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## Golf course abutters looking for say on several course issues

By Donna K. Drago

Several residents who live near the Jamestown Golf Course asked the Town Council Monday night to help them resolve some issues they are having with the golf course management.

The group was there to support John Plowden, a Calvert Place abutter of the course, who wrote to the council asking them to re-establish a golf course oversight committee to facilitate communication between the town and the lease-holders of the town-owned

golf course property. Plowden was on the agenda to speak about the matter in the public forum.

Plowden said that the matter began last year when Joe Mistowski, manager of the course, planted three cedar trees "where no trees had been." Plowden said he tried to talk to Mistowski to seek a solution to the trees that were blocking his view of the course, but he received "silence from management."

Plowden said he was concerned  
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## Officials confident about hurricane preparedness

Emergency crews have solid procedures in place

By Eileen M. Daly

Although Rhode Island hasn't experienced a severe hurricane in many years, the string of deadly storms that wreaked havoc on Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida over the last several years beg the question: "Is Jamestown prepared for a severe hurricane?"

According to Town Administrator Bruce Keiser, the answer is a resounding yes. "We have a

very well trained and organized Emergency Management Team. Our municipal personnel have attended numerous meetings, training sessions, and disaster response seminars, and we are very well prepared," Keiser said.

Police Chief Thomas Tighe serves as director of the Jamestown Emergency Management Team. He is assisted by Deputy Director Fred Pease. According to Chief Tighe, the process of activating the Emergency Management Team begins with the State Emergency Management Agency

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### Fish tales

Tommy Chamberlain, 4, grins as he shows off his catch at Saturday's fishing derby. The annual event is held each year at the North Pond Reservoir and sponsored by the Jamestown Striper Club.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten



### Smooth swimming

Conditions were perfect for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Save the Bay Swim on Saturday. Eleven swimmers from Jamestown swam the 1.7 miles between the Naval War College in Newport and Potter Cove in Jamestown.

Photo courtesy of Save the Bay

## State energy policies may drive island's economy

By Michaela Kennedy

State legislation regarding renewable energy sources is paving the way for Jamestown to make profitable use of its biggest resource, wind. With support from state government, the idea of becoming an energy-producing, economically independent community may not be as futuristic as it sounds.

Matt Auten, advocate for Environment Rhode Island, says if the current renewable energy bill is approved, the legislation would require the development of enough clean energy to power 130,000 homes with locally produced renewable power. The bill would require National Grid to enter into "commercially reasonable" long-term contracts to purchase electricity from renewable-energy developers.

"For new projects to be viable they need to have a long-term guarantee that says: here is our

revenue stream supported by a contract," Auten said. With this bill approved, Jamestown could develop turbines to sell generated electricity commercially.

The governor vetoed the bill late last month, citing unnecessary costs to taxpayers. The bill passed in both chambers by big margins, a vote of 52-11 in the House and 34-1 in the Senate, large enough to override a veto. A 60-percent majority vote is required for a veto override. But House and Senate leaders said they had not decided whether they would return for an override vote, according to their spokesmen.

Another clean energy state bill that has just passed addresses net metering. The new law allows a municipal project to sell up to 3.5 megawatts of power back to the utility company. More signif-

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