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**Today:** Partly sunny, cool.  
High 60. Low 47.  
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## Missing Munitions Become Focus of Presidential Race

By DANA MILBANK  
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LITITZ, Pa., Oct. 27—The disappearance of nearly 400 tons of explosives in Iraq dominated the presidential race for a third straight day on Wednesday, as Democratic nominee John F. Kerry accused President Bush of evading responsibility and the Republican said Kerry was making unsubstantiated charges.

Kerry, traveling in Iowa, scrapped plans to talk about domestic policy to accuse Bush of trying to cover up the failure to secure the explosives in Iraq. "This is a growing scandal and the American people deserve a full and honest explanation of how it happened and what the president is going to do about it," Kerry told supporters in Sioux City. Instead, he said, "we're seeing this White House dodging and bobbing and weaving ... just as they've done each step of the way in our involve-

ment in Iraq."

Bush, breaking two days of silence on the issue, told supporters at a rally here that Kerry was making "wild charges" about the missing munitions and was "denigrating the action of our troops and commanders in the field without knowing the facts."

"Our military is now investigating a number of possible scenarios, including that the explosives may have been moved before our troops even arrived at the site," Bush said, adding: "A political candidate who jumps to conclusions without knowing the facts is not a person you want as your commander in chief."

That Bush addressed the issue at all—on Tuesday he only glared at a reporter who inquired about the matter—reflected the prominence

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## Judge Rebuffs GOP Effort To Contest Voters in Ohio

By JO BECKER  
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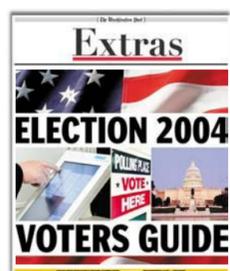
A U.S. District Court judge yesterday effectively ended efforts by Republicans in Ohio to challenge the eligibility of tens of thousands of voters in one of the most closely contested states in this year's presidential race.

Judge Susan J. Dlott in Cincinnati issued an order preventing local election boards from going forward with plans to notify challenged voters and hold hearings until she hears legal arguments tomorrow. But because her ruling means that those election board hearings cannot take place

within the time frame state law requires before the election, Dlott's ruling killed the GOP effort that had targeted 35,000 voters, Democratic and Republican party officials said.

David Sullivan, director of the Democratic Party's Voter Protection Program in Ohio, praised the ruling and said the GOP was never able to offer proof that the challenged voters are ineligible. "The Republican assault on tens of thousands of Ohio voters was an unprecedented effort to intimidate voters, especially minorities, but it has backfired," he said.

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### Voters Guide 2004

In today's Extras, you'll find candidate biographies, campaign stories and a guide to electronic voting and poll hours.  
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### Pollsters' Big Question

Do declining response rates and two Election Day debacles spell the end of the political poll as we know it?  
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Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe celebrates after striking out John Mabry to end the seventh inning of Boston's World Series-winning victory in St. Louis. Boston beat the Cardinals 3-0 to complete a four-game sweep.

## The Red Sox, Cursed No More Boston Celebrates First Championship Since Ruth

By JONATHAN FINER  
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BOSTON, Oct. 27—Standing in the cold in Kenmore Square just before midnight, Ashwin Duggal knew the end was near only because of a phone call from his girlfriend. "One out away," he shouted to the crowd assembled beside Fenway Park moments before the Red Sox, who were playing the St. Louis Cardinals halfway across the country, closed out a 3-0 victory to win their first World Series since 1918.

Flush with a feeling that has

eluded fans here for 86 years, hordes of Bostonians—who can no longer be described as "long-suffering," as they were hundreds of times in news articles and television reports this week—streamed into the streets. They belloped at the sky and embraced total strangers, reveling in their victory.

"Aside from having kids and getting married, this will be the greatest moment of my life," Duggal, 20, a lifelong Bostonian, said as he lighted a victory cigar.

Mike McLaughlin, 23, of Wilton, Conn., fell to his knees and

kissed the pavement as dozens of riot police looked on.

The celebration began early, when center fielder Johnny Damon gave the Red Sox a lead they would not relinquish by leading off the game with a home run.

It was a night when children across New England stayed up past their bedtimes to see something rarer than a glimpse of Halley's comet. Senior citizens, most of whom were too young to remember the last Red Sox championship, camped out

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## Arafat Seriously Ailing, Aides Say International Team Of Doctors Treating Palestinian Leader

By MOLLY MOORE  
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RAMALLAH, West Bank, Oct. 28—Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was suffering from a serious illness early Thursday and undergoing treatment by a team of international doctors at the battered headquarters compound where he has been confined for more than two years, according to Palestinian officials.

Arafat, 75, has been sick for about a week and has been examined and treated by doctors from Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan. Doctors and aides have described his illness variously as a severe flu, an intestinal infection and gallstones. Earlier this week, doctors said he underwent an endoscopy to examine his digestive tract.

Israeli intelligence officials have speculated that he has stomach or colon cancer, which Palestinian officials have denied.

Dozens of reporters were gathered outside Arafat's compound Thursday morning as rumors spread that he was going to be transferred to a local hospital. Palestinian television stations were airing testimonials to the leader as grim-faced and tight-lipped members of the Palestinian legislature circulated in and out of the compound. Most refused comment.

"Everything you hear is rumor," said Gazi Hanania, deputy speaker of the legislature. "President Arafat is sleeping."

Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, told reporters that the Palestinian leader was "in stable condition, but he is still in need of more rest and more medical care." He would not discuss the nature of

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Yasser Arafat is 75 years old.

## U.S. Barred From Forcing Troops to Get Anthrax Shots

By MARC KAUFMAN  
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The Defense Department must immediately stop inoculating troops with anthrax vaccine, a federal judge ruled yesterday, saying that the Food and Drug Administration acted improperly when it approved the experimental injections for general use.

Concluding that the FDA violated its own rules by approving the vaccine late last year, U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan said the mandatory vaccination program—which has inoculated more than 1.2 million troops since 1998—is "illegal."

Sullivan said that his ban on involuntary vaccination will remain in place until the FDA reviews the anthrax vaccine properly or until President Bush determines that the normal process must be waived because of emergency circumstances.

The Defense Department has required many troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to be vaccinated, and it has punished and sometimes court-martialed those who refused. The Pentagon expanded its anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs in July to include troops stationed in South Korea and other areas in Asia and Africa, despite complaints from some service members that the anthrax vaccine made them sick.

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#### Hope Fades for Deal on Intelligence Bill

Key congressional negotiators for a restructuring of the intelligence community gave up hope for a compromise by Election Day. Some lawmakers said a compromise may not be possible by a mid-November lame-duck session of Congress.  
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#### Remains of Tiny Human Species Found

Scientists have discovered on a Pacific island the remains of a species of three-foot-tall humans who lived 18,000 years ago and coexisted with modern humans.  
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A skull of Homo floresiensis, left, found on Flores Island, and one of a modern human.

#### Walk to FedEx

Prince George's County did not have authority to close five popular pedestrian walkways around FedEx Field, a county panel rules.  
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#### Va. Joins E-ZPass

Virginia has joined its electronic toll program, Smart Tag, with the system that serves several other East Coast states.  
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#### Titanic Sights

Images beamed by the Cassini spacecraft gave scientists their first close-up look at the icy surface of Titan, Saturn's largest moon.  
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## Cost Estimate on Stadium Jumps

### D.C. Analysis Says Price of Deal Could Rise \$91 Million

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The cost of building a baseball stadium and renovating Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium could be \$91 million more than city officials initially estimated, according to an analysis released last night by the District's chief financial officer.

In an eight-page letter to D.C. Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp (D), Natwar M. Gandhi said the total cost of the stadium package could reach \$486.2 million, not the

\$395 million stated in the agreement between the District and Major League Baseball.

The additional costs are in three areas: \$50 million for improvements to roads, sewers and Metro; \$11 million more than estimated to renovate RFK; and \$30 million more than estimated for contingency funds for likely cost overruns.

"As a result of the increase in project costs, more money will have to be borrowed and debt service will increase," Gandhi wrote.

Gandhi's figure does not include an additional \$40 million in financ-

ing costs, which would put his estimate for the total package at about \$530 million. City officials have estimated the total at \$440 million.

Under a pact with Major League Baseball, which intends to move the Montreal Expos to Washington in the spring, Mayor Anthony A. Williams (D) has agreed to build the stadium through a gross-receipts tax on large businesses, a tax on stadium concessions and an annual rent payment by the team.

Gandhi estimated that the city

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## Proposal Restricts Appeals on Dams

### Administration Plan Could Help Hydropower Firms Avoid Costs

By BLAINE HARDEN  
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SEATTLE, Oct. 27—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 American rivers, through a little-noticed regulatory tweak that could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the hydropower 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 solu-

tions—directly to senior political appointees in the Interior Department.

The proposal, which is subject to public comment but can be approved by the administration without congressional involvement, would use the president's rule-making power to circumvent opposition to the idea among Senate Democrats. They killed an administration-backed energy bill that included similar language, for which the hydropower industry had lobbied.

The proposed rule comes at a pivotal time in the history of the hydropower industry. Most privately owned dams were built—and granted 30-to-50-year federal licenses—in

an era before federal environmental laws required protection for fish and other riverine life. In the next 15 years, licenses for more than half of the country's privately owned dams will come up for renewal.

The hydropower industry has complained that to comply with the law and renew their licenses with the Federal Energy Regulatory

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