

FINALLY SOME SUN
Some sun today with a chance of a thunderstorm; partly cloudy tonight.
Forecast, B8

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Pedestrians caught in the downpour make their way across Eddy Street in Providence Thursday.

R.I. summer: The deluge continues

Another series of storms sweep through the state, dumping almost 3 inches of rain.

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PROVIDENCE — Thursday's word of the day: Noachian. As in flood.

The sky bellowed. The lightning crackled. The wind lashed. The rain hammered.

So, how wet was it? Charles Foley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service,

said that by mid-afternoon Providence had collected 2.78 inches, a generous portion from a single storm system.

The squall line turned the sky dark in mid-morning and disabled electrical service in several parts of the state. A spokeswoman for National Grid said Thursday evening that no significant power failures remained.

The weather service issued flash-flood and hazardous-weather watches that were to remain in effect until 8 p.m. on Thursday for much of New England. The weather service predicted a 30 percent chance of

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■ For anyone trying to grow hay or strawberries, the weather in June was a "disaster."

■ Campers at Burlington State Campground are spending their time repairing torn tents and drying out wet sleeping bags.

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Heavy rains exceed even overflow tunnel's capacity

BY PETER B. LORD
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PROVIDENCE — It rained so hard Thursday morning that for the first time all year, the state's massive, \$359-million combined sewer overflow tunnel finally filled to capacity and allowed untreated sewage to spill into the city's rivers.

At one point Thursday morning, sewage and storm water were measured roaring into the tunnel at a rate that would have amounted to 680 million gallons a day, if it continued all day. Good thing it didn't, because that's more than 10 times what the tunnel can

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A bow to 'The Kiss'



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Raytheon employees John Santos Jr. and Richard Pendleton attach a strap to the statue by J. Seward Johnson, for the company's float for the Bristol parade. The alleged kissers, George Mendonsa of Middletown and Greta Friedman, will ride the float.

Fidelity to add 500 jobs in R.I.

The investment company expects to bring the new workers in during the first quarter of 2010.

BY NEIL DOWNING
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Mutual fund giant Fidelity Investments, of Boston, plans to add more than 500 jobs to its workforce in Rhode Island starting early next year.

The move, announced Thursday by Governor Carcieri and confirmed by a Fidelity spokeswoman, will mean additional employment for Rhode Island, which has a jobless rate of 12.1 percent, the highest since at least 1976.

The jobs will be transferred from other locations to Fidelity's campus in Smithfield, which currently employs about 2,300 people, company spokeswoman Anne Crowley said.

Thus, if all goes according to plan, Fidelity will end up employing about 2,800 people in Smithfield, an increase of about 22 percent from the current level.

Carcieri hailed the development. "It's great news. It's fantas-

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Stimulus cash slow to create jobs

So far, most of the money the state received from the economic recovery package has gone to defray the budget deficit.

BY BENJAMIN N. GEDAN
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PROVIDENCE — Four months since the federal stimulus bill was approved, nearly all the money Rhode Island has received has been swallowed by the state's budget deficit, leaving a relative pitance for job-creating projects.

Of the \$155 million in stimulus funds the state has spent, just \$1.6 million has gone to the highly publicized transportation projects that have the greatest potential to put a dent in the state's skyrocket-

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The American economy lost another 467,000 jobs in June and the unemployment rate edged up to 9.5 percent. **A6**

A Bristol parade float brings Life cover back to life

BY RICHARD SALIT
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The booze was flowing and, all around him in Times Square, people were whooping it up in a spontaneous celebration of the war's end. So when the sailor in his Navy blues saw the nurse in her white uniform, he embraced her, dipped her slightly and then firmly pressed his lips to hers.

The euphoric moment, caught in the viewfinder of a Life magazine photographer, went on to become one of the most enduring images of America's victory in World War II.

It also planted the seeds of a mystery.

The smoochers, with their faces hidden in the photo, were never identified and George Mendonsa, a retired Middletown fisherman, has spent a lifetime trying to prove he's the sailor in the kiss seen around the world. Now 86, he'll finally get some affirmation this weekend when he'll have the honor of riding on a float in Bristol's Fourth of July parade while seated beside the Maryland woman who was the recipient of his uninhibited elation when Japan surrendered on

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Watch George Mendonsa, above, stake his claim as the man caught kissing the woman in the photo taken in Times Square at the end of World War II, left, at projo.com/video

If you go

■ The Bristol Fourth of July Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Hope Street (Route 114) and Chestnut Street. The procession will head south through downtown Bristol until the intersection of High Street, where it will turn back toward town, ending at the Town Common at State Street. For more information, go to www.july4thbristolri.com
For a complete list of other Fourth of July events throughout the region, go to Page A4 and projo.com.

Governor vetoes dog-racing mandate

He says legislation forcing Twin River to hold dog racing "is a risk that the state cannot afford to take" because it could disrupt bankruptcy proceedings.

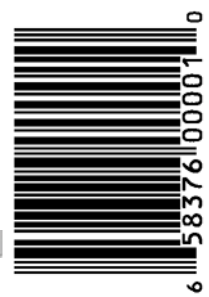
BY KATHERINE GREGG
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PROVIDENCE — Making good on an earlier warning, Governor Carcieri has vetoed legislation allowing Twin River to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, while also forcing the owners of the Lincoln track and slot parlor to drop their plans to suspend greyhound racing Aug. 8 and run a full 200-day season.

In his veto message to lawmakers on Thursday, Carcieri said dog racing has become increasingly unprofitable, that the \$9-million operating subsidy Twin River's owners pay the greyhound owners contributes to their "crippling debt," and that the legislature's intervention threatens to scuttle the consensual bankruptcy agreement Twin River's owners filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court last week, at a potential cost to the state of millions of dollars.

"That is a risk that the state cannot afford to take," the governor wrote.

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AFGHAN OFFENSIVE UNDER WAY

Almost 4,000 U.S. Marines, backed by helicopter gunships, push into a Taliban-dominated province in southern Afghanistan as part of a major offensive intended to root out the insurgents. **A5**

CLEANUP SCHEDULED

The state Department of Environmental Management says that a limited cleanup of toxic soil on 50 acres in North Tiverton is expected to begin in September and wind up by the end of the year. **B1**

FINALLY AN ALL-STAR?

After 17 years in the majors, including 15 with the Red Sox, this could be the year that knuckleballer Tim Wakefield is finally selected for the All-Star team. **C1**

