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Boston exults, and the Babe rolls in his grave

Red Sox bury The Curse, win first World Series since 1918

ST. LOUIS
 "Four score and six years ago" doesn't have the lyrical ring you like in an opening line. Neither does, "31,458 days ago," or even "Back when Woodrow Wilson was president and trench warfare was all the rage . . ."

But however you say it, the basic truth remains. The Boston Red Sox have finally, and happily, completed their service as a cultural icon for failure, endurance and self-involvement. They became, for the first time since Sept. 11, 1918, the champions of baseball as we know it.

Ray Ratto

Posterity requires that we speak here of the one-hop come-backer from St. Louis Cardinal shortstop Edgar Renteria to pitcher Keith Foulke, who caught it and underhanded it egg-toss gently to first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz at 10:40 p.m. CST (Completed Streak Time), completing a 3-0 Boston victory, a four-game sweep of the National League champions and a four-generation burden finally laid to ground.

But the full picture is one of fathers bequeathing unto sons, mothers bestowing unto daughters and

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VINCENT LAFORET / New York Times

The Boston Red Sox are all bubbly in celebrating their World Series triumph over St. Louis.

Bush would give dam owners special access

Proposed Interior Dept. rule could mean millions for industry

By Blaine Harden
 WASHINGTON POST

SEATTLE — The Bush administration has proposed giving dam owners the exclusive right to appeal Interior Department rulings about how dams should be licensed and operated on U.S. rivers through a little-noticed regulatory tweak that could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the hydro-power industry.

The proposal would prevent states, Indian tribes and environmental groups from making their own appeals, while granting dam owners the opportunity to take their complaints — and suggested solutions — directly to senior political appointees in the Interior Department.

The proposal, which is subject to public comment

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Bewitching tower



FREDERIC LARSON / The Chronicle

A totally eclipsed moon transits San Francisco's Transamerica Pyramid Wednesday. The eclipse started at 6:14 p.m., just as the full moon rose from the East Bay hills. Totality began at 7:23 p.m., and the moon was cloaked entirely by Earth's shadow for the next 82 minutes. See story on Page B1.

CAMPAIGN 2004

Candidates spar over missing explosives

For first time in 3 days, Bush responds, says charges are wild

By John Wildermuth
 and Bob Egelko

CHRONICLE STAFF WRITERS

The fate of a missing cache of Iraqi explosives provided the sound bites Wednesday for President Bush and Sen. John Kerry while they zig-zagged the Midwest trying to find the right political road map to an Electoral College victory next week.

"Both sides are playing everywhere they can because it's a close race and because they can — money is no problem for either campaign, so they're spreading it around," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother. "It's too close to leave anything to chance."

The growing controversy over the 377 tons of high explosives missing from an Iraqi munitions dump during the early days of the war

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brought both campaigns out swinging.

"The missing explosives could very likely be in the hands of terrorists and insurgents who are actually attacking our forces now 80 times a

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Arab Americans could help sway crucial states

They're turning to Kerry in Ohio and Michigan

By Jonathan Curriel
 CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

DEARBORN, Mich. — Four years ago, Husham al-Husainy voted for George W. Bush as president. In the run-up to the Iraq war, al-Husainy even rallied in favor of the planned conflict and met at the Pentagon with Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

On Tuesday, however, al-Husainy will cast his ballot for Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. He said the continuing presence of U.S. troops in his native Iraq is inciting more bloodshed there, not less.

"I supported Bush's policy for liberation, not occupation," says Al-Husainy, sitting in the Karbala Islamic Education Center here,



Sources: ESRI, GDT The Chronicle

where he's the spiritual leader. "And we never supported a policy that kills Iraqis. No way. . . . We hope our vote can bring peace to Iraq and more stability to the region."

Al-Husainy is indicative of a

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In Pennsylvania, the race is on to mobilize voters

Close contest fuels frantic drive to get people to the polls

By Anna Badkhen
 CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

BLUE BELL, Pa. — Squinting at a list of voters through her gold-rimmed glasses, Martha Schneider, 72, picked up the phone to make her 82nd phone call of the morning.

"Do you mind telling me who

you're voting for?" Schneider said into the receiver. She listened, smiled and repeated the words she just heard on the other end of the line. "George Bush, of course." See you at the polls on Nov. 2? That's wonderful!

Schneider put down the receiver, then picked it up again to make call No. 83. At the desks around her, at the headquarters of the Bush election campaign in Blue Bell, seven other volunteers were on the phone, reminding registered Republicans in Montgomery County

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Discovery shakes up the human family tree

Dwarf hominids lived on island just 18,000 years ago

By Keay Davidson
 CHRONICLE SCIENCE WRITER

One of the most startling discoveries in the study of human origins — the uncovering of a vanished species of dwarf proto-hu-

mans who inhabited a Pacific island just 18,000 years ago — is being reported in today's issue of the journal Nature.

The partial skeleton of what appears to be a 3-foot-tall, adult female was uncovered during an archaeological excavation on the island of Flores in the Indonesian archipelago, Australian and Indonesian scientists write in the Nature article. All signs indicate that the little female was in normal

health and her diminutive size was not the result of a birth defect — and that similarly small hominids inhabited the same area and used surprisingly advanced stone tools, outside experts said Wednesday.

"This is about discovering a lost world instead of creating it from science fiction," said UC Berkeley paleoanthropologist Tim White, who was not connected with the discovery. "It really existed!

(George) Lucas didn't make these creatures up! These are real relatives that nearly lasted to co-exist with us."

The 19th century pioneers of evolutionary theory, Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin, "would have been absolutely delighted with this discovery," White added. "I think this will become one of the classic examples of human evolution."

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 A Federal Reserve report paints a generally positive picture of an expanding economy. **C1**

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 Designing the new Jewish Museum will test the talent of "starchitect" Daniel Libeskind. **E1**

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