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Two people were found dead in a fire in the third-floor apartment of this house at 381 Plainfield St. early yesterday morning.

## Double slaying in Providence

### Bodies of woman and teenage girl found in burning apartment

BY DANIEL BARBARISI and KATE BRAMSON  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

PROVIDENCE — A woman and a teenage girl were found dead in a burning Silver Lake triple-decker early yesterday, and the police say they are victims of a double-homicide.

Firefighters responding to a report of a fire at 381 Plainfield St. found Amanda Sousa, 17, of Providence, and Heather Jesus, 21, lying dead on the living room floor. Jesus lived in the apartment.

The police say that although they were found in a burning apartment, the actual cause of their death is unclear.

Some of the "evidence surrounding the victims" prompted fire officials to turn to the police for help investigating the fire on the third-floor, said Mark S. Pare, assistant chief of administration for the Providence Fire Department.

There are five apartments on the second and third floors of the building and the California Taco Shop on the first floor.

A half-dozen police officers combed the scene for several hours yesterday afternoon, checking the doors to the apartment, examining the inside and searching the grounds out-

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Elio Olivero, co-owner of Petro Mobil on Plainfield Street, said one of the victims came into the store regularly. "She would come over here late at night," he said.

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## Chief DOT engineer put on paid leave

Governor Carcieri confirms that he has asked the state police and the state's top federal prosecutor to investigate "potential wrongdoing" at the agency.

BY KATHERINE GREGG  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU  
PROVIDENCE — The Department of Transportation's chief engineer, Edmund T. Parker, was placed on paid leave from his \$143,187-a-year job yesterday amid a widening state and federal probe of the state road-building agency's contracting practices.

Speaking at an impromptu news conference, Governor Carcieri confirmed that he has now asked both the state police and the state's top federal prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente, to investigate "potential wrongdoing" at the DOT.

Carcieri said he asked the task force he assembled last month, in response to a news account of "outrageous" overhead payments to contractors for staff, such as the now infamous \$102,858 typist, to "turn over to

the state police and the U.S. Attorney's office any documents related to DOT contracts."

The governor said the Federal Highway Administration has also promised to "begin a review."

The announcements followed a private morning huddle at the U.S. Attorney's office among Corrente, state police Maj. Steven O'Donnell, Carcieri's deputy chief of staff, John R. Pagliarini, DOT Director Jerome F. Williams and members of their staffs.

By late day, Carcieri had issued a statement that said: "Over the last few months and weeks, I have become increasingly alarmed about information being uncovered at the Rhode Island Department of Transportation."

"After high overhead rates in one contract were exposed, we began a review of all other DOT agreements to see if we could uncover any other, similar problems...Unfortunately, the more we looked, the more we found," Carcieri said.

Citing issues raised in recent Providence Journal stories, Carcieri listed among his concerns:

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## No budging on proposed budget

Although they've come under attack by nearly all sides, Assembly leaders say the budget plan already approved by a House committee is what likely will be passed.

BY STEVE PEOPLES  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — General Assembly leaders have taken a beating this week from every direction.

Governor Carcieri has been relentless in his attacks against their 2007-08 budget proposal, going so far as to launch a radio advertising campaign slamming it. The unions, generally an ally of the Democrat-dominated legislature, have come out hard against major pieces of the spending plan. And even rank-and-file Democrats circulated a petition pushing for major changes.

Despite the opposition, Assembly leaders said yesterday they had no plans to stray significantly from the budget passed last week by the House Finance Committee. And any changes are

unlikely without leadership support, according to lawmakers, lobbyists and staff interviewed yesterday.

That means that the state budget approved tonight by the House of Representatives likely won't restore subsidized childcare for the estimated 2,100 children set to be knocked off the program July 1.

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"I think a lot of the police officers who are gay coming on the job now don't realize what others before them went through and, what makes it even sadder is, they don't care."

TERRY JEANS, retired New York City police sergeant

## For gay cops, a right not to remain silent

BY TOM MOONEY  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Police officers swear to serve and protect, but some cops will admit that historically the oath has been inconsistently applied. They know, they say, because they watched others who wore the badge turn their backs on them.

Fellow officers who would ignore their calls for backup, who refused to ride with them in the same cruiser, who maligned them behind their backs and passed them over for promotion.

All because they were gay cops.

"Everyone here has a story," Detective Michael Carney said Wednesday as he looked over the crowd of 150 gay police officers from around the country settling in for a conference lunch at the Providence Biltmore hotel.

If most in attendance were not discriminated against within their own departments,

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From left, Christopher T. Landavazo, Carroll Hunter, George Farrugia and Robert Aldrich are among the attendants of the 11th annual LEGAL International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals.

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### U.S. BIRDS VANISHING

The populations of nearly two dozen common American birds, such as the meadowlark and the whippoorwill, are half what they were 40 years ago, according to a new analysis by the National Audubon Society. **A2**

### IMMIGRATION BILL REVIVED

Key senators tentatively agree yesterday on a plan to revive a stalled immigration bill, aided by President Bush's support for a quick \$4.4 billion aimed at "securing our borders and enforcing our laws at the work site." **A2**

### TRASH TO GAS

State landfill officials are courting a developer who hopes to build a new power plant at the Johnston site and fuel it with Rhode Island's trash. **B1**



### FROM AUGUSTA TO BARRINGTON

Zach Johnson, the winner of this year's Masters, will be among the 20 golfers competing in the ninth CVS Caremark Charity Classic next week at Rhode Island Country Club. A special section on the event begins on **F1**.

**THE CHARITY CLASSIC**  
THE MAN WHO TAMED TIGER  
Each Johnson is on the line after the 2007 PGA Championship.