright says of the all-Jamestown cast. Wright admits that, in knowing the outcome of the tragic history, people question how the subject matter can transition into hope from despair. Hope grows through Anne's words, from which much of the dialogue comes, Wright says. "We want people leaving the play to be able

to use what they learned, either on a personal or global level."

"Yours, Anne" originally opened in New York in 1985 and ran for six months off-Broadway at Playhouse 91. Wright saw the concert version performed at Temple Shalom

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Mr. Van Daam, played by Terry Horsley, tries to sell his wife's fur to raise money for his family.

Keiser calls landfill reports 'good news'

By Dotti Farrington

Last week the Town Council received two reports on landfill monitoring tests conducted in September and December from consultants GeoEnvironmental (GZA) of Providence and Norwood, Mass.

In the reports, GZA summarized that "no findings were above limits" and that all results "were compliant with requirements." The reports also referred to "no exceedances" of maximum allowed scores, noting that "no standards (exist) for some detected metals." Town Administrator Bruce Keiser said those findings represented "good news" and shows the landfill "continues to demonstrate it is a safe site."

Keiser said the September report was delayed by GZA because its staff needed to give added attention to another client last fall.

The latest report revealed that Lot 47, abutting the landfill, has been added for testing, to determine its impact on the landfill and to help evaluate it as an alternate site for the highway barn. The report noted that nitrates and coliforms were not detected in December in the Lot 47 well, but small amounts of barium, cobalt, nickel and zinc were recorded. Keiser said September tests detected small amounts of nitrates

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Town learns more about federal aquifer designation

By Dotti Farrington

The main goal of a federal designation of Conanicut Island as a sole source aquifer (SSA) would be to increase public awareness and efforts to protect the environment and the water, according to Douglas Heath, hydrogeologist in the Office of Ecosystem Protection of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Heath, based in the EPA's Region One office in Boston, spoke at a recent meeting of the town's Water Resource Protection Committee. He came at the invitation of town officials seeking his information about a citizen application several months ago for the aquifer designation.

Heath explained the main reason the SSA program was established in 1974 was to provide oversight of all federally-funded

programs — most commonly, airports — that could impact water supplies. Because Jamestown has no plans for such programs and is not likely to have any in the future, Heath suggested, the most significant reason to get a SSA rating is to encourage public protection of the island's water resources.

Town officials are awaiting a recommendation from the water resource committee about the SSA process. They are expected to consider the aquifer at this month's meeting.

Although any individual or group of individuals may propose the SSA designation, the EPA asks that local government participate in the evaluation process, mainly by providing access to data, Heath said. For Jamestown, local coop-

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David Dolce named new school committee member

By Dotti Farrington

The Town Council voted 4-0 Monday to name Republican David Dolce to a seat on the School Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death last month of James Filkins.

A Democrat, Filkins was elected in May, 2003, to a term that ends in November.

The appointment was made in accordance with the Town Charter and state law that require a School Committee vacancy to be filled by the next highest vote getter in the most recent election, which was May, 2005.

Dolce is the tax assessor for Portsmouth. He is also a certified real estate appraiser.

Dolce, age 50, ran on a platform of spending restraints for education. He served from 1998 to 2000 on the Town Council. He and his wife Jill have three daughters.

Dolce joins three Democrats and one Republican on the school committee.