

**STILL SUMMER**  
Warmer and more humid today, with highs in the 80s; mild tonight.  
Forecast, B6

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## CHRONOLOGY OF IMMIGRANT'S LAST HOURS



**2:13:23 p.m.:** Edimar Araujo's sister Irene Araujo speaks with Patrolman Omer D. Boucher in the Woonsocket police station lobby. The police say they expected Edimar Araujo to be released at that time, but then learned he was in the country illegally.



**2:58:33 p.m.:** A federal agent handcuffs Araujo before taking him to the federal immigration office in Providence.



**3:00:32 p.m.:** Gary Fernandes, a friend of the Araujo family, tells Woonsocket police Lt. Kenneth Paulhus that Araujo "had a medical condition and would possibly be needing insulin."



**3:29:15 p.m.:** Boucher states Irene Araujo told him "that her brother had seizures and took medication for the condition," and Boucher replied "that her brother was being transported by Immigration to their facilities in Providence ... and if he had medication at home for any medical conditions, she could inform ICE and take any medications he needed to their office in Providence."

## DCYF to overhaul how it operates

As part of its new strategy, the agency will slash the number of contractors it deals with and strive to keep children with their families.

**BY STEVE PEOPLES**  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — The Department of Children, Youth and Families is about to fundamentally change the way it does business.

The state child-welfare agency is moving forward with an aggressive plan to rely on a handful of private companies to manage care for Rhode Island's most vulnerable children. By streamlining services and reducing the number of children taken from their homes, state officials say they can improve the state's troubled child welfare system while living within a budget that was cut by \$60 million this year.

"Rhode Island has relied on many residential programs for too long. Kids need to be in the community, provided that you have the right services for the children," said DCYF Executive Director Patricia Martinez. "We're taking the concepts of 30 years of recommendations and

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## ACLU urges stronger records law

The group details instances when the law intended to protect the public's right to know has been disregarded.

**BY MEAGHAN WIMS**  
and **EDWARD FITZPATRICK**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

The Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union says that five incidents this summer highlight the blatant disregard some public officials have for the state's Access to Public Records Act.

In a report released yesterday, the ACLU calls for strengthening of the law that protects the public's right to know.

"Time and time again," the report says, "public officials are withholding records that are undeniably public documents, while making virtually no effort to justify their decisions or comport their conduct

SEE **RECORDS, B3**

# From traffic stop to fatality

Woonsocket police release information, including the above photos, that sheds light on the case of an illegal immigrant who died in Providence last month.

**BY KAREN LEE ZINER**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Edimar Alves De Araujo is buried now in Brazil, even as a controversy swirls about his death while in federal custody last month.

Arrested on Aug. 7 by Woonsocket police on a traffic violation, Araujo, 34, was released into federal custody after a fingerprint check revealed that he was in the country illegally. One hour and 20 minutes after entering federal custody, Araujo was pronounced dead.

His sister Irene Araujo alleges through her lawyer that Woonsocket police rebuffed her efforts to provide anti-seizure medication for her brother, who was epileptic. Woonsocket Police Chief Michael L.A. Houle says his department is not at fault, and last week released time-stamped surveillance video and police reports.

Meanwhile, at The Journal's request,

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**Extra:** To see more security camera photos and hear 911 calls from the afternoon Edimar Alves De Araujo died, go to [projo.com](http://projo.com)

the Providence city solicitor's office this week released audio clips from the rescue run to Rhode Island Hospital, and a printed detail call of that run.

Together, the video, audio, call log and police reports present a clearer timeline and more detailed account than previously available.

On the surveillance video, Araujo appears cooperative as he's chained, handcuffed and escorted from the Woonsocket police station by a federal immigration agent, identified in a police report as Gary Peterson.

Standing in a hallway, Araujo removes his shoes. He turns to the wall

for a pat-down. He holds his arms out as the agent chains him around the waist and handcuffs him. Appearing in no physical distress, Araujo leaves with the agent at 2:58 p.m. for the Providence office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), typically at least a 20-minute ride.

Thirty-five minutes later, the Providence Fire Department receives the first of three calls from ICE authorities that Araujo is in dire trouble, convulsing in one of their holding cells.

An ICE agent, at the 200 Dyer St. office downtown, placed the first call at 3:33 p.m., prompting the dispatcher to send Engine 9 and Rescue 1.

Four minutes later, a different agent, who identified himself as Agent Peterson, called the Fire Department.

"You are sending a rescue down

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## PASSAGES

### The voice of his generation

**BY BERNARD HOLLAND**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Luciano Pavarotti, the Italian singer whose ringing, pristine sound set a standard for operatic tenors of the postwar era, has died. He was 71.

The cause was pancreatic cancer. In July 2006 he underwent surgery for the cancer in New York and had made no public appearances since then. He was hospitalized again this summer and released on Aug. 25.

Like Enrico Caruso and Jenny Lind before him, Pavarotti extended his presence far be-



**PAVAROTTI**

yond the limits of Italian opera. He became a titan of pop culture. Millions saw him on television and found in his expansive personality, child-like charm and generous figure a link to an art form with which many had only a glancing familiarity.

Early in his career and into the 1970s he devoted himself

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An appreciation in Lifebeat, **G1**

## Fate of new home for state police in question

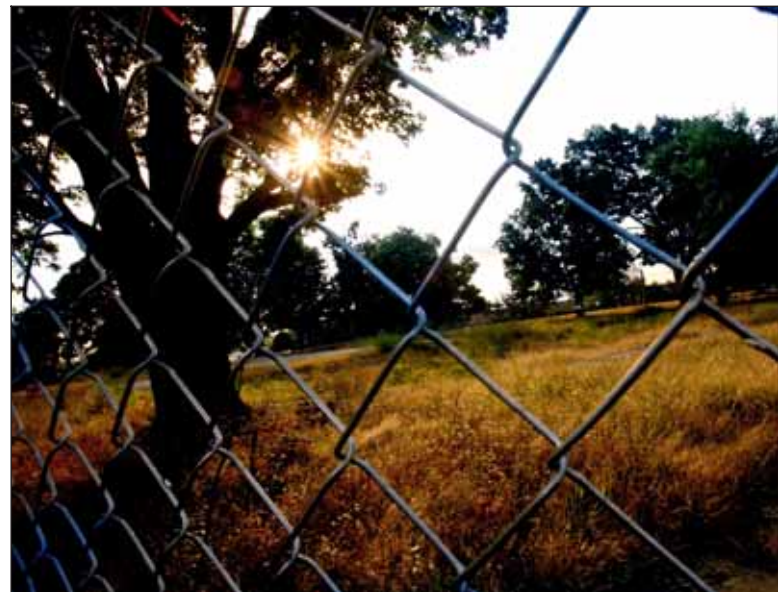
**BY TOM MOONEY**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

CRANSTON — Six months after the Welcome Arnold Shelter closed to make room for a new state police headquarters, advocates for the homeless say they're asking Governor Carcieri to explain why the project hasn't begun and to request more money to care for people dislocated by the shelter's closure.

"I'm trying to have clarified if the state intends to build a state police barracks there or just has it on hold," said Jim Ryczek, executive director of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless. Several calls to the governor's office have gone unreturned, he said.

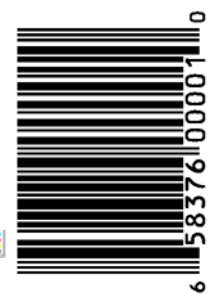
"I'd like an explanation because we

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A construction fence surrounds the site of the former Welcome Arnold House shelter in the Pastore Complex in Cranston. The site is the proposed location of the new state police headquarters.

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## CITIZENS UNDER SCRUTINY

A Senate panel investigating questionable practices in the student-loan industry reports that Providence-based Citizens Bank has given colleges money for scholarship dinners and consultants and has paid "referral fees" in what bank employees described as a "marketing investment" to build up its student-loan business. **F1**

## READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

A preview of the New England Patriots' season opener against the New York Jets on Sunday. **C1**

## A MONTH OF SUNNY DAYS



Last month was one of the driest Augusts on record in Rhode Island and effects of the prolonged lack of rain will be felt right through the fall. **B1**