

‘She loved her family and she took great care of her friends.’



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Plastic pieces of an auto headlight and a spray painted line, right, mark the spot where URI sophomore Mary Ellen "Molly" Offer, 19, of Woodcliff Lake, N.J., was fatally struck by a car on Boston Neck Road in Narragansett.

## Family, friends recall ‘Molly’



Mary Ellen Offer chose to attend URI in order to be closer to her older sister, Brennan.

URI students Mary Ellen Offer and Holly Maganzini were struck by a car in Narragansett early Sunday morning; Offer, who was known as Molly, was killed.

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NARRAGANSETT — Mary Ellen Offer managed plays in high school, made the dean's list as a college sophomore and planned to study in Italy this summer.

At the University of Rhode Island, she and her close friend, Holly Maganzini, planned to room together for another year.

They came from different places. Offer grew up in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., and Maganzini was from Wakefield, Mass. But they met as freshmen and were known collectively as Holly and Molly, or “the Ollies squared” — Molly being Offer's childhood nickname.

The two were together in the predawn hours on Sunday when they were struck by a car on Boston Neck Road.

Offer, 19, was later pronounced dead at South County Hospital.



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Maganzini, 20, was at Rhode Island Hospital yesterday with what the police said appeared to be “non-life threatening injuries.”

According to the police, the women had left their campus dormitory and gone to a party on Boston Neck Road. Whether they were leaving the party or walking toward it

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## THE IMMIGRANT ISSUE

# DCYF director criticizes Carcieri

The director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families says the governor's order on illegal immigrants and the ensuing debate “is really slamming” all immigrants.

BY STEVE PEOPLES  
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PROVIDENCE — Patricia Martinez yesterday became the first high-level member of the Carcieri administration to criticize the governor's push to crack down on illegal immigration, blaming her boss for creating a climate of hatred across Rhode Island.

Martinez, the director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families and a member of the governor's cabinet for the last three years, said Carcieri's proposal, like a handful of bills proposed by the General Assembly, “is really slamming immigrants” by promoting racial profiling.

“I think the executive order along with what has happened in the media has really created an environment that is unfortunate,” Martinez said, speaking to The Journal yesterday after the annual Kids Count breakfast. “Whether it was the purpose or not, you talk to people in church, you talk to people in the supermarket, you go to the little hair salons, people are afraid. And not because they are undocumented, but it's just because you are going to be stopped just because you look different, just because you have an accent, just because now it has created this hatred.”

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## Reed ready to review status of war in Iraq

The Rhode Island Democrat will be among those questioning Gen. David H. Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker at today's Senate hearings.

BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN  
JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — As the nation's top soldier and its top diplomat in Iraq testify to the Senate today about the state of the war, Democrats have reframed their argument to stress its cost and the need for what they call “a bold new plan” that would focus more on counterterrorism in Afghanistan and Pakistan and on repairing the U.S. Army.

But there is no sign that Senate Democrats have gained enough votes to force President Bush to turn away from the surge plan that he charted more than a year ago with Gen. David H. Petraeus, the commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq. Petraeus is expected today to defend his call for a midyear “pause” in the troop reductions that Mr. Bush authorized late last year from the 20-brigade peak of strength during the strategic surge in U.S. troop strength.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker will also review the gains they see — especially the marked reduction in overall violence — since Mr. Bush opted early in 2006 to boost U.S. troop levels in Iraq from few-

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## Torch relay inflaming China's foes

A goodwill tour in advance of the Summer Games in Beijing has become a rallying point for human-rights activists.

BY KATRIN BENNHOLD and ELISABETH ROSENTHAL  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS — China dubbed its Olympic torch relay the “Journey of Harmony,” a 21-nation promotional tour for the most expensive Games the world has seen and for a host nation eager to showcase its rising wealth and diplomatic clout.

But what was supposed to be a majestic procession through the French capital resulted in waves of chaos yesterday, as human-

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## Scalia offers an originalist view

The U.S. Supreme Court justice gives Roger Williams University School of Law students insights into his ideas on the Constitution.

BY EDWARD FITZPATRICK  
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BRISTOL — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia recalled that when he was nominated for the high court 22 years ago, the Senate confirmed him by a vote of 98 to 0.

But “I couldn't get 60 votes today,” Scalia told a Roger Williams University School of Law audience yesterday.

Scalia, a core member of the court's conservative wing, made that point to illustrate how much the confirmation process has changed and to bolster his argument for originalism — the theory that the U.S. Constitution should be interpreted according to the intent of those who drafted and adopted it.

“Once upon a time,” Scalia said, justices were chosen on the basis of whether

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Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia greets the audience at Roger Williams University School of Law yesterday.



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The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority operated at a loss in the first eight months of its fiscal year, but the loss was less than expected and lower than the same period a year ago. **E1**

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Anthony Silva, the director of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy and former Cumberland police chief, changes his mind and turns down the job as head of the Division of Motor Vehicles. **B1**

### MOVING ON

While Providence College continues its search, Brown's basketball coach, Craig Robinson, makes it official by signing on to become the new head coach at Oregon State University. **C1**



### RULING ON DIANA'S DEATH

A coroner's jury in England rules that Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, were unlawfully killed because their driver and pursuing paparazzi were reckless — behavior tantamount to manslaughter. **A2**