

Bridge

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ambulances, will be permitted access prior to, and after, the demolition if needed.

All marine traffic within 3,000 feet of the old Jamestown Bridge center span will be prohibited starting at 10 a.m. The DOT recommends that any boats moored or docked within the 3,000-foot area be moved.

The University of Rhode Island Narragansett Bay Campus on South Ferry Road offers a clear line of sight for viewing the bridge. However, the number of spectators will be limited.

The event can be viewed live on Cox digital cable Channel 124.

The Highway Advisory Radio System at 1630 AM on the radio dial will also be broadcasting announcements concerning road closures and other up-to-the-minute information. For complete details, interested parties can visit the DOT Web site at www.dot.state.ri.us. Safety zones will be strictly enforced in the air, on land, and on the water, according to the DOT.

At 10 a.m. Governor Carcieri, and U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee will make speeches to invited guests at a restricted site on the North Kingstown side of the old bridge. Between 11 a.m. and noon, a tugboat will sound three blasts on its horn indicating a 5-minute warning followed in 4 minutes by another three blasts

signaling a 1-minute warning. A 10-second countdown will signal the governor to press the button to detonate the charges. Only the media and other personnel in the immediate area will hear the live countdown. The countdown will be broadcast on Cox digital cable Channel 124.

After the explosion, the new bridge will be cleared of debris. A safety inspection will follow. When Route 138 is re-opened to traffic, evacuees can return to their homes and travel restrictions will be lifted.

Plant society offers lecture on local ferns

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society will present a talk by Cheryl Lowe and Elizabeth Farnsworth, authors of the revised edition of "Field Guide to Ferns," originally written in 1956 by Boughton Cobb.

Free and open to the public, the talk will take place at the Jamestown library on Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Warriors will be represented by a wolf at island schools

After studying the matter for some months, the students at Jamestown School have selected the image of the wolf to be their new mascot. The wolf replaces a Native American warrior image.

As part of the process to select the new mascot, the Student Council invited Narragansett Indian tribal leader John Brown to come meet with the students to discuss the image of the warrior.

Brown explained to the students that many tribal leaders were among those who once inhabited the land now occupied by the schools. According to tribal beliefs, the wolf represents leadership and would be a meaningful symbol of the school's Warrior pride.

The students are very enthusiastic about their mascot having historical relevance while embodying the energetic spirit of the warrior. The Warrior will remain the name of the island's sports teams and the school newspaper.

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