

Who's Your Buddy?

**The Life & Times of
Vincent Albert "Buddy" Cianci, Jr.**

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PA 762: Leadership Profile

Act I: Biography



- Italian-American
- Born April 30, 1941
- High School:
Moses Brown
- College:
Fairfield University
- Law School:
Marquette University

Act I: Early Career

- 1968 Lieutenant in the Army
- 1970 Prosecutor in Rhode Island's State Attorney General Office
- 1974 Elected as Mayor of Providence
 - Anti-corruption campaign
- US Senate bid
- 1980 Bid for Governor
- 1982 Independent



1975 Inauguration
(Providence Journal)



Act I: Personality Plus



- Charismatic and Media-Savvy
- Propensity for attending weddings, parades and other public events
- Would “attend the opening of an envelope”
- “Buddy” almost always used instead of legal name

Act I: Achievements

- The Providence Plan: inner-city revitalization of Providence
- 1994 City Livability Award
- 1996 America's Most Innovative Mayor
- Innovative legislation to grant tax exemptions for Providence Artists
- National Endowment for the Arts design award
- Restoration of the Arts



Act I: Marinara Mayhem

- Scholarship fund for Providence high school seniors
- Buddy Beer soon made by local brewery with proceeds being donated



Act I Finale: Outcomes

- Served as Mayor of Providence until 1984
- Served as Mayor a second time from 1991-2002
- Has distinction of being America's longest serving Mayor



Act II: The Mirror Has 2 Faces

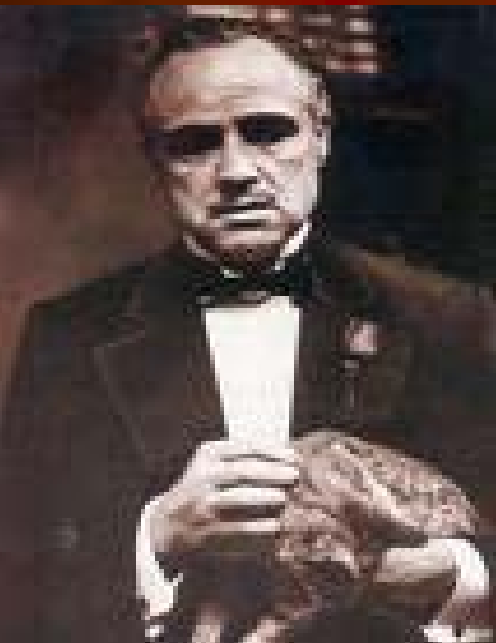


...or "Welcome to the Dark Side"





Act II: The Trouble with Buddy



Act II: Problems in Providence



- City Council
- Budget Crisis
 - City Services
 - Strikes
- Economic Downturn
- Pandemonium
- Corruption

Act II: Sloppy Seconds



Failed Gubernatorial Bid
Funding Fiascos

Striking Services

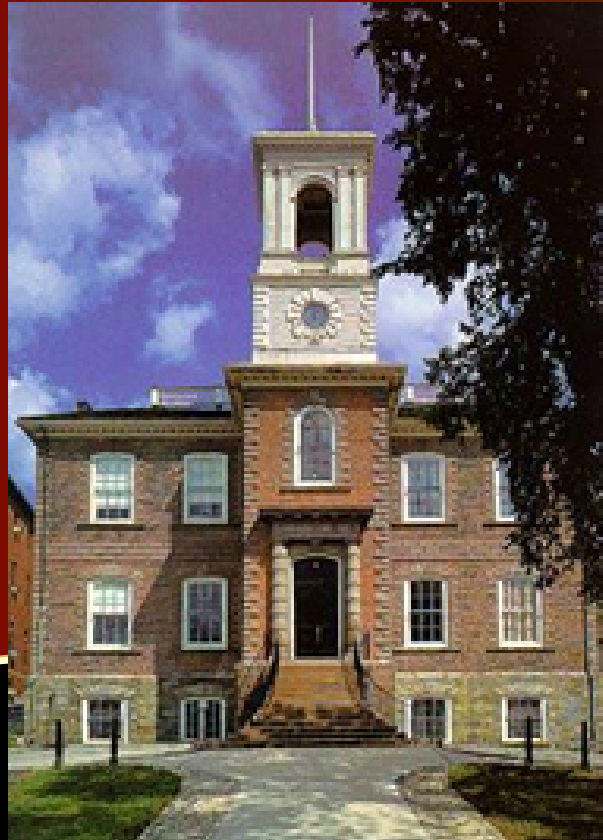
Mafia Connections

Kickbacks

Personal Problems

Busy Bee Construction Scam

Act II: Meeting with the Mayor



Scene 1: 1984



- US Attorney General Investigation
- Indicted, Cianci resigns from office
- Wife and victim claim innocence
- Radio Talk-show Host and TV commentator

Scene 2: 1990



Successful Re-election bid

Mayor for another 10 years

"He never stopped caring for Providence"

Finale: 2001 - Married to the Mob?

- Operation "Plunder Dome"
- 12 charges



- Convicted: conspiracy (running a corrupt criminal enterprise)
- Sentenced to 5 years in federal prison



Post-Verdict Press Conference
(Laurel Hill Films)

Lessons Learned

Toxic Leadership
Path Goal Theory

Directive	Supportive
Participative	Achievement Oriented

Spin-offs:

The sitcom

"Fast Times at Buddy Cianci, Jr. High" – *The Family Guy*

The book

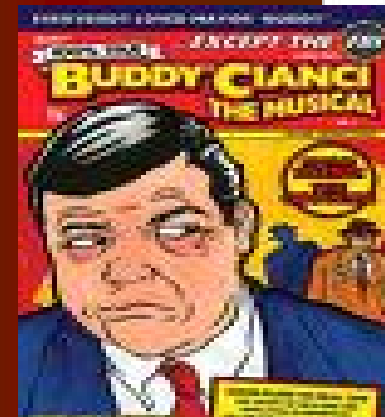
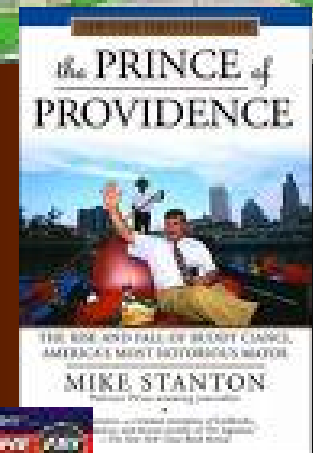
The Prince of Providence: The True Story of Buddy Cianci, America's Most Notorious Mayor, Some Wise guys, and the Feds

The play

Buddy Cianci – The Musical

The film

Buddy



BUDDY

A Film Produced and Directed by Cherry Arnold
Narrated By James Woods





Sequel?

Release Date

July 27, 2007...

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