

## At Beavertail Lighthouse



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Michael Turillo, holding son Noah, and his wife, Cynthia, surrounded by Cyanna, Jordan and Alexis, had expected to move into the lighthouse quarters this spring. With them is Michael's father, Domenic, who was a resident caretaker there in the 1960s.

## A 30-year tradition dims

The Coast Guard, citing several concerns, turns down a family's application to be resident caretakers.

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**JAMESTOWN** — It is arguably the most beautiful spot in Rhode Island, rising above the southern end of Narragansett Bay with rocks and cliffs that look as if they were cut from the coast of Maine.

Thousands come here each year to feel the breeze and admire the views, taking pictures and storing away memories they will savor for a lifetime.

Michael and Cynthia Turillo count themselves among the people who delight in Beavertail State Park, but they had a different dream. They wanted to live there.

With four young children, ages 1 to 9, they wanted to live at the Beavertail Lighthouse, in the keeper's quarters, as caretakers.

Last year, they signed a three-year lease with the town, expecting to step into a long line of caretakers at the nation's third-oldest light station — including Michael's father, Domenic, when Michael was a boy.

They would live at the lighthouse, taking care of routine maintenance, making improvements and paying the utilities. In return, they would pay no rent — a setup that would let them save money for a house.

After months of delays — some caused by the previous care-

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## 4,000 troops searching for 3 U.S. soldiers

An Islamic group with a history of killing its prisoners claims to have captured the soldiers during an ambush on Saturday.

BY KIRK SEMPLE  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — About 4,000 American ground troops, supported by surveillance aircraft, attack helicopters and spy satellites, swept towns and farmland south of Baghdad yesterday, searching for three American soldiers who disappeared Saturday after their patrol was ambushed, military officials said.

The Islamic State of Iraq, an umbrella insurgent group that includes al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, said it had captured the missing

Americans and claimed responsibility for the attack, which

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killed four other American soldiers and an Iraqi army soldier. The group offered no proof of its claims.

The intensive search coincided with two deadly car bombings in Baghdad and northern Iraq that

killed at least 55 people, wounded 155 and further underscored the challenges facing the American and Iraqi security forces,

which have been unable to thwart such attacks by the Sunni Arab-led insurgency despite the infusion of new American troops.

The ambush occurred near Mahmudiya, a predominantly Sunni Arab farming town south of the capital that has been a battle-

ground between Sunni Arab insurgents, Shiite militias and Iraqi and American security

forces.

American military officials said the soldiers were attacked while traveling in two vehicles,

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Richard Holbrooke gives the commencement speech at Salve Regina University.

## Holbrooke calls U.S. role in Iraq 'tragic'

Addressing Salve Regina University graduates, he says the nation is "far stronger than our current leadership."

BY W. ZACHARY MALINOWSKI  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**NEWPORT** — Richard C. Holbrooke, former ambassador to the United Nations and a career diplomat, yesterday unloaded on the Bush administration for its "tragic involvement in Iraq" and "shameful" policies that have

placed the lives of foreign refugees at risk.

Holbrooke, a Brown University graduate who served in the Clinton administration, issued his searing critique as well as ad-

vice at the commencement exercises for the 57th graduating class at Salve Regina University.

Speaking in a careful, mea-

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## Judges who sought part-time status still carry big loads

More than a year ago, U.S. District Judge Ernest C. Torres and appeals court Judge Bruce M. Selya both announced they would be stepping down. The White House has nominated no successors.

BY EDWARD FITZPATRICK  
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**PROVIDENCE** — In back-to-back announcements in March 2006, the only Rhode Islander on the U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals and the chief federal judge in Rhode Island said they would step down from full-time service by the end of that year.

Fourteen months later, those vacancies remain unfilled.

Both Judge Bruce M. Selya, who has been the only Rhode Island resident on the 1st Circuit since

1986, and former Chief U.S. District Judge Ernest C. Torres remain on senior status, handling a lot of cases.

But the White House has not nominated anyone for those key federal judgeships, and the 1st Cir-

cuit vacancy has been declared a "judicial emergency" by the Judicial Conference of the United States, which is the governing body that sets federal court policy and speaks on behalf of the U.S. judicial system.

The conference's definition of an emergency includes vacancies in appellate courts where there are more than 700 cases filed for each three-judge panel. Selya's seat is one of 15 judicial emergencies on appellate and district courts nationwide.

Gary H. Wentle, circuit executive for the 1st Circuit, said it is "very important" to fill the seat that Selya vacated. He noted that the 1st Circuit is authorized to have six

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## In Virginia, loading up a gun raffle

The giveaway — in a government building — is to protest New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's lawsuits targeting the state's gun shops.

BY TIM CRAIG  
THE WASHINGTON POST

**RICHMOND, Va.** — A gun-rights organization is planning to hold a "gun giveaway" this week inside a Fairfax County, Va., government building to protest New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's efforts to crack down on illegal gun sales in Virginia.

On Thursday at the Mason District Government Center in An-

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## Next to the Aegean, a sea of red



AP

Demonstrators wave Turkish flags yesterday in Turkey's third-largest city in a protest of the nation's pro-Islamic ruling party. The demonstration, in the Aegean Sea port city of Izmir, was the biggest of three recent rallies in support of secular political candidates as Turkey approaches general elections on July 22. Story, Page A2

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**UNEARTHING JAMESTOWN'S ORIGINS**  
Much that is new and exciting in the story of the nation's first settlement comes from discoveries by a white-haired, 66-year-old man who found something that no other archaeologist was able to find in a century of looking: The long-lost site of Jamestown's fort. **D1**

**A STAMP WITH STAYING POWER**  
The price of sending a first-class letter rises 2 cents today, to 41 cents. But you can buy a bunch of stamps at that rate and they'll cover first-class postage "forever," the Postal Service says. **A10**

**SOX GET LUCKY**  
Down 5-0 in the bottom of the ninth, Boston surges to 5-4 and then squeaks past Baltimore when Orioles closer Chris Ray, covering first base, drops a throw from Kevin Millar, sending Jason Varitek and Eric Hinske, left across home plate. **B1**