

# Island writer's book makes case for conspiracy in Kennedy assassination

Islander David Kaiser will talk about his new book, "The Road to Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy" tonight at the Jamestown library.

His talk is sure to be of interest to those who want to understand why President Kennedy was murdered on Nov. 22, 1963.

A historian and professor in the Strategy and Policy Department of the Naval War College in Newport, Kaiser makes a strong case that Kennedy's assassination was the result of a conspiracy.

Kaiser writes that he has been interested in the Kennedy assassination since the day it happened. He first wrote about the assassination in the Washington Post in 1983 on the 20th anniversary of Kennedy's death.

The passage of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act in 1992 provided a full release of material that Kaiser said helped him place the event in context.

Kaiser describes the Kennedy assassination as the "greatest mystery of the 20th century."

He said his latest book is a natural progression from his previous book "American Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Origins of the Vietnam War." In that earlier book



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Kaiser concluded that if Kennedy had not been assassinated, the United States would have never become involved in the Vietnam War.

Kaiser said that surprising conclusion led him to want to learn why Kennedy was assassinated.

Kaiser makes a compelling argument that President Kennedy's death is deeply linked to the U.S. continued efforts to overthrow Castro and Bobby Kennedy's campaign as Attorney General to prosecute organized crime.

The conspiracy grew from the CIA networks that involved Mafia connections. When the Mob was cornered it turned to those same networks that led to the gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

The book is well researched and has been praised in several national reviews.

"The Road to Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy" is published by the Harvard University Press and is Kaiser's third book. Kaiser also writes a blog at [www.historyunfolding.com](http://www.historyunfolding.com)

## Local children's book wins award



The children's picture book "The Leaping Grasshopper" was recently selected for a Mom's Choice Award.

Islander Jeanne Archambault is the author and Dwight Smith, also from Jamestown, did the illustrations.

The Just For Mom Foundation, located in Chesapeake, Va., sponsors the annual award competition. The Mom's Choice Award is known for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family friendly media, products and services.

Archambault is also the author of Larry the Lawnmower, now in its second printing. Autographed copies of the books are available at Jamestown Designs and the Secret Garden. For additional information, go to [www.jitterbugbooks.net](http://www.jitterbugbooks.net) or call 423-2823.

## Foundation offers grants for those whose parents are not college grads

High school seniors whose parents did not graduate from college may be eligible for a scholarship from the Patty and Melvin Alperin First Generation Scholarship Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation.

The Alperin Scholarship was established in 1998 by the foundation's then-outgoing board chairman Melvin Alperin and his wife Patty. In his honor, the foundation matched their gift. Today, the Fund is valued at more than \$288,000.

Last year, twelve students received scholarships totaling \$13,600 from the fund, including four first-time winners and eight students who qualified for renewals of their scholarships.

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must demonstrate academic excellence, good character, financial need, and be Rhode Island high school seniors planning to attend an accredited nonprofit two- or four-year college. Neither parent may be a college graduate. Scholarships may be renewable for up to four years if the recipient maintains a good academic record. The application deadline is May 8.

For detailed information and an application, visit the Receive/Scholarships section of the Rhode Island Foundation web site [www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org), or contact Libby Monahan, funds administrator, at 274-4564 or [libbym@rifoundation.org](mailto:libbym@rifoundation.org). A full list of the nearly 150 scholarships offered through the Foundation is available on the website.



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A driver may be liable to his passenger for a one-car accident caused by an unruly second passenger who grabbed the steering wheel not once, but twice, the Delaware Supreme Court has ruled.

The case involved three 16-year-olds traveling in a pickup truck. The female plaintiff was seated in the middle, the defendant was driving, and another defendant was seated in the passenger seat by the window. The defendant by the window unexpectedly grabbed the steering wheel, causing the truck to veer, but the driver regained control. The unruly passenger grabbed the wheel again causing the vehicle to hit a tree and injure the other passenger.

A trial judge dismissed the case, finding the driver had no duty to address the unruly passenger's conduct.

But the supreme court disagreed, noting that when the actions of a passenger that interfere with the driver's safe operation of the vehicle are foreseeable, the failure to prevent such conduct may be a breach of the driver's duty to either other passengers or to the public.



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