

Island Opinion

• EDITORIAL •

‘Yours, Anne’ not to be missed

This is the final weekend for the Jamestown Community Theatre’s production of the musical “Yours, Anne.”

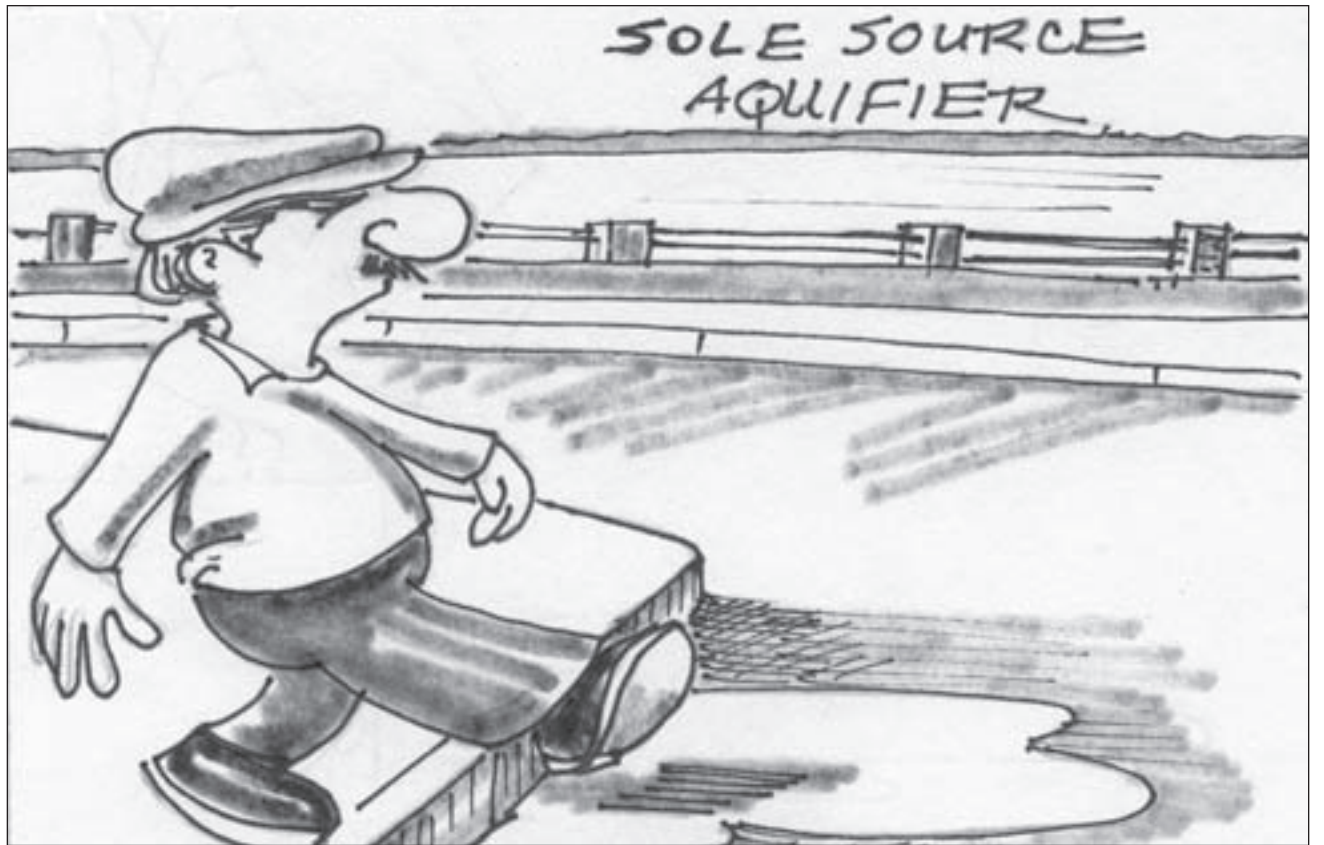
The musical is based on the “Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl.” Told from the perspective of a young girl, it is the true story of two Jewish families hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam. The families shared a cramped attic.

Islanders who attended the JCT musical presentations last weekend say it is one that you do not want to miss. “Poignant,” “haunting,” and “moving” have been used to describe the production.

The musical depicts how hope can grow from despair, and is a lesson for us all.

Take the family. For details on performance times and tickets, see the JCT advertisement on page 3 of this newspaper.

— Jeff McDonough



Island should be for everyone

My family has been living in Jamestown for over fifty years. During these years we have experienced many changes on the island; some were good and some were not.

I believe every child dreams of raising their own family in a place similar to where they have grown up. With the price of real estate outpacing the average household, few people can

afford to rent, not to mention buy, a home either on or off Jamestown.

Mr. Salvatore makes the notion that other island communities such as Martha’s Vineyard do not have low-income housing. This belief is absolutely false. I know many people on the Vineyard. Some own their own homes and some live in low-income housing. They treat each other with both dignity

and respect.

Our country was set on a few basic principles. One of the core factors is “The Pursuit of Happiness.” A very critical part to a person in pursuit of happiness is quality and affordable housing, as well the comfort of a home.

Yes, Mr. Salvatore our island does have bridges for those who want to come and stay and live here with all of our diversity and for

the other people that want to leave. So if you want to stay that is great but if you prefer to leave, that is up to you. If you are unable to pay for the toll bridge, I am sure we could take a collection up for you.

In closing, to paraphrase radio commentator Paul Harvey, Sr. “People move to a place because it reminds them of the place they grew up and as soon as they get there they want to change it.”

Robert Goode

• LETTERS •

Write a Letter

The Jamestown Press welcomes letters to the editor about timely topics. Letters may be up to 700 words and will be published as space permits. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit for clarity, brevity, good taste, and accuracy. Letters must be exclusive to the Jamestown Press. No letter-writing campaigns, please. Writers are asked to limit submissions to one letter every three weeks. Include your name and address, and a phone number where you can be reached during the day.

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

100 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, March 5, 1907

Another deer was seen at the north end of the island yesterday. The animal was seen by Mr. Sill, a watchman at the oyster beds in the west bay, swimming from Naragansett.

From the Newport Daily News, March 7, 1907

Codfish are still being caught in good numbers in the west bay.

From the Newport Daily News, March 8, 1907

The paymaster and clerk yesterday paid their monthly visit to pay off the garrison at Fort Greble.

The quartermaster at Fort Greble has asked for bids to furnish transportation by ferry from the post to Newport, Jamestown, Saundertown and Fort Adams for the ensuing year.

From the Newport Daily News, March 9, 1907

Fort Greble launch will make an afternoon trip each Saturday from the government landing in Newport to Dutch Island, going around Beavertail.

From the Newport Daily News, March 11, 1907

The workmen employed in building ferryboat Newport of the Saunders line struck last week on account of arrears in wages. The matter was settled and the men have resumed work.

75 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, March 7, 1932

It was voted (at the annual meeting of the Jamestown Philomenian Library Association), that beginning March 1 the library will be open from 2 to 5:30 Tuesday and Saturday of each week until November at which time a new schedule will be inaugurated for the winter months.

From the Newport Daily News, March 11, 1932

Jamestown basketball fans will have an opportunity to witness the first championship play-off game in the his-

This week in Island history

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Week of March 8

tory of Jamestown Saturday night, March 12, at 8 o’clock, at the Holy Ghost hall when the Pirates, winners of the first round, and the Holy Ghost team, second round winners in the Jamestown league, will play for the championship.

50 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, March 5, 1957

The Commerce Oil Refining Corp. expects to break ground on its Jamestown refinery within 60 days. The Commerce official said the firm had access to “75 acres of water, “ from which it could draw its daily 2,000,000 gallon supply.

(Dr. Alfred B. Gobeille, Town Council president at a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission) called the (Recreation) building, which has not been operated for the last year, a white elephant. “The error is that it was bought in the first place. It is a waste of money to dump paint on it year after year. ... “

From the Newport Daily News, March 6, 1957

Robert Dunhammer and Frank R. Kaiser, representatives of the J. M. Clemshaw Co. of Cleveland, who have been in Jamestown for the past two weeks preparing for the property revaluation for tax purposes, are now about to go into full swing. Starting tomorrow, a house-to-house canvas will be made.

From the Newport Daily News, March 8, 1957

The Navy said in Washington today there is no truth to reports the Navy and Commerce Oil Corp. have signed an accord on the question of the proposed Jamestown refinery.

The Jamestown Town Council last night appropriated \$500 for the Planning Board’s use in making a study of all town buildings in connection with the board’s recommenda-

tion that town offices be transferred to the unused Thomas H. Clarke School.

From the Newport Daily News, March 9, 1957

The 90th anniversary of the Central Baptist Church in Jamestown will be observed tomorrow at the 9 a.m. service.

25 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, March 9, 1982

The Jamestown Town Council Monday opposed a redistricting plan that would place Jamestown in the 98th Representative District and the 49th Senatorial District in Newport.

From the Newport Daily News, March 12, 1982

The U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded \$28,713 for the rehabilitation of a building at Fort Wetherill, Sen. Claiborne Pell announced Thursday, rest rooms and a concession stand area will be located in the building. A boat ramp will be built. The grant will be matched by an equal amount of state money.

15 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, March 5, 1992

Voters Tuesday, after two nights of debate, approved an amended \$7.9 million budget for this year that raises the island’s tax rate by \$2.95 for each \$1,000 of property valuation. The spending budget is made up of a \$3.4 million general budget and a \$4.5 million school budget.

Workers resumed pouring concrete for the center span of the new Jamestown bridge last Thursday, just several days after it was found that one section of the span was 1 to 1.5 inches too low.

10 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, March 6, 1997

Voters at Monday’s annual financial town meeting approved a \$10.6 million town government and school budget for fiscal 1997-98 that will not increase the current tax rate of \$14.42 for each \$1,000 of property (valuation).

How the 200-foot freighter that ran aground at the northern tip of the island Sunday evening got loose from its Quonset Point dock is under investigation by the Coast Guard and the North Kingstown police.