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SWEPT AWAY



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■ Boston Red Sox players celebrate after beating the St. Louis Cardinals, 3-0, in Game 4 to sweep the World Series Wednesday night in St. Louis.

SOX END THE 'CURSE' WITH SERIES VICTORY

By DAN SHAUGHNESSY
The Boston Globe

ST. LOUIS
THEY DID IT FOR THE OLD folks in Presque Isle, Maine, and White River Junction, Vt. They did it for the baby boomers in North Conway, N.H., and Groton, Mass. They did it for the kids in Central Falls, R.I., and Putnam, Conn. While church bells rang in small New England towns and horns honked on the crowded streets of the Hub, the 2004 Red Sox Wednesday night won the World Series, completing a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with a 3-0 victory on the strength of seven innings of three-hit pitching by Derek Lowe. Playing 1,042 miles from Fenway Park, the Sox won it all for the first time in 86 long and frustrating seasons.

New England and a sprawling Nation of fans can finally exhale. The Red Sox are world champs. No more Curse of the Bambino. No more taunts of "1918." The suffering souls of Bill Buckner, Grady Little, Mike Torrez, Johnny Pesky, Denny Galehouse and the rest are released from Boston Baseball's Hall of Pain. 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 World Series that was profoundly anti-climactic. En route to eight consecutive postseason wins, the Sons of Tito Francona simply destroyed a Cardinal team that won a major

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HE LIVED AND DIED A RED SOX FAN

'Go Sox' The Last Words Of Mohegan Elder Donnell Hamilton's Obituary

By KAREN FLORIN
Day Staff Writer

MONTVILLE
IF 1918 AND 2004 ARE YEARS OF destiny for the Boston Red Sox, so too were they for Donnell "Rocky" Hamilton, a Mohegan tribal elder who died Oct. 10. Hamilton was born in 1918, the last year the Sox won the World Series before the Curse of the Bambino gripped the team for the remainder of the century. His hero, Sox slugger Ted Williams, was also born that year. The team's long dry spell lasted the duration of his 86 years, but Hamilton kept the faith, trekking to Fenway Park as a child, a young man

and an elder to cheer on his Sox. He wore a variety of team paraphernalia, including jackets, shirts and a lapel pin. He even went to Dod Stadium regularly to support the Trenton Thunder when they were Boston's Class AA affiliate. Hamilton, who had been ill, died two days before Boston began its now legendary American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees. His grandson, Dominick Cristello, had been visiting him regularly at The William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, updating him on the Sox' progress up until the day before he died. See **'ROCKY'** page A8

Signs Point To Major U.S. Push On Fallujah

City leaders given warning as military moves escalate

By ROBERT H. REID
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Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

Baghdad, Iraq — An uptick in airstrikes and other military moves points to an imminent showdown between U.S. forces and Sunni Muslim insurgents west of Baghdad — a decisive battle that could determine whether the campaign to bring democracy and stability to Iraq can succeed. American officials have not confirmed a major assault is near against the insurgent bastions of Fallujah and neighboring Ramadi. But Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has warned Fallujah leaders that force will be used if they do not hand over extremists, including terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. A similar escalation in U.S. military actions and Iraqi government warnings occurred before a major offensive in Najaf forced militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to give up that holy city in late August. And U.S. and Iraqi troops retook Samarra from insurgents early this month. Now U.S. airstrikes on purported al-Zarqawi positions in three neighborhoods of eastern and northern Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, have increased. And residents reported this week that Marines appeared to be reinforcing forward positions near key areas of the city. Other military units are on the move, including 800 British soldiers headed north to

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Sullivan's hopes pinned largely on Democratic vote

2nd District candidate will need strong turnout, expert contends

By TED MANN
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Democrat Jim Sullivan

The Democrat is courting a crucial bloc: Democrats. Both candidates for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District speak often of the unaffiliated and independent voters who may decide this race, but challenger Jim Sullivan's hopes to unseat Rep. Rob Simmons may rest chiefly with his ability to win — and win convincingly — in his party's traditional strongholds in the eastern half of Connecticut. The success or failure of Sullivan's campaign will likely depend on his ability to draw strong turnout in the district's solidly Democratic towns, said Christopher Barnes, the director of development at the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy and an expert on the state's voting trends. Rather than focus on the towns that flipped in 2000 to support Simmons after previously backing former Rep. Sam Gejdenson, Barnes said, the campaign will need to provoke an enthusiastic response in a core group of municipalities. Many of those — like Windham, Killingly and Vernon — are in the north or center of the sprawling district. See **SULLIVAN** page A11

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entertainment this week

Very Verdi

The Garde Arts Center begins this year's opera series tonight with 'La Traviata.'



MUSIC: New London gets its own music festival, with rock resounding Friday at the Crocker House Ballroom.

Twista, a record-holding rapper, hits Foxwoods.

EVENTS: Moussaka and so much more at St. Sophia's Greek Food Festival.

STAGE: Flock Theatre's 'Macbeth' revels in toil and trouble.

NEWS

New Appeal
Kidnapped British aid worker Margaret Hassan, right, makes another plea for her life in a video aired by Al-Jazeera television. **A2**



WEATHER

Sunny, Mid-50s
Today, sunny skies and comfortable. High about 55. Friday, mostly cloudy and cool. High around 57. **B12**

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