

# Island Opinion

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### This weekend we've got Broadway in Jamestown

Mary Schachtel Wright and her amazing cast and crew at the Jamestown Community Theatre have put together another winning production. "Song Man, Dance Man" will be on stage at the Jamestown Recreation Center this Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

"Song Man, Dance Man" is the creation of Jon Peterson, a veteran Broadway actor and dancer. Wright invited Peterson to perform in Jamestown with the JCT after seeing him on stage in Connecticut.

If you like Broadway music, you'll love this show. "Song Man, Dance Man" is a tribute to the legendary song and dance men whose music we know so well. They include stalwarts such as George M. Cohan, Sammy Davis Jr., Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Anthony Newley and Charles Aznavour.

Peterson is the star of the show, which he wrote, choreographs and directs.

Joining Peterson on stage this weekend are 11 talented Jamestown youngsters who have been practicing the Broadway songs for several weeks. They are Abigail Hirsch, Alexandra Brown, Alexandra Trouselek, Caleb Brown, Damien Beecroft, Dana Larkin, Jan Trouselek, Julia Hirsch, Madeleine Hirsch, Rachel Warner and Sydney Pazera.

JCT veteran Patty Vandal serves as the music director and Walter Sage is the accompanist. The show is produced by Joan McCauley and Mary Wright.

I saw a small portion of the "Song Man, Dance Man" rehearsal Tuesday evening while taking pictures for this issue of the Press. I was impressed by Peterson's voice and his acting talent. I could listen to Peterson sing all evening.

The Jamestown kids were great, too!

This show is a bit unusual for the Jamestown Community Theatre because it does not have the hundreds of participants who are usually involved in a musical production. However, this show promises to be the high caliber, high energy entertainment that we've come to expect from JCT.

This weekend, you'll find Broadway at the Jamestown Recreation Center. Get your tickets at Baker's Pharmacy, the Conanicut Ship's Store, the Secret Garden, Midnight Sun and Pleasant Surprise.

— Jeff McDonough



### Remembering my father

I want to thank everyone who participated in and supported the 7th annual Peter C. Clarke Memorial Golf Tournament, which was held on Oct. 12 at the Jamestown Golf Course.

We had a perfect fall day on the course with a great turnout from friends and family. A low-key day of golf, a burger and a beer, and to be surrounded by great people is exactly how my father would want to be celebrated.

In addition, we placed a beautiful new memorial bench on the third hole where he spent so much of his life and happiest memories. When we decided to put the bench in, I was overwhelmed by the contributions from so many people and with the generosity and love for my dad. Thank you

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to those of you who gave.

Similarly, so many people helped with the tournament and donated to the cause. I would like to thank Trattoria Simpatico, Conanicut Marina, Jamestown Designs, B. Thomas Gallery, Pour Judgment, my colleagues at Natixis Global Associates and Jamestown Golf Course who all made generous donations.

I'd also like to thank Erin van Reen, Eliza van Reen, Jay Mulrone and my sister Amanda Gallagher for your help running the tournament. And as always, John Mistowski brought everything together and made it happen. Thank you to John and Paula for your support.

I'm happy to say that we donated \$1,000 to the

Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department. I have no doubt that the money will be put to good use, and my father would be pleased that the donation went to a local charity so close to his heart.

Kerry M. Clarke  
Boston, Mass.

### Be safe during hunting season

We would like to inform our fellow Jamestown residents that Nov. 8 starts the "official" season of muzzle loading on Jamestown. This hunting season runs through December. After the horrible incident involving "Jackson" the cat, who was shot with a shotgun last month, we all need to be especially vigilant with keeping our-

selves and our pets safe.

The Humane Society of Jamestown extends its sincere sympathy to the owners of this beloved pet, and asks that any Jamestown resident who has knowledge of how this happened to please contact the Jamestown police.

It is illegal to discharge a firearm in any other situation other than hunting during the season, and in doing so presents a danger to animals and people alike. During a presentation to the town council several years ago, the DEM acknowledged that almost a third of all deer taken are not reported to them. While the Humane Society of Jamestown will always speak out against hunting, we are not saying that there are not some hunters who follow the rules. But, obviously, there are some that are not and we all need to be

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#### 100 years ago

**From the Newport Daily News, November 12, 1908**

The big gun practice at Fort Greble today jars the houses on this island quite perceptively, especially those near the west ferry.

**From the Newport Daily News, November 13, 1908**

A number of poultry keepers in the island have lost some of their fowls recently, one man reporting nearly a hundred of his stolen.

**From the Newport Daily News, November 14, 1908**

Owing to trouble with her condensing pump, Steamer Beavertail was obliged to lose several trips this morning. Champlin's launch from Newport took her place on the early trips.

#### 75 years ago

**From the Newport Daily News, November 10, 1933**

Monday morning at the Carr school, Dr. Henry Ecroyd will complete the Schick test on the children who were unable to take the previous test given at the school.

**From the Newport Daily News, November 14, 1933**

The report of the survey of the public schools of Jamestown is now in the hands of the school committee. ... Among other recommendations suggested by the commission was a high school for Jamestown. (A table gives the enrollment of pupils for ten years with per cent of enrollment in high school. In 1923-24 there were 55 students in high school and 291 in elementary school, 15.9 per cent in high school; in 1932-23 there were 98 in high school and 268 in elementary school, 26.8 per cent.)

#### 50 years ago

**From the Newport Daily News, November 12, 1958**

The Jamestown School Committee banned the wear-



## This week in Island history

Compiled by Sue Maden

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ing of leotard (tights) by school children in classes at its meeting Monday night.

Jamestown's Armistice Day parade yesterday was watched by approximately 300 persons on its route along Narragansett Avenue. Ceremonies concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at Memorial Square, East Ferry.

The ferryboat Hammonton, which plied the Newport-Jamestown run for 27 years from 1931 has been purchased by the Newport Oil Transportation Corp., for conversion into a barge. It will be used to carry coal, under contract, to the Navy's power plant on Goat Island and for other barge purposes (The purchase price was \$7,200).

#### 25 years ago

**From the Newport Daily News, November 9, 1983**

(Approval of four bond issues in the state election included one which allows) the state to finance \$45 million in highway and bridge improvements, including \$18 million as the state's share of the construction cost of a new Jamestown bridge.

The School Committee will market the Jamestown School's new roof to local taxpayers with two main selling points — protecting the investment underneath the roof and making it easier to teach and learn there.

The Committee learned ... the latest estimate for replacing the roof and lowering and insulating ceilings is \$323,312. That is down from the \$328,999 estimate made last week.

**From the Newport Daily News, November 15, 1983**

Denied free passage for its emergency vehicles on the Newport Bridge, the town is looking for ways to charge the bridge operators for police and rescue calls to accidents, jump attempts and other crises on the span.

#### 15 years ago

**From the Jamestown Press, November 12, 1993**

Town water customers can expect to see a sizable increase in their water bills next month when the cost of trucking the emergency water is added to the usual charges.

The emergency pipeline that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will build to bring water to the island (across the Jamestown Bridge) from North Kingstown may be operational by Christmas, if not earlier.

#### 10 years ago

**From the Jamestown Press, November 12, 1998**

The Town Council Monday got a preview of what a building that consolidated Town Hall and all other town offices into one structure might look like.

With one month to go before the state Department of Transportation "buttons up" Southwest Avenue for the winter, some concerns by residents remain, but many residents are satisfied with the responsiveness of the DOT. And one big point of contention — the composition of the sidewalk that will run along the west side of the road — was resolved by the Town Council Monday evening. After much back and forth over the past two months, the Town Council voted to request asphalt for the sidewalk instead of stone dust.