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Red Sox sweep World Series



The Boston Red Sox celebrate early today after defeating the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 to win Game 4 of the World Series at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Story, Page D1

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Campaign's endgame in full swing

Bush appeals to Democratic voters; Kerry says Republican 'doesn't get it'

LITITZ, Pa. (AP) — President Bush summoned support from Democrats whose "dreams and goals are not found in the far left wing" of their own party on Wednesday in a late-campaign appeal for crossover votes. Sen. John Kerry said that when it comes to Iraq, the man in the White House "doesn't get it, and he can't fix it."

Bush has made a habit of "dodging and bobbing and weaving" when it comes to tons of missing explosives outside Baghdad, added the four-term Massachusetts senator, and Vice President Dick Cheney "is becoming the Chief Minister of Disinformation."

The president accused his rival of "wild charges" unbecoming a man with ambitions for the Oval Office.

Six days before the election, the president and his Democratic

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challenger appeared before large late-October crowds as their aides and outside groups made strategic adjustments for the campaign's endgame.

Bush's high command put extra money into television com-

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Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, greet the crowd Wednesday during a campaign stop at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington County. Story, **A11**

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Jurors in Tatar case are being advised of possible punishments

BY RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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Jurors chosen to hear evidence in the death penalty case against an Armstrong County man accused of starving his 4-year-old daughter to death last year will know up front that if convicted of the most serious crime charged he likely will never be freed from prison.

Prospective jurors in the case against James A. Tatar are being told that if he is convicted of first-degree murder he could receive a death sentence or a penalty of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Tatar, 42, of Parks Township,

Armstrong County, is accused of locking his daughter, Kristen, in the attic of the family home for several days without food or water.

Kristen died in early July, and authorities contend that Tatar and the girl's mother, Janet L. Crawford, wrapped the child's body in newspaper, covered it with a plastic garbage bag and stuffed it in a picnic cooler, where it remained undiscovered for about a month near a back yard shed.

Armstrong County prosecutors have said they will seek the death penalty against Tatar if he

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Last-minute flu clinic creates a stir

BY JENNIFER REEGER
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They came in droves — like teenagers lining up for a rock concert.

Many drove there in their own cars or hitched a ride with a relative. Some came in vans from their personal care homes.

Most of the folks lined up at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton, near Greensburg, didn't expect this was how they would spend part of their day on Wednesday.

In fact, most of them didn't think they would be able to get a flu shot at all.

"I dropped everything and came."

RITA DUNLAP
GREENSBURG RESIDENT

Rita Dunlap, 75, of Greensburg, got a call "out of the blue" from a neighbor who said there was a flu shot clinic at the hotel. "I dropped everything and came," she said.

The clinic — which originally was planned for yesterday, then canceled because of the flu vaccine shortage and then reinstated at the last minute, was

part of the Health and Education Expo 2004.

The event is sponsored by the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, Westmoreland Human Opportunities Inc., the Westmoreland Health and Welfare Council and the county commissioners.

The flu shots were administered by Maxim Health Systems,

which had canceled all of its clinics at retail locations, such as Giant Eagle and Eckerd, as of Oct. 17. But the company said on its Web site that it would continue to "conduct special clinics set up for high-risk individuals with its remaining supply."

And those receiving flu shots yesterday were at high-risk. Most, if not all, of the people in line yesterday at the Sheraton were senior citizens. But all of them had to fill out an assessment form to make sure they fit the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Americans growing up and out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are getting a little taller and a lot fatter.

Adults are roughly an inch taller than they were in the early 1960s, on average, and nearly 25 pounds heavier, the government reported Wednesday.

The nation's expanding waistline has been well documented, though yesterday's report is the first to quantify it based on how many pounds the average person is carrying.

The reasons are no surprise: more fast food, more television and less walking around the neighborhood, to name a few. Earlier this year, researchers reported that obesity fueled by poor diet and lack of activity threatens to overtake tobacco use as the leading preventable cause of death.

In 1960-62, the average man weighed 166.3 pounds. By 1999-2002, the average had reached 191

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Signs point to showdown with insurgents in Iraq

The objective would be to restore government control in time for the January elections.

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■ Two Navy SEALs face court-martial proceedings for allegedly assaulting a detainee who died at the Abu Ghraib prison • **A4**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An uptick in airstrikes and other military moves point 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 be-

fore 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 the U.S.-controlled zone.

The goal of an attack would be to restore government control in time for national elections by the end of January. However, an all-out assault on the scale of April's siege of Fallujah would carry enormous risk — both political and military — for the Americans and their Iraqi allies.

A series of policy mistakes by the U.S. military and the Bush administration have transformed Fallujah from a shabby, dusty backwater known regionally for mosques and tasty kebabs into a symbol of Arab pride and defiance of the United States throughout the Islamic world.

A videotape obtained Tuesday by Associated Press Television News featured a warning by masked gunmen that if Fallujah is subjected to an all-out assault, they will strike "with weapons and military tactics" that the Americans and their allies "have not experienced before."

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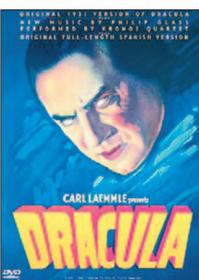


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