

About Town

JHS displays island letters in library

Letters and postcards were the way islanders kept in touch with each other in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The new exhibit in the display case in the library lobby shows a sampling of these types of communications from the Jamestown Historical Society's collection.

In a letter from 1807 – the earliest one on display – the Speaker of the state's House of Representatives writes to Town Clerk, Wager Weeden, that since John Remington had resigned as a representative, the town was required to elect a new representative.

In other letters, 15-year-old Mary Howland Gardiner is given directions for traveling from Buffalo, N.Y. to Jamestown by herself (1847), the Town Council is petitioned to include Howland Avenue and High Street "in the streets that are watered during the summer season" (1899), and in 1916 Mary Stout, age 11, asks her father in Philadelphia for a "niblic club because it took me eight to get of (sic) a bunker with my mashie."

The most recent item on display is a postcard showing the Mackerel Cove Beach pavilion, which was built in 1928 and de-

stroyed by the 1938 hurricane. The message on the card, sent in 1953, includes an apology, "Pardon please this relic of older days!"

The Jamestown Historical Society is encouraged by an increasing number of unsolicited donations, such as the two collections of family letters that are in the exhibit.

If anyone has material with a Jamestown connection, call Sue Maden at 423-2167 or Harry Wright at 423-2978.

Senior group to meet Sunday

Seniors looking to form connections with others are invited to the upcoming meeting of SRI at Home.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m., Central Baptist Church will host a meeting of the newly-formed Jamestown branch of Southern Rhode Island at Home. The organization's mission is "to enhance the lives of people over 62 so that they may continue to live in their own homes, remaining independent, confident and engaged." The forum is open to the entire community. For more information, call CBC at 423-1651.

URI to host Iranian drummer

Shamou, an exotic drummer from Iran, will perform in concert Friday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m., at the University of Rhode Island. The program is part of the URI Jazz and World Music Festival.

Shamou, the legendary Persian percussionist, is based presently in Maine. His drumming career began at an early age in his native Iran. He began his formal music training in Tehran, studied with teachers from the Royal College of Music in London and completed his training at Berklee College in Boston. He has collaborated with many internationally known dance companies such as the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Mark Morris, and Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Companies and the Bates College Department of Dance. Because of his broad knowledge of multiple drumming traditions, his work defines what may become a fresh distinctly integrated tradition.

Experience this wonderful potpourri of sound – almost surreal in its timbres.

For tickets, at \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students, call 874-2627.



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

Nathan and Sadie Housberg read about Jamestown's snow storm preparedness while snorkeling at Maho Bay, an eco-resort in St. John.

Support healthy meals with fund-raising walk

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island invites people to participate in the annual "March for Meals" walk on Saturday, March 29.

This event is held by Meals on Wheels programs all over the country to raise awareness and funds to support local Meals on Wheels agencies and their vital nutrition and social service programs.


The two-mile (one-mile option) walk through the "Renaissance City" of Providence

will begin and end at the Roger Williams National Memorial located between Canal Street and North Main Street. Start time is 10 a.m. and the route runs along River Walk, past some of the city's beautiful historic and contemporary architecture, past Providence Place Mall and the State House, returning to Roger Williams National Memorial.

For more information, call 351-6700, ext. 143.


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Tuesday Night – 1/2 Price Bar Appetizers


Wednesday Night – Prime Rib - ONLY \$14

Thursday Night – Dinner for Two with a featured Wine - \$50

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