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## **ROBIN WILLIAMS MOVIE SHINES ITS SPOTLIGHT ON ARVERNE BY THE SEA**

Hollywood came knocking this month and in true Beechwood-Benjamin form, Arverne by the Sea was, indeed, ready for its close-up.

Inspired by real-life events, *THE NIGHT LISTENER* is a film of gripping psychological suspense starring Robin Williams and Toni Collette. According to Shannon Bowen, location scout for the movie "With all the new construction blossoming around us, we knew Arverne by the Sea would be a great place to shoot the film." Ms. Bowen says she visits the beach in Far Rockaway every summer and that last summer she watched in amazement at how much the area was flourishing. "When we saw the Cover Story on Arverne in the New York Times, we knew we had found our ideal location," says Bowen. "Everyone agreed that Arverne by the Sea is a very cinematic setting."



The film is being directed by Patrick Stettner (*THE BUSINESS OF STRANGERS*) and is being produced by Hart Sharp Entertainment (*BOYS DON'T CRY*) and (*YOU CAN COUNT ON ME*) and the upcoming (*PROOF*).

At the end of the film, Donna (Toni Collette) escapes her past and moves to a city outside of New York. Arverne by the Sea proved to be the ideal shooting location for the film -- reflecting a lifestyle in total contrast to that of New York City.

Based on the best-selling novel by Armistead Maupin (*TALES OF THE CITY*), (*THE NIGHT LISTENER*) revolves around Gabriel Noone, a radio storyteller in New York City who strikes up a phone relationship with one of his listeners, a 13-year-old boy in rural Wisconsin, with a disturbing past leaving him wise beyond his years. But this long-distance friendship is soon rocked by doubt as Gabriel finds himself on a desperate search for the truth in America's heartland.

According to Mr. Leslie Lerner, Co-Principal of the Beechwood Organization, "The producers were looking for an architecturally stunning community offering the rare combination of being close to the ocean and in close proximity to New York City. "We were pleased to invite the producers to shoot at Arverne by the Sea. We take great pride in Arverne, a one of a kind, exquisite community."