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Palestinian leader's health declining. A4



## BIODEGRADABLE WATER BOTTLES

Colorado businessman comes up with a corn-based container. Metro

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## Missing weapons pervade speeches

President takes on Kerry's accusations

LOS ANGELES TIMES

**PONTIAC, Mich.** • President Bush fought Wednesday to contain the political fallout from a cache of missing military explosives in Iraq, accusing Democratic challenger John Kerry of making "wild charges" and maligning U.S. forces.

**INSIDE AD EXCESS:** You're not the only one fed up with political commercials. **A5**

**FISSION:** Candidates are sharply divided on issue of nuclear weapons. **A6**

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knowing the facts. "Unfortunately that's part of a pattern of saying anything it takes to get elected," Bush said during a campaign stop in Vienna, Ohio.

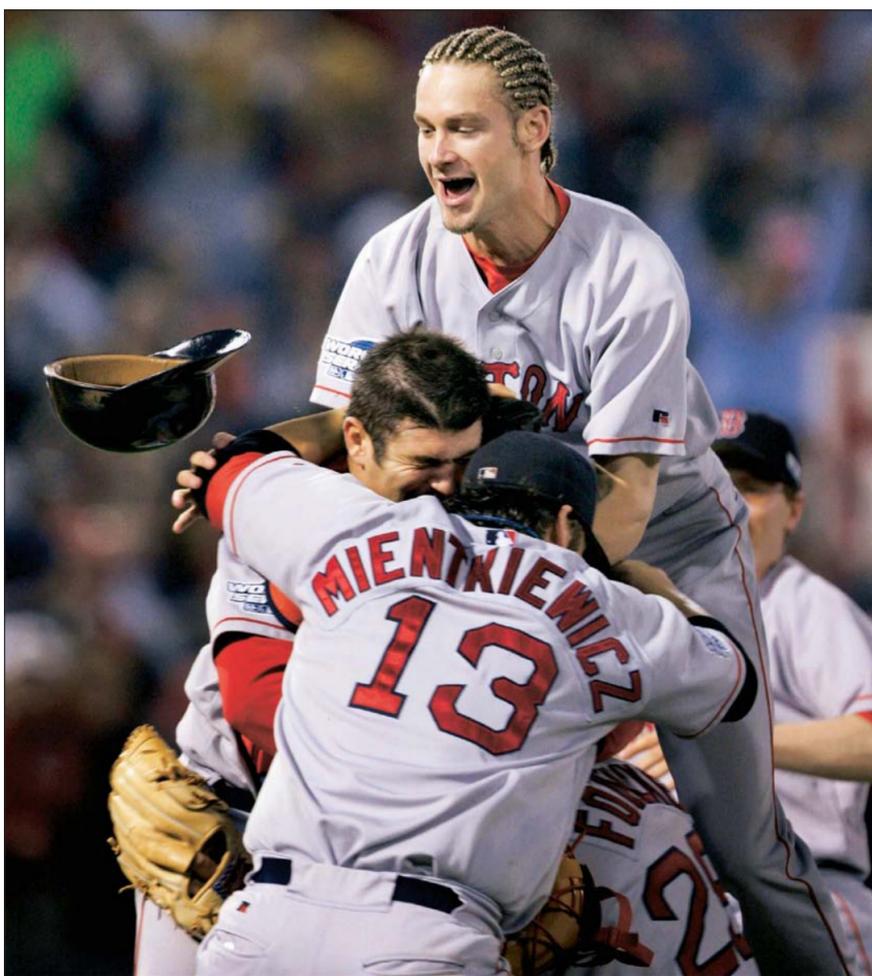
The president, breaking two days of silence on the issue, said military authorities are investigating a number of explanations, including the possibility that Saddam Hussein removed the explosives before coalition troops arrived there.

Kerry, in turn, said the president is "dodging and bobbing and weaving" to avoid responsibility for the failure of coalition forces to secure the bunker full of explosives after the fall of

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# BELIEVE IT



**THE JOY OF SOX:** Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Bronson Arroyo leaps on top of teammates

Wednesday after the Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series.

## RED SOX ARE (GASP!) CHAMPS

By DAN SHAUGHNESSY  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

ST. LOUIS

The sprawling Red Sox Nation finally can exhale. The Boston Red Sox are world champs.

No more Curse of the Bambino. No more taunts of "1918."

The 2004 Red Sox won the World Series Wednesday night, completing a four-game sweep

of the St. Louis Cardinals with a 3-0 victory. Playing 1,042 miles from Fenway Park, the Sox won it all for the first time in 86 frustrating seasons.

The Red Sox are champions because they engineered the greatest comeback in baseball history when they won four straight games against the hated Yankees in the American League Championship Series. It was a baseball epic, an event for the ages that put the Red Sox into a

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## CC death followed day of partying

Students smoked pot, drank alcohol

By BRIAN NEWSOME  
THE GAZETTE

Colorado College students Anna Hardman and Amanda "Mandy" Morrison were in a good mood after an afternoon of smoking pot and an evening of drinking in her dorm room.

Hardman was downloading music on the computer. Morrison was straddling the window, calling to someone below.

Then Hardman heard Morrison call her name.

Hardman turned and saw a hands clasping the window ledge where Morrison had been sitting. Hardman tried to pull her friend back in, but eventually Morrison's nails scratched down her arm and a short section of roof and disappeared.

From the playing fields below, student Evan Martz heard screams. He looked up to see Hardman struggling to pull Morrison in. Martz saw Hardman lose her grip.

A police report paints a grim picture of what

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**AMANDA MORRISON:** Held onto ledge before falling.

## State will tighten rules for dentists to restrain kids

By CARY LEIDER VOGRIN  
THE GAZETTE

**DENVER** • The practice of strapping children to boards in dental offices will be restricted, a state board decided Wednesday.

Starting Jan. 1, kids can't be restrained on "papoose boards" unless a dentist has considered all other less-restrictive attempts to manage the child's behavior. The rules also say if boards are used, the dentist must document, in the patient's record, the reason for the use.

A committee appointed by the Colorado Board of Dental Examiners drafted the restraint policy after The Gazette analyzed state



**DR. MICHAEL DeROSE:** Opposed parts of rule change.

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## SKY SHOW



DAVID BITTON, THE GAZETTE

**MOON SHADOW:** Clouds partially blocked Colorado Springs' view of Wednesday's lunar eclipse, but patient sky-gazers got glimpses of the reddish shadow of the Earth on the moon.

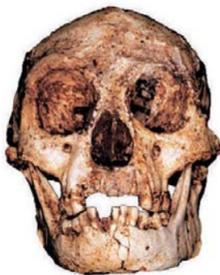
## Man's little cousins found

3-foot-tall people challenge beliefs of how humans evolved

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

**WASHINGTON** • A miniature, long-lost relative of modern humans has been discovered, shaking up science's view of how people evolved on Earth.

Scientists, who unearthed her after 18,000 years, nicknamed her Hobbit, after the short characters who starred in "Lord of the Rings." She stood 3 feet tall with a brain the size of a grapefruit. Yet she was smart enough to use tools, boats and probably language, and likely hunted



**HOBBIT'S HEAD:** The skull of Homo floresiensis.

pygmy elephants. She's being called a strange new species of human.

Scientists found Hobbit and six other skeletons of this lost species on Flores, a remote Indonesian island, according to a study to be published today in the journal Nature.

The discovery means that about 50,000 years ago, there were four species of humans roaming the Earth at the same time: Homo sapiens (modern humans), Homo erectus, Neander-

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