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## Around the Island race

Jan Slee and his son, Ted, sailed their 12-meter Enterprise with a crew of 20 women in Sunday's Conanicut Yacht Club Around the Island race. Slee's wife, Caroline was the crew boss.

Photo by Don Miller

## Public hearings planned on Newport Bridge EZ Pass

RITBA gives short notice for three public meetings

By Eileen M. Daly

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority's (RITBA) proposed institution of an EZ Pass toll program has raised concerns and questions. According to Representative Bruce Long (R-Jamestown, Middletown) and State Senator Teresa Paiva Weed, (D- Jamestown, Newport) RITBA initially

proposed instituting the EZ Pass toll program after a series of public hearings. Recently, according to Long and Paiva Weed, it appeared that RITBA was poised to go forward with the EZ Pass program without the agreed upon public meetings.

"It is not that we necessarily object to the program," Long said, "It is just that many of our constituents still have unanswered questions as to exactly how the program is going to be instituted."

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## Zoning board denies request for variance

Erosion problems with property cited as reason

By Sam Bari

The Zoning Board of Review denied a request for a variance at a Clarke's Village Lane property at its Aug. 26 meeting.

The property is owned by Mark A. Bard and located at the north end of Clarke's Village Lane on tax assessor's Plat 12, Lot 87. He requested a variance from Article 3, Section 82-302

to construct a single family residence with a 15-foot front yard setback instead of the required 30 feet.

Town Engineer Michael Gray, testified at the request of Bard's attorney. Gray said that lack of drainage during storm events could cause a certain amount of erosion because a portion of the embankment is vertical. He was not certain that vegetation would prevent erosion, but he said it

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## One race causes Jamestown to hold primary election

By Adrienne Downing

The November presidential election is shaping up to be one of the tightest elections in recent history, but that is not the case for the sole race on the Jamestown primary ballot in Tuesday's election.

While the names of all office seekers will be on the Sept. 9 ballot, only incumbent U. S. Senator Jack Reed will have an opponent in the primary. Christopher Young, a candidate who has run unsuccessfully for several seats including mayor of Providence, state senate and representative seats, is seeking Reed's seat as a Democrat in the U.S. Senate.

The match up has caused more than 15 communities in Rhode Island to hold primaries, when local elections did not require one.

"It has cost the town of Jamestown more than \$1,000 to have one polling place open, but some larger municipalities could have 14 or more open for one primary,"

Karen Montoya, canvassing clerk for the Board of Canvassers said.

Young has not campaigned in Jamestown and most locals are unfamiliar with him, while Reed maintains a home on the island.

According to his Website, Young is against the war, is pro life and does not take campaign contributions.

In a change from previous elections, where the Recreation Center has been used when only one polling place is needed, Lawn Avenue School will be the polling site from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. "Normally we would use the Recreation Center, but because state law mandates that schools are closed that day, we will use the school," Montoya said.

Looking forward to the general election in November, Montoya said that the deadline for absentee ballot applications is approaching.

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## Back to school time

Principal Carrie Melucci welcomed Paige Burton (center) and Ian Bryer back to Melrose Avenue School on Wednesday morning. Melucci opened the school to students by ringing a school triangle.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten