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Bridge in need of major repairs

Fixing the Henderson Bridge, which connects Providence's East Side and East Providence, will cost \$50 million but the state can only afford \$3.3 million.

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PROVIDENCE — Another state bridge needs tens of millions of dollars in repairs, most of which the Department of Transportation can't afford immediately, the agency said yesterday.

The Henderson Bridge, which crosses the Seekonk River from Providence's East Side to East Providence and carries about 30,000 vehicles per day, is the latest in a series of bridges that need major repairs because of deterioration.

The DOT, meanwhile, has also awarded another bridge-repair contract for this construction season, for

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Iraqis find hardship, help in R.I.

Members of a refugee family are getting support to help them through a spate of bad luck, including a break-in at their apartment.

BY KAREN LEE ZINER
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PROVIDENCE — Seven months after an Iraqi refugee family received a warm welcome here, bad luck burst through the back door.

Make that bad luck on top of bad luck for Atheer Kiriacos Jajou, his wife, Baydaa Elshwaie, and their two children, who are the first Iraqi refugees resettled in Rhode Island since the 1990s.

In Iraq, where Jajou was imprisoned, beaten and tortured, they'd lived in constant fear, before fleeing to Turkey six years ago. Resettled last September through the

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CAMPAIGN 2008

Clinton, Obama debate issue of electability

BY JOHN M. BRODER
THE NEW YORK TIMES

PHILADELPHIA — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton went on the attack against Sen. Barack Obama on a variety of issues during a contentious debate last night, warning that he would be deeply vulnerable in a general-election fight if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

Helped along by the questioning of the moderators, Clinton cited several areas where Obama was vulnerable, including the incendiary remarks by his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr., and his service on a board with William Ayers, a former leader of the radical Weather Underground. She even cited the Louis Farrakhan, who has endorsed

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A CALL TO BIND WOUNDS



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Pope Benedict XVI and President Bush walk to the White House following an arrival ceremony on the South Lawn attended by 13,500 people yesterday. "Here in America," Mr. Bush told the pope, "you'll find a nation that welcomes the role of faith in the public square."

After a warm welcome at the White House, Pope Benedict XVI admonishes U.S. bishops over the handling of the sex abuse scandal



AP / HARAZ N. GHANBARI

Pope Benedict XVI arrives at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception yesterday.

For Tobin, a surreal setting and words that resonated

BY RICHARD C. DUJARDIN
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Fresh from listening to the pope speak in the downstairs crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin said last night he was moved and inspired by what Benedict XVI had to say to the nation's Catholic bishops.

"It was almost surrealistic being in that setting with the Holy Father," Bishop Tobin said. "As it turned out, I had a great seat, in the second row right behind the cardinals and had a great view and felt personally relating to him."

Although Benedict touched on many topics during his 35-minute address, one that caught the attention of many was his assessment of the priest sex-abuse crisis — remarks that didn't satisfy one Rhode Islander who had been abused by a former priest from West Warwick.

Addressing the leadership of the Catholic Church in America last night, the pontiff said he believed that the sexual-abuse scandal "some-

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BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN
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WASHINGTON — For the second time during his American journey, Pope Benedict XVI spoke yesterday of the shame of the sexual abuse of children by priests, telling the nation's Catholic bishops that the scandal in their church was "sometimes very badly handled."

"Many of you have spoken to me of the enormous pain that your communities have suffered when clerics have betrayed their priestly obligations and duties by such gravely immoral behavior," the pope said at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Benedict's remarks — five dense paragraphs near the close of a 20-paragraph address during a prayer service in the crypt of the domed shrine — were his toughest yet on the topic, although they fell short of what some victims wanted to hear about a crisis that has deeply wounded the church from New England to California.

The address sounded a grave note near the end of a day — Benedict's 81st birthday — that had begun in pageantry and brilliant sunshine on the South Lawn of the White House, where President Bush and a record

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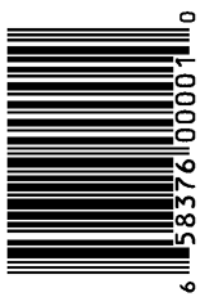
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Bishops listen to Pope Benedict XVI's address at the Basilica. Among the topics was clergy sex abuse.



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HOUSING PRICES, SALES FALL IN R.I.

A new report shows that prices and sales of single-family houses and condos in Rhode Island fell sharply during the first two months of this year. **F1**

COURT ALLOWS LETHAL INJECTIONS

States move swiftly to resume executions following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the constitutionality of a lethal-injection method used in Kentucky. **A2**

AN AGE DIFFERENCE

Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch says an unintended consequence of last year's decision to lower the age of suspects under Family Court jurisdiction is that his office has been seeking to prosecute more juveniles in adult courts. **B1**

YANKS OUTSLUG SOX

While Boston hitters tattooed Yankee pitchers for 14 hits, Red Sox pitchers were surrendering 16 hits to



Hideki Matsui and his New York teammates for a 15-9 loss at Yankee Stadium. **C1**