

## Adventures at Hand

A SUMMER SERIES



Facing high gas prices and having less money to splurge, many people are choosing to stay close to home for vacation. This summer, The Journal will help you find some activities and outings nearby. Some may be old favorites, and others entirely new.



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Kyle Bellavance, 11, of Pawtucket wraps up a day of digging for shellfish in Point Judith Pond in Narragansett. Below, Terry Orlandi, 89, of Providence, working the same area with bare hands and a trowel, has been going after steamers and quahogs since she was a child.

# BURIED TREASURE

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**NARRAGANSETT** — The tide was running out of Point Judith Pond as the two women, spattered with mud, moved their buckets, crouched down over the flats and searched for the telltale “eyes” beneath their feet.

Terry Orlandi, 89, squatted in her bare feet and dug with a garden trowel deep around a small hole in the sand — what she calls the eyes, the sign of a clam buried several inches down.

“Stick your finger in there,” said Orlandi, wearing a wide-



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brim hat and cut-off shorts. “Feel that suction? That’s a clam in there.”

She burrowed after it. “You’ve got to be quick enough to get them before they go down. I’ve got to go down as far as he is,” Orlandi said.

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# At URI, financial picture worsening

Officials raise the possibilities of a midyear tuition increase and a four-day academic week.

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The last time University of Rhode Island officials faced a financial situation this dire was in 1992 as the state was battling through the credit-union crisis and a national recession.

Now URI officials say they are forced to consider raising tuition and fees at the mid-year mark in January.

It is one of several options being weighed as the university and the state’s two other public colleges deal with the impact of soaring energy costs and additional state budget cuts that officials learned of last month.

URI is also discussing scaling back to a four-day academic week in the spring semester, closing the campus for two weeks over the winter break and stepping up efforts to attract and retain students.

“It’s truly a difficult time,” said Robert A. Weygand, URI’s vice president of administration and finance. “We are asking people to do more with less. How do we reduce our

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# Loan troubles spread beyond subprime mess

Mortgage delinquencies rise sharply among homeowners who had good credit when the loans were made.

BY VIKAS BAJAJ  
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The first wave of Americans to default on their home mortgages appears to be cresting, but a second, far larger one is quickly building.

Homeowners with good credit are falling behind on their payments in growing numbers, even as the problems with mortgages made to people with weak, or subprime, credit are showing their first tentative signs of leveling off after two years of spiraling defaults.

The percentage of mortgages in arrears in the category of loans one rung above subprime — so-called alternative-A mortgages — quadrupled to 12 percent in April from a year earlier. Delinquencies among prime loans, which account for most of the \$12-trillion market, doubled to 2.7

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## BUFFETT PLUGS IN



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Jimmy Buffett performs an electrified set yesterday at the Newport Folk Festival. Review on Page A4

# 50 years ago, America pierced a dark, cold frontier

A ceremony yesterday in Groton, Conn., marked the passage of the Nautilus, the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine, under the ice cap to the North Pole.

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**GROTON, Conn.**— Ten months after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik to claim a lead in the race for space, 116 men sealed inside the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine prepared to overcome for America one of the last frontiers on Earth.

Fifty years ago yesterday, Capt. William Robert Anderson gave the crew of the submarine Nautilus a countdown over the intercom as his vessel approached the North Pole, gliding below the polar ice cap.

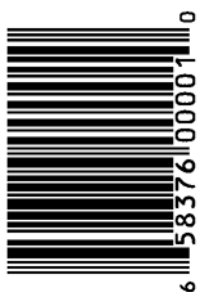
“For the U.S.A. and the U.S. Navy—the North Pole,” Anderson said, marking the moment the Nautilus became the first ship to pass over the geographic North Pole.

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John B. “Jack” Kurrus, posing with his wife, Peggy, in front of the Nautilus yesterday, was a 27-year-old crewman in the reactor room when the submarine made its unprecedented voyage to the North Pole.

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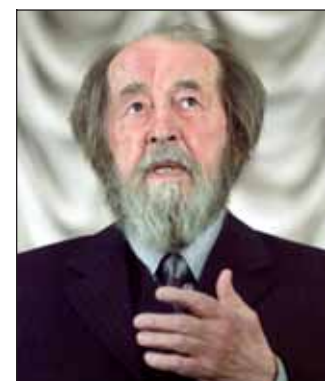
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