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WEATHER

R.I. hunkers down in advance of major storm

With up to 18 inches of snow possible, state offices, schools closed Wednesday; state police urge people to avoid unnecessary travel

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With a major winter storm barreling toward New England, Rhode Islanders were bracing themselves for possible accumulations of up to

18 inches of snow on Wednesday, as municipalities and state agencies vowed to stay ahead of the storm with trucks and plows.

As the National Weather Service predicted late Tuesday afternoon an overnight accumulation of 3 to 5 inches, and 8 to 12 inches Wednesday, Governor Chafee directed that all



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but essential state employees who work first shift stay home.

Municipalities from Westerly to Woonsocket announced the closing of schools and offices and one-day delays in trash pickups.

"We're asking people who don't absolutely have to be on the road" to stay home, said state police Supt. Col. Brendan P. Doherty after the Transportation Department Director Michael

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MANUFACTURING

EB to expand, adding jobs

Sub builder to add 400 manufacturing jobs and undetermined number of construction positions

By **PAUL EDWARD PARKER**
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NORTH KINGSTOWN — Rhode Island's hard-hit manufacturing sector received good news Tuesday as submarine-maker Electric Boat announced a \$40-million expansion at its Quonset Point facility and the addition of 400 jobs there.

"I can never remember a time when I felt as optimistic, as positive, about our future," Electric Boat President John P. Casey said at an afternoon briefing for Rhode Island's elected leaders.

That echoed comments he made in the morning at a similar gathering in Groton, Conn., where the shipbuilder has its headquarters and the bulk of its 10,000-person work force. "It's a fantastic

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WEST WARWICK

Excessive force suit challenged

Estate of man with mental illness who died in custody is suing town

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PROVIDENCE — The Town of West Warwick asked a federal judge Tuesday to dismiss claims that two police officers falsely arrested and used excessive force against a man with mental illness moments before he died of a heart attack on a hot June night in 2008.

The estate of 47-year-old Mark Jackson sued West Warwick and police officers in 2009, accusing them of violating Jackson's constitutional rights, treating him with de-

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RESCUED | A 'VICKTORY' DOG



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Formerly owned by football star Michael Vick, Handsome Dan now lives with Heather Gutshall, Mark Stoutzenberger and family, including 9-month-old Josephine.

A pit bull in the family

Handsome Dan, one of 22 pit bulls most victimized by football star Michael Vick's dog-fighting operation, is placed in Providence

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PROVIDENCE — The pit bull lived tethered by chain to a half-buried car axle in some Virginia woods belonging to football star Michael Vick. Perhaps it was too young to fight or used as bait for other fighting dogs. No one's sure. But the dog had ground down his teeth trying to chew free of that chain.

Now, on this sunny morning, he sits inches away from 9-month-old Josephine Stoutzenberger — trembling on a living room rug.

Hives rise beneath his thin, tawny coat. The dog has been given a name:

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Handsome Dan. He wanted no part of this family portrait so his owner Heather Gutshall had to retrieve him from a back room. She carried him — his pink belly and drooping back legs swaying above the floor.

Even now, almost four years since authorities raided Vick's Bad Newz Kennels dog-fighting emporium, seizing 51 pit bulls and transporting the blood sport of dog fighting into American living rooms, Handsome Dan still cowers in fear of strangers.

Vick went to jail for animal cruelty while his dogs became their own celebrities. Magazine articles and websites

IMMIGRATION

Kilmartin signs up for ICE program

Secure Communities targets criminal illegal immigrants and will be in effect statewide

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PROVIDENCE — Less than a week after Governor Chafee rescinded his predecessor's executive order cracking down on illegal immigration, Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin signed an agreement to implement a federal Secure Communities initiative, aimed at identifying and deporting criminal illegal immi-

grants.

The Department of Homeland Security must sign the agreement before it goes into effect. Kilmartin's spokeswoman, Amy Kempe, said the attorney general "is looking to have the program start very soon after the MOA [Memorandum of Agreement] is signed."

The agreement applies to all cities and towns, Kempe said. While Kilmartin said through former spokesman Brett Broesder in December that police departments "may choose

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GOVERNMENT

Powell to head human services

She had served as director of state Labor Department in the Carcieri administration

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PROVIDENCE — Governor Chafee has offered a new role — director of the state's Department of Human Services — to Sandra Powell, the highest-ranked African-American in his predecessor's cabinet.

Chafee has asked Powell, who has been the state labor director the last three years,

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Sandra Powell has worked in state services since 1989.

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Governor Chafee wants to retain Health Insurance Commissioner Christopher F. Koller. **A9**



HOSPITALITY

Jets fans will land in Providence this weekend

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PROVIDENCE — Gang Green and the Roaring Ryan will make their presence felt in Providence by week's end as the New York Jets and their fans arrive here for Sunday's playoff game with the New England Patriots.

Providence this weekend will serve as the unofficial host city for football fans as the Patriots start another in what's become a regular series of playoff runs.

Jets fans tend not to be bashful even in years when



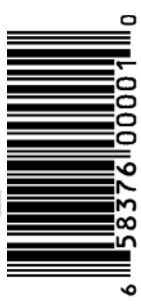
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New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan during practice Tuesday.

their team plays poorly. Now, with the team's head coach — the voluble Rex Ryan — providing the example, it's likely Jets followers will shriek into town like a 727 that's overshot the runway at T.F. Green Airport. At least two Jets' fan sites are offering game trip packages that include one-night stays in Providence hotels.

Visiting teams do not stay at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa next to Gillette Stadium for practical reasons. The hotel has little of the meeting space teams need,

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NATION

Outlook improves for wounded lawmaker

One of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' doctors, left, declares that she has "a 101-percent chance of surviving" her gunshot wound while more details emerge about the man suspected of shooting the congresswoman and killing six others. **B3**

Jackson's doctor to stand trial

A judge orders the personal physician of Michael Jackson to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter after hearing testimony that he administered a lethal dose of a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives, then left the pop star alone. **B3**



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