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President Donald Trump ratchets up his promised immigration enforcement with orders to start building a US-Mexico border wall and to cut grants to ‘sanctuary cities’

BORDER CRACKDOWN

GOP lawmakers cheer measures while immigration advocates condemn them

By Julie Pace
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump moved aggressively to tighten the nation’s immigration

controls Wednesday, signing executive actions to jump-start construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and cut federal grants for immigrant-protecting “sanctuary cities.”

As early as Thursday, he is expected to pause the flow of all refugees to the U.S. and indefinitely bar those fleeing war-torn Syria.

“Beginning today the United States of America gets back control of its borders,” Trump declared during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security.

“We are going to save lives on both sides of the border.”

The actions, less than a week into Trump’s presidency, fulfilled pledges that animated his candidacy and represented a dramatic redirection of U.S. immigration policy. They were cheered by Republican allies in Congress, condemned by

immigration advocates and triggered immediate new tension with the Mexican government.

Trump is expected to wield his executive power again later this week with the directive to dam the refugee flow into the U.S. for at least

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URI AT 125

Proud past, exciting future

The University of Rhode Island goes from a single house in 1892 to a modern institution of higher learning with nearly 18,000 students

By G. Wayne Miller | Journal Staff Writer

SOUTH KINGSTOWN — The University of Rhode Island began a year of 125th-anniversary celebrations in grand style Wednesday afternoon on a blustery Kingston Quad, with lightings of campfires, hayrides, a faux birthday cake taller than two people, and remarks by Council on Postsecondary Education chairman Bill Foulkes, president David M. Dooley and others.

Foulkes brought greetings from Gov. Gina Raimondo and told the crowd of hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni that at the quarter-and-a-century mark, “we’re just simply

caretakers and stewards for the next 125 years.”

Dooley recalled the school’s 19th-century founders, who, he said, would never have imagined URI today, with its roughly 18,000 students, hundreds of professors, buildings on hundreds of acres, and programs in pharmacy, business, nursing, languages and more.

But, Dooley said, “They did, when they came together, have a vision that began with President Abraham Lincoln and the Congress in 1862, and that still propels us forward today.

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Inside

URI President David Dooley says the next generation gives him reason to hope, and he’s weary of hearing that students are consumed by self-interest. Also, key dates in URI history and 10 of its prominent alumni, **A4**



Rachel Silva, a junior at URI, dances with her Ramette teammates at Wednesday’s celebration on the campus quad. THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL/GLENN OSMUNDSON

WARWICK

Mother cleared of kidnap charges

RI woman fled to Texas with her 2 daughters in 1988

By Jacqueline Tempera
Journal Staff Writer

Family and friends of Liana Waldberg — once



Waldberg

Elaine Yates — rejoiced Wednesday after hearing the state had dropped a 1988 child abduction charge against her.

“This is the best news of my day,” said Gary Richardson, a friend of Waldberg from Houston. “This lady is loved. She is respected. I hope she finds peace now.”

Charles Patenaude, Yates’ second cousin, said the announcement came as a relief.

“It’s been a trying time for our family,” said Patenaude. “I think we’ve all been through enough.”

Waldberg, who legally changed her name from Elaine Yates in 2009, shot into the national spotlight last week after she was arrested on the decades-old child-snatching charge. She pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of “abduction of a child prior to a court order” in Kent County Superior Court Jan. 18.

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SUPER BOWL LI PURSUIT OF HISTORY

Super-sized price for trip to Houston

By Gregory Smith
Journal Staff Writer

If you would like to attend Super Bowl LI on Feb. 5 in Houston, you might have to make another trip first. To the credit union.

To take out a loan to go to the big game. It’s a pricey proposition.

Even for the 60,000 New England Patriots season ticket-holders — a subgroup was allowed to vie for game tickets in a Patriots lottery

— the face value of a ticket runs from \$500 to \$3,000, depending on seat location.

A brief shopping expedition on the internet shows that a ticket bought on the open market will set you back a minimum of about \$3,700.

With everything included, specialists say, a couple attending the Super Bowl easily could spend more than the cost of buying a subcompact car. Autobytel advertises

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Coming Saturday: First of eight pages looking at previous Patriots Super Bowl appearances.
Coming Sunday: Full page poster of Tom Brady.



TODAY

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52°/35°

44°/32°

40°/29°

Complete forecast, B8

Bad hoops night for Friars, Rams

Providence College suffers what coach Ed Cooley calls a ‘demoralizing loss’ to St. John’s, 91-86; Rhode Island gets off to a slow start and can’t catch up to Richmond, 73-62. **SPORTS, B1**

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PROVIDENCE

Society lists endangered properties

By Christine Dunn
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PROVIDENCE — Some familiar names, and some new ones, are on the Providence Preservation Society's annual Most Endangered Properties List, released Wednesday evening.

The list, announced at the group's annual meeting and Preservation Awards Ceremony, identifies "historically significant properties in Providence deemed in threat of deterioration, neglect and demolition":

- Atlantic Mills, 100 Manton Ave., Olneyville (1863)
- Barstow Stove Company (known as Tops Electric Company), 120 Point St., Jewelry District (c. 1849)
- Bomes Theatre, 1017 Broad St., Elmwood (1921)
- Broad Street Synagogue, 688 Broad St. (1910-1911)
- Cranston Street Armory, 310 Cranston St., West End (1907)
- Humboldt Fire Station, 155 Humboldt Ave., Wayland (1906)
- Industrial Trust Building, 111 Westminster St., Downtown (1928)
- Rhodes Street National Register District, Rhodes/Alphonso/ Janes streets, Upper South Providence,
- Sheffield Smith House, 334

- Smith St., Smith Hill (1855)
- Former Sixth Precinct Police Station, 36 Chaffee St., Olneyville (1890)
- Welcome Arnold House, 21 Planet St., College Hill (1785-1798)

PPS also announced its 2017 Preservation Awards Wednesday night:

Rehabilitation Awards (2): 32 Custom House St. (Owner: ASH NYC & HM Ventures Group LLC); and Lila Delman Real Estate International office, 369 South Main St. (Owner: LDRE Properties Providence LLC)

Design Excellence Award: Providence G/ Narragansett Hotel Garage, 100 Dorrance St. (Owner: Providence Capital LLC)

Small Preservation Project Award: 425 West Fountain St. (Owner: The Armory Revival Company, through Westminster Crossing LLC)

Strengthening Place Award: The Sharpe Building, Promenade Apartments, 25 Holden St. (Owner: Sharpe Building Associates, LLC)

At-Large Project Award: For Rehabilitation and Community Impact (2): Veterans for Tomorrow, 1115 Douglas Ave. (Owner: Veterans for Tomorrow LLC) and East Long Pond



The Industrial Trust Building, otherwise known as the Superman Building, was added to the Providence Preservation Society's list of endangered properties last year. It makes another appearance on the 2017 list unveiled on Wednesday. BOB THAYER/PROVIDENCE JOURNAL FILES

Apartments: 22 and 36 Parkis Ave. (Owner: AIDS Care Ocean State)

Preservation Initiative Awards (2): Community Involvement Recipient: CITY WALK/Connecting Providence, 2014

(Leaders: Daniel A. Baudouin, Phoebe Blake). Government/Policy Nominee: Providence Landmarks District, 2014 (Department of Planning + Development, City of Providence)

NEWPORT

Hyatt Regency sold; renovations planned

By Christine Dunn
Journal Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE — The Hyatt Regency hotel on Goat Island in Newport has reportedly been sold for \$92 million to new owners who say they plan to invest another \$18 million in renovations.

The closing was finalized on Friday and renovations are expected to be finished by May, according to Tanya Scalisi, a spokeswoman for the new owners. She said the hotel will be renamed Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina. The employees of the hotel will be retained and the hotel will remain open during renovations, she said.

George Filopoulos of Metrovest and BLDG Management, owners of Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa on the east end of Long Island, along with affiliates of Square Mile Capital Management LLC, purchased the Hyatt Regency Newport, she said.

According to online Newport records, the sellers of the hotel were One Goat Island LLC, c/o Davidson Hotels and Resorts of Atlanta, Georgia. Online records also say the hotel was built in 1969

and was sold for \$53.5 million in September 2006. A spokesman for Davidson Hotels was not immediately available for comment, and the sale had not been recorded at Newport City Hall by Wednesday morning.

The hotel is on nearly 10 acres and will have 257 guest rooms and suites, multiple event venues, a full-service spa, and year-round and seasonal food and beverage services, according to Scalisi.

Planned improvements include "a refreshed lobby and room design that will stay true to the property's New England aesthetic and origins; a new marina; an expanded pool deck and pool club, and a Kids' Club with expanded family amenities. All food and beverage components will be overseen by LDV Hospitality, including the addition of the brand's signature restaurant, Scarpetta, in May, as well as the elevation of banquet and catering experiences and seasonal poolside favorite, Pineapples."

Gurney's Newport will offer 27,000 square feet of event spaces, including 300-seat and 650-seat ballrooms, and 50,000 square feet of outdoor space.

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