

The Boston Globe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2002

MELTING POINT
Today: Mostly sunny, high about 45
Tomorrow: Rain, high in the low 40s
High tide: 6:20 a.m., 6:40 p.m.
Full report: PAGE C24

Cardinal Law resigns

Church looks to future free of scandal

By Michael Paulson
GLOBE STAFF

The next archbishop of Boston, Catholic observers say, needs one major qualification: He must be completely untainted by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse.



RICHARD LENNON

Pope John Paul II today appointed Bishop Richard G. Lennon, the rector of St. John's Seminary in Brighton, as the apostolic administrator of the archdiocese. As such, Lennon will be responsible for overseeing the administration of the archdiocese until the pope chooses a permanent replacement for Cardinal Bernard Law.

That process, laden with custom but with many variations, has traditionally taken months, but it could be accelerated because of the magnitude of the crisis facing the archdiocese of Boston. Theologians, priests, and bishops have been speculating for months about who might replace

ARCHBISHOP, Page A3



Cardinal Bernard F. Law meeting with Pope John Paul II at the pontiff's private library in the Vatican today. The pope accepted the embattled cardinal's resignation, after widespread pressure on Law to leave.

In letter, he states: 'I both apologize and beg forgiveness'

By Michael Paulson
and Charles M. Sennott
GLOBE STAFF

ROME — Pope John Paul II today accepted the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Francis Law of Boston, effectively ending the tarnished career of a man who had been one of the most influential figures in American religion before revelations of his repeated failure to remove sexually abusive priests from ministry sparked a scandal of unprecedented proportions.

"I am profoundly grateful to the Holy Father for having accepted my request to resign as archbishop of Boston," Law said in a statement released in Rome. "It is my fervent prayer that this action may help the Archdiocese of Boston to experience the healing, reconciliation, and unity which are so desperately needed."

The Vatican offered no immediate comment on Law's resignation, which was announced at 6 a.m. in a brief statement released by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops on behalf of Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the pope's top representative in the United States. Montalvo announced that the rector of St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Bishop Richard G. Lennon, will serve as apostolic administrator in charge of the archdiocese until a new archbishop of Boston is chosen by the pope. The statement made no reference to clergy sexual abuse.

"In nearly 30 years as a bishop, Cardinal

LAW, Page A58

Sad but hopeful

Around the diocese, the faithful believe the resignation will allow a fresh start for the church. A2.

The 'baby bishop'

The youngest auxiliary bishop in Boston, Richard G. Lennon, 55, is described as methodical and fair-minded. A3.

Appointing a successor

Choosing a permanent replacement for Law, a process that traditionally takes months, could be accelerated. A3.

Bush eases way for religious charities

By Mary Leonard
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — President Bush, frustrated by the Senate's inaction on his controversial faith-based initiative, ordered federal agencies yesterday to rewrite rules and policies to allow religious charities to compete for government contracts, even if the groups restrict whom they hire.

"The days of discriminating against religious groups just because they are religious are coming to an end," Bush told a cheer-

ing audience of more than 1,000 at a White House conference of faith-based social-service providers in Philadelphia. "We must and we will support the armies of compassion in America."

Civil rights groups and their Democratic allies in Congress angrily denounced the president's executive order as abridging the separation of church and state, and giving social ministries the right to receive federal funds despite discriminating in hiring based on sexual orientation, reli-

gion, or race.

The Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, accused Bush of being on "a crusade to bring about an unprecedented merger of religion and government." Lynn said his organization would challenge Bush's order in court.

"This is an end run around Congress that will allow groups to get taxpayer money and discriminate as they hire only people of

RELIGIOUS CHARITIES, Page A33



President Bush in Philadelphia yesterday.

N. Korea to restart 3 nuclear facilities

Announcement stirs concerns in Asia and US

By Doug Struck
WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO — North Korea said yesterday it will restart work at three abandoned nuclear power plants that could produce fuel for atomic bombs, reviving the threat that brought the United States to the brink of conflict with the government in 1994.

The announcement brought alarm from capitals in the region and Washington. Japan's prime minister called for calm, and the South Korean government convened its security chiefs over what it said was a looming "crisis on the Korean peninsula."

Pyongyang's announcement

said its move was a reaction to the decision by the United States to suspend fuel oil deliveries made to North Korea under the 1994 agreement that had frozen North Korea's nuclear plants.

Many experts had predicted an escalation in the standoff by Pyongyang in answer to the Bush administration's decision, but this move was more drastic than most had anticipated. It came on the heels of the US-backed interception of a North Korean ship carrying about 15 Scud missiles, Pyongyang's chief legal export, to Yemen. The Bush administration, which has been eager to avoid a crisis in North Korea that would interfere with its plans for war in Iraq, reacted cautiously to yesterday's announcement.

"The statement North Korea made ... is regrettable," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The an-

NORTH KOREA, Page A29

President scolds Lott over remarks on Thurmond

By Susan Milligan
and Anne E. Kornblut
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — President Bush delivered a public rebuke to his party's highest-ranking senator yesterday, saying that Senator Trent Lott's comments praising a segregationist candidate's 1948 presidential bid "do not reflect the spirit of our country."

"Any suggestions that the segregated past was acceptable or positive is offensive, and it is wrong," Bush said in a widely televised address in Philadelphia, where he announced new steps in his initiative to boost faith-based organizations.

Nevertheless, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush does not think the Mississip-

pi Republican should resign as Senate minority leader. Lott made his controversial comments last week at a birthday party for the Senate's retiring centennial, Republican Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

At the celebration, Lott noted that his home state had voted for Thurmond and said that "if the rest of the country had followed

our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years, either."

Thurmond had campaigned as a vigorous advocate of racial segregation.

Lott's remarks, as well as revelations that Lott made similar comments in 1980, have roiled Washington during a traditional holi-

LOTT, Page A32

Inside Today

Aquarium fiscal woes

Boston's most popular tourist attraction pulls its \$11.6 million portfolio from the market as it scrambles to meet its lenders' requirements. **Business, B13.**

Features Classified

Comics	E20-21	Classified	B28
Crossword	E20	Autos	B35
Deaths	B25-27	Help Wanted	B32
Editorials	A38	Professional	B32
Horoscope	E20	Real Estate	B29
Lottery	B2	Apartments	B30
Movies	E10-11	Comm'l/Ind'l	B30
TV/Radio	B23-24	Market Basket	B34
		Yachts/Boats	C2

© Globe Newspaper Co.

For breaking news, updated Globe stories, and more, visit:

Boston.com



Musician Moby attacked outside rock club in Hub

By Christopher Muther
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Platinum-selling electronic musician Moby was attacked early yesterday morning outside the Paradise Rock Club, following a radio station-sponsored holiday concert where the 37-year-old self-described pacifist spoke out against aggression and violence.



MOBY
Puzzled by episode

According to police and witnesses, Moby, whose real name is Richard Melville Hall, was signing autographs outside the Commonwealth Avenue club in Brighton about 1 a.m. when he was approached by two men in their early 20s. One of the men, wearing a green hooded sweatshirt, punched Moby in the back of the head and on the right side of his face, breaking the singer's glasses and cutting and bruising his face.

When two security guards from the Paradise attempted to stop the attack, the assailants sprayed Moby, Moby's manager, and the two security guards with a mace-like

MOBY, Page A56

Rules outpace capacity at Boston INS

Security initiatives came without funding

By Cindy Rodríguez
GLOBE STAFF

They arrive under the glow of street lamps, before dawn, joining a daily queue of about 150 people that extends down the concrete steps of the John F. Kennedy Federal Building and around the corner.

The line at opening time has grown progressively longer over the past year as new, security-related regulations each month bring a new group of immigrants. Before Sept. 11, 2001, the Boston INS office saw 900 people a day. Now it's seeing more than 1,500.

So how is the Boston INS office handling the growing deluge of immigrants?

It's closing its doors earlier. The Public Information Room, the first stop for immigrants seeking everything from work authorization cards to citizenship applications, is now open just five hours a day, down from eight hours. In the spring, the hours were 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the summer, the closing



The predawn lines have been growing at the John F. Kennedy building, site of the Boston office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

time was moved up to 1 p.m. Now, it's been moved up again, to noon.

"It makes no sense," said Andre Sebaaly, a 34-year-old immigrant from Lebanon who waited three hours to see an immigration clerk Tuesday morning. "They should hire more people, or open another office."

The Boston office, where the staff still works a full day, closes early just to

assure that all who make it in by noon are processed by 5 p.m. This is a tough time for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a federal agency of 30,000 employees that has been barged by Congress and the Department of Justice with a flurry of new regulations following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

INS, Page B8