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This image from video shows former Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. arriving at a halfway house in Boston yesterday morning, after being released from a federal prison at Fort Dix, N.J.

A subdued return for Cianci

Released from federal prison in N.J., the ex-mayor reports to a halfway house

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BOSTON — Straight from federal prison, former Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. stepped into the public eye for all of 13 seconds yesterday in a graffiti-scrawled alley behind the halfway house where he will likely spend the next three weeks.

Cianci spoke but two or three words during a subdued reentry that was anything but the vintage Buddy of yore. Absent were the outside persona, the trademark quips and barbs and playing for the cameras that marked his decades as the city's longest-serving mayor, before he began serving his sentence for racketeering conspiracy at Fort Dix, N.J., nearly 4½ years ago.

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EXTRA: See more photos of Cianci's new home, and previous ones, plus video reports from the scene in Boston, at: projo.com

While Providence and Boston media staked out the front door of Coolidge House at 307 Huntington Ave., Cianci stepped out of a gray Lexus SUV and into the cobblestone back alley off Gainsborough Street shortly after 9:30 a.m. He wore a blue shirt and tie, a blue baseball cap, sunglasses, and carried a blue blazer over his arm.

"Hey," he said, barely nodding at the three or four waiting TV cameras and one still photog-

rapher.

"How are you?" said a voice off camera. "Good," said Cianci.

A Coolidge House staff member held open a steel door, and Cianci stepped quickly into the five-story building hemmed in by brownstones, above the Boston House of Pizza. For now, his view will be of the Greater Boston YMCA and Northeastern University.

Not quite a free man, Buddy Cianci is expected to spend his next three weeks sharing space with some 120 other ex-convicts at Coolidge House, and perform his work-release at Fifteen Beacon Hotel, at the foot of the Massachusetts State

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Runway extension alternative presented

The FAA narrows its proposals to build a longer runway at T.F. Green Airport to two, including one plan that is shorter and less costly than those previously considered.

BY CYNTHIA NEEDHAM
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WARWICK — The Federal Aviation Administration has thrown out several proposed plans for expansion at T.F. Green Airport and is now considering a scaled-back runway extension that would take fewer homes and cost significantly less to construct, while still adding nonstop coast-to-coast service that is considered critical to air travel growth.

The latest proposal, unveiled last night, calls for lengthening the airport's main runway to 8,700 feet — 650 feet shorter than has been previously proposed. At that length, the runway extension would still take some wetlands, as well as homes and businesses on the south side of the airport, but

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Plan boosts state share of school costs

A panel's plan to make public education financing more equitable carries a \$600-million price tag.

BY JENNIFER D. JORDAN
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PROVIDENCE — A proposal to establish a statewide funding formula for schools estimates the state would have to contribute nearly \$600 million more a year to "adequately and equitably" educate Rhode Island's 147,800 public school students. Some of that additional money represents new spending and some includes costs now borne by local school districts that would be shifted to the state.

Several expensive items over which districts have no control — such as out-of-district busing costs, high-need special-education students who each cost more than \$50,000 a year, and students in group homes — would be assumed by the state, saving cities and towns \$40 million a year.

An advisory group charged by lawmakers to develop a school funding formula presented its final

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R.I. Guard slated for deployment

Members of various units will be headed for Iraq or Afghanistan between now and the end of the year.

BY TOM MOONEY
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More members of the Rhode Island National Guard are heading off to war.

Between Sunday and the end of the year, 357 members from six units will deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, some for their second tours of duty.

The deployments, which will be formally announced today, were previously scheduled and are unrelated to President Bush's troop surge plan, said Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Denis J. Riel.

The schedule of deployments looks like this: On Sunday, eight members of the Rhode Island Army National Guard's 65th Press Camp will depart for eventual duty in Iraq, serving as information officers at the Army's command headquarters.

In July, 136 members of the 169th Military Police Company, part of the 43rd military police brigade, will head overseas for their first deployment.

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Travels of TB patient reveal flaws in safety system

U.S. health authorities were making arrangements for him to return from Italy when he flew on his own to Canada, and then drove across the border.

BY DAVID BROWN
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WASHINGTON — The Atlanta man with extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis who sparked an international health alarm by flying to Europe and back for his wedding twice ignored requests to stay put and not travel, officials said yesterday.

He apparently also shortened his honeymoon — which included stays in both Greece and Italy — and returned home early in order to avoid the complicated procedure being put together to get him back to the United States in a way that would not expose other people to his dangerous microbe.

Those were among the details that emerged yesterday about a bizarre cat-and-mouse game that reveals both how seriously public health officials take the threat of transcontinental spread of infectious disease and how easily the safeguards can be eluded.

Among problems the CDC has identified are: dealing with time zone differences; lack of coordination between American and international authorities concerning how to medi-

cally isolate the man while he was abroad; and how to speed up retrieval of passenger manifests from airlines.

The episode also raised questions about how rapidly health officials could respond to a similar emergency with other deadly infectious diseases.

"There is some indication of deceitfulness on the part of the individual," said Russ Knocke, spokesman for the Department of Homeland Se-

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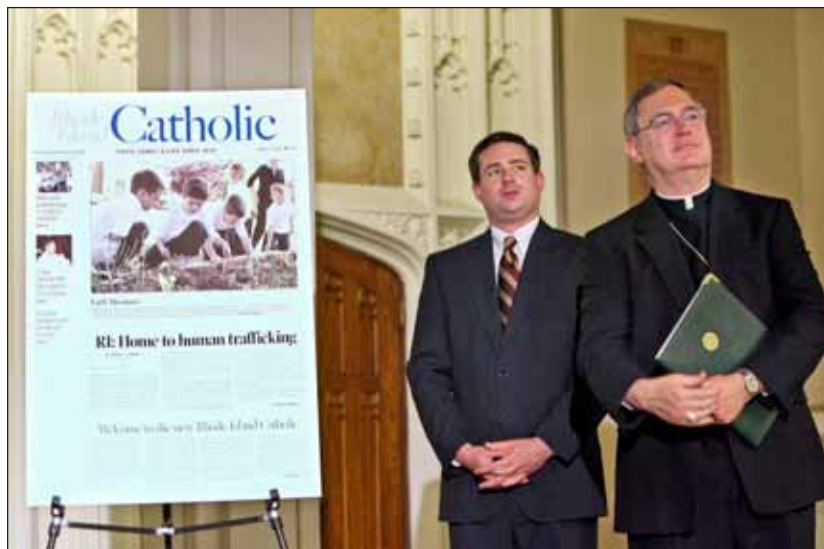
Diocese newspaper gets a new name and look

It's one of several initiatives that have made the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin's young tenure in Providence distinctive.

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In what he called an "historic and exciting" moment that will help propel the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence into the modern media age, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin yesterday unveiled a new look and new name for the diocese's weekly newspaper, which has been published since 1875, when an Irish immigrant was the state's first Catholic bishop.

Starting with today's issue, The Providence Visitor will be the Rhode Island Catholic. Graphically, the new paper has a cleaner, more contemporary look with larger type, better use of photographs, and superior organization that makes for easier



Michael Guilfoyle, left, director of communications for the Diocese of Providence, and the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin unveil the renamed diocesan newspaper yesterday at Providence's Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul.

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STOCKS SURGE ON INTEREST RATE REPORT

Reports that the Federal Reserve may consider lowering interest rates later this year send both the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index to record highs. **F1**

5 KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

Five U.S. soldiers are killed when their Chinook helicopter is apparently shot down by Taliban forces in southern Afghanistan. **A5**

LESS THAN PERFECT

Cleveland snaps Boston's five-game winning streak by scoring six runs off Sox starter Daisuke Matsuzaka on their way to an 8-4 win at Fenway Park. **C1**



THOMPSON POISED TO RUN

Fred Thompson, the Law & Order actor and former Tennessee senator is taking significant steps toward an expected summer entry into the already crowded but unsettled Republican presidential race. **A2**