

The Boston Globe

DRIPPING DAISY

TODAY: Cloudy, showers likely, high 71-77
TOMORROW: Fog in a.m., clearing later, high 68-73
HIGH TIDE: 12:55 a.m., 1:12 p.m.
FULL REPORT: PAGE B12

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Church faulted on pace of probes

Lawyers for accused see little progress

By Walter V. Robinson and Stephen Kurkjian
GLOBE STAFF

It has been more than five weeks since Paul R. Edwards accused Monsignor Michael Smith Foster and the late Rev. William J. Cummings of sexually abusing him in the early 1980s. But in all that time, more than a dozen people who insist they have evidence that will disprove the accusation against Cummings say they have never been contacted by archdiocesan investigators.

Spotlight follow-up — “Obviously, if Paul has made a false claim against Father Cummings — false because the incident could not have happened — then it totally undermines his credibility on what he says about Monsignor Foster,” said Sharon Phinney, one of those witnesses.

The church’s failure to investigate the claim against Cummings is by no means an aberration: Two months since the Rev. Victor C. LaVoie was removed as pastor of St. Eulalia’s Church in Winchester for a single allegation of abuse that occurred 20 years ago, church officials have not sought to interview the alleged victim, according to Ronald A. Martignetti, LaVoie’s attorney.

The church, Martignetti said, has also turned aside his efforts to obtain information about the charges. He said the Rev. Sean M. Connor, the archdiocese’s lead investigator, referred him to Wilson D. Rogers Jr., the church attorney. But Martignetti said Rogers has not returned his calls.

And a lawyer for the Rev. Wil-
CHURCH, Page B4

PATRIOTS PULL ONE OUT



Despite squandering a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter yesterday at Gillette Stadium, New England beat Kansas City, 41-38, when Adam Vinatieri (center) kicked a 35-yard field goal in overtime. Vinatieri was congratulated by Lonie Paxton, left, and Ken Walter. **D1**

Arafat backers protest blockade

Israel halts demolition; world criticism mounts

By Colin Nickerson
GLOBE STAFF

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Thousands of Palestinians yesterday defied a sweeping military curfew and took to the streets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to show their rage as Israel pressed its siege of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat’s headquarters. Four protesters were killed by Israeli gunfire, while in Nablus, a 13-year-old died under disputed circumstances.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military late yesterday appeared to have called a halt — perhaps only temporary — to the demolition of the complex. The move was thought to be a conciliatory response to mounting international pressure, including from the United States, on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s government to end the dangerous confrontation. But while the bulldozers backed off, tanks and armored personnel carriers — their cannon snouts and machine-gun barrels pointed directly at Arafat’s command center — continued to occupy the smoldering wreckage as Israel dug in for what promises to be a long and risky standoff.

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo issued the Bush administration’s firmest criticism of the ongoing operation, saying “the Israeli actions . . . are not helpful in reducing the terrorist vio-

MIDEAST, Page A9

Lawmakers eye narrowing of Iraq resolution

By Robert Schlesinger
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — Several members of Congress said yesterday that the administration’s proposed resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq would allow President Bush to spread a conflict beyond that country.

“That’s much too broad,” said Senator Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee. “There’s no limit at all on presidential powers. . . . It’s not even limited to Iraq.”

Lawmakers who spoke publicly yesterday signaled that Congress will pass some resolution, but indicated they may narrow the focus to Iraq alone.

A phrase in the draft language sent to Congress by the White House would authorize the president to use all appropriate means to “restore international peace and security in the region.”

IRAQ, Page A8

Inside Today



‘Friends’ takes Emmy

The long-running series is named best comedy for the first time, and costar Jennifer Aniston (above) is chosen best actress. “West Wing” is honored as best drama, and Ray Romano, Doris Roberts, and Brad Garrett win for “Everybody Loves Raymond.” **Living/Arts, B7.**

Stem cell law

Contradicting federal limits, California enacts legislation to allow embryonic research. **Nation, A2**

Features Classified

Comics	A12-13	Classified	C6-12
Crossword	A12		D19-22
Deaths	D16-18	Autos	C6
Editorials	A14	Help Wanted	D20
Horoscope	A12	Professional	D20
Lottery	B2	Real Estate	D19
Movies	B10-11	Apartments	D19
TV/Radio	B5-6	Comm'l/Ind'l	D19
		Market Basket	D22
		Yachts/Boats	D13

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

Boston.com



Anthrax probe raises doubts on FBI

By Wayne Washington
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — On June 18, four FBI agents and a handful of senior staff aides to three US senators met in a hearing room at the Dirksen Senate Office Building and listened as a top US scientist alleged that investigators were not aggressively pursuing a possible suspect in the deadly anthrax mailings.

Even now, the questions linger: Has the FBI found the suspect? Or has there

been a rush to judgment?

The June briefing, given by Barbara Hatch Rosenberg, chairwoman of the Federation of American Scientists’ Chemical and Biological Arms Control Program, lasted for more than an hour, according to three congressional aides familiar with it. Months had gone by since someone stepped up the post-Sept. 11 fears by lacing letters with anthrax, but no arrests had been made.

Rosenberg did not mention former

government bioware scientist Steven J. Hatfill by name, but she told staff members that she believed the anthrax killer was a microbiologist who used to work at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., and that his government ties were protecting him.

After she left the room, the FBI agents forcefully denied to the congressional aides — some of whom worked for

HATFILL, Page A10

New UMass chancellor shifts focus in Amherst

By Patrick Healy
GLOBE STAFF

AMHERST — John V. Lombardi arrived here this summer with a mission: As University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger’s first hand-picked chancellor for the Amherst campus, he was charged with building the school into an ambitious institution that would match the state’s lofty reputation for higher education.

There was just one problem: The university was in chaos as a result of an unusual combination of problems.

Lombardi moved into the chancellor’s office in the midst of the harshest budget cuts in a decade, slow fund-raising, the loss of 15 percent of the faculty to early retirement, and a divisive debate about whether undergraduate workers should be allowed to unionize.

In the past two months, however, Lombardi and his aides have hired scores of teachers and swiftly settled the union dispute by agreeing to negotiate with the undergraduates — a first for a univer-

UMASS, Page A4

Fund-raising lags

The UMass Amherst endowment lags far behind several rival schools, all of which already have campus fund-raising foundations that UMass Amherst Chancellor John Lombardi plans to create. Endowment figures for the last two years:

University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2001	\$70.5m
	2002	\$72.2m
Rutgers University*	2001	\$362m
	2002	\$348m
University of Maryland, College Park	2001	\$277m
	2002	\$241m
Michigan State University	2001	\$756m
	2002	\$810m
University of Connecticut*	2001	\$209m
	2002	\$197m

*Foundations raise money for the main campus and the rest of the system, and do not break down endowment by campus.

SOURCE: The universities GLOBE STAFF GRAPHIC

‘A majority is a majority. If we have it, we will use it.’

CHANCELLOR GERHARD SCHROEDER

Schroeder hangs on in Germany

Chancellor holds thinned coalition, frayed ties to US

By Charles M. Sennott
GLOBE STAFF

BERLIN — In one of the closest elections in postwar Germany, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder’s government clung to power early today, but only barely and with a significantly reduced majority in Parliament.

With all votes counted, official results showed the Social Democrats and their coalition allies the Greens had won a combined 47.1 percent. The conservative challengers led by Bavarian governor Edmund Stoiber had 45.9 percent in a likely alliance with the Free Democrats.

Analysts say Schroeder won an American-style campaign, focused on personalities and driven by opinion polls. He played on rising anti-American sentiment among German voters by speaking out



Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder beamed in Berlin as early polls showed his coalition ahead in yesterday’s vote.

against the prospect of a US-led war in Iraq.

Observers here said that although Schroeder was successful in running on the anti-American platform, he will not be able to hide from damage to US-German relations nor from daunting challenges the country faces in turning around its slumping economy.

In Germany’s parliamentary system, it was the smaller parties that made the difference in this election.

The decisive victory among them was for the Greens. The Greens, for the past four years in coalition with the Social Democrats, or “Red” party, won 8.3

GERMANY, Page A7