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Still very warm but less humid today, with highs in the upper 80s; clear tonight.
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Very different prescriptions to heal ailing economy

BY PERRY BACON JR.
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ST. LOUIS — Senators Barack Obama and John McCain yesterday outlined sharply different approaches on how to revive the nation's economy and provide aid to struggling workers, providing a clear choice for voters on the issue that Americans say they are most concerned about.

Speaking to a group of small-business owners in Washington, D.C., McCain, R-Ariz., pushed an agenda

that emphasizes reduced regulation and long-term economic growth through cuts in corporate taxes, expanded free trade agreements and cuts in government spending.

McCain would also maintain President Bush's tax cuts for wealthier Americans, raising the total cost of his plans to more than \$300 billion a year.

In St. Louis, Obama, D-Ill., called for expanding health insurance to all

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Thousands in R.I. out of jobless benefits

BY LYNN ARDITI
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Nearly 5,000 jobless people in Rhode Island ran out of unemployment insurance benefits during the first quarter of this year, up 29 percent from a year ago, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

About 41 percent of Rhode Island's unemployed in January, February and

March "exhausted" their benefits, the highest of any New England state.

Nationally, the benefit-exhaustion rate was 36.4 percent, up about 9 percent from a year earlier.

The swelling ranks of unemployed in states such as Rhode Island is fueling calls by supporters of legislation pending

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An open hydrant provides relief to children at Sumter and Hamilton streets in Providence's Elmwood section yesterday. It'll be a bit cooler today, with highs in the 80s coupled with 10 mph breezes.

It's another record high

BY W. ZACHARY MALINOWSKI
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Another record-setting scorcher descended on Rhode Island yesterday but Marvin Tejeda wasn't going to let the oppressive heat push back his training regime.

Tejeda, a boxer and coach at Peter Manfredi's gym in Pawtucket, trudged more than three miles on the Blackstone Boulevard running path yesterday afternoon as the temperatures crept into the mid-90s. He may have his first professional fight next month and he has to drop 11 pounds and get down to 147 pounds. Yesterday was a perfect day for some serious weight loss.

"It's hot," said Tejeda as he wrapped up his run and fired a few jabs in his sweat-soaked camouflage T-shirt. "It's not easy."

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Video: Seeking relief at Oakland Beach, on projo.com

Yesterday was not an easy day for many Rhode Islanders who shuffled through the third-straight 90-plus degree day, a stretch that the National Weather Service said was the season's first official heat wave.

And, for the second day in a row, a record temperature was recorded — 96 degrees, breaking the previous record of 94 degrees set in 1994. The high on Monday was 97.

SEE **HEAT WAVE, A7**

Twin River gets OK for gambler-rewards program

But the facility, which hopes to boost revenues during the three-month trial period, must repay the state a set amount if the promotion falls short of expectations.

BY KATHERINE GREGG
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — The owners of Twin River are betting their own dollars that offers of free slot play will draw more people to their sprawling greyhound race-track and video-gambling emporium in Lincoln.

With the economy in a down-

ward spiral, some other casino operators have considered cutting back free handouts to stem losses.

But after months of negotiations, the state's Department of Revenue yesterday signed off on an agreement that allows Twin River

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Alert has some saying 'Hold the tomatoes'

BY KAREN LEE ZINER
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As the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ramped up warnings on a salmonella outbreak associated with certain raw tomatoes, Ed Andrews revved up the fax machine to reassure his customers. Andrews, a produce wholesaler, owns A T Ciravo & Co. in the Silver Lake section of Providence.

"I think anytime you have a situation like this, it affects business," said Andrews, who estimated he sells 12,000 to 14,000 pounds of tomatoes a week to colleges, hospitals and restaurant chains.

"How badly have we been affected? Not so

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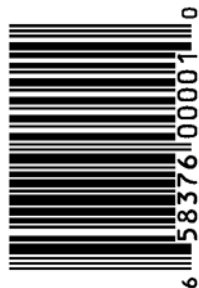


Consumer tips

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommendations in light of the salmonella outbreak in certain types of tomatoes:

- Avoid eating or handling raw red plum, red Roma and raw round red tomatoes unless they are from areas ruled out as sources of contamination.
- Avoid tomatoes that appear damaged.
- Cherry and grape tomatoes, left, those with vine still attached and home-grown are safest.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling or preparing any tomatoes.
- Cooking is not recommended as a way to prevent illness.

For more information, go to www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/tomatoes.html



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SOX LET ONE GET AWAY

The Sox squander homers by Manny Ramirez and J.D. Drew and fall to the Baltimore Orioles, 10-6, in a rare home loss. **D1**

PANDA AMONG QUAKE CASUALTIES

The death of a panda killed by China's devastating earthquake deals a serious blow to a nature preserve working to protect the beloved and endangered creatures. **A5**

SENATE BOOSTS MINIMUM WAGE

The Senate approves a measure increasing Rhode Island's minimum wage to \$7.60 an hour on Jan. 1, while tying future increases automatically to the rate of inflation. **B1**

SCOTT RUNS FOR CONGRESS



Republican Jonathan P. Scott announces his candidacy for the 1st Congressional District seat currently held by Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy. **B1**