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Heading west 2 games up

Sox, Schilling
beat Cardinals,
6-2, in Game 2

By Dan Shaughnessy
GLOBE STAFF

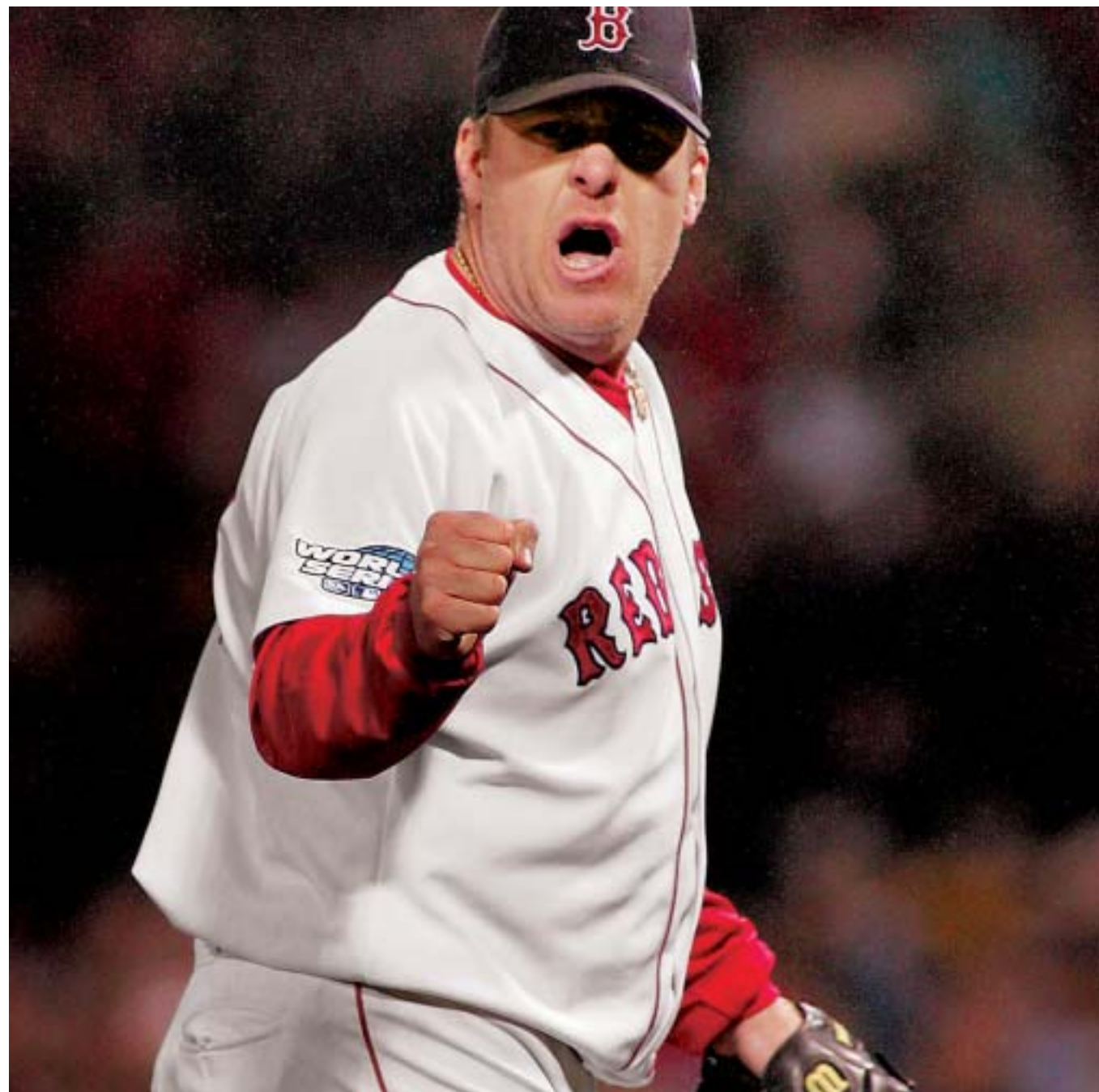
It might have been the last Fenway Park game of the magical 2004 season. And if it was, there'll be a parade in Boston sometime before Election Day . . . perhaps the grandest celebration in 374 years of Hub history.

Curt Schilling, the gifted, gritty veteran who has given a whole new meaning to red sock, last night hurled Boston's Laughing Gas House Gang to a 6-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the second game of the World Series. The Red Sox lead the best-of-seven series 2-0, and if they can win twice in the next three days at Busch Stadium, the Sox will have their first World Series championship since 1918.

In other words, put pink champagne on ice, but keep it corked. The Cardinals were 53-28 at home this year (plus 6-0 in the playoffs) and Red Sox Nation would do well to remember 1986, when the Sox won the first two games of the World Series at Shea Stadium only to lose four of the last five to the New York Mets. This is the Sox's first World Series since that fateful event.

The 37-year-old Schilling, who said he came to Boston to win a World Series, pitched six innings of four-hit, one-run (unearned) ball, working again while blood seeped into the white sanitary hose that covered his sutured right ankle. The surgical procedure, de-

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Curt Schilling pumped his fist after finishing his six-inning stint, in which he allowed four hits and no earned runs.

GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/BARRY CHIN

Militants kill Iraqi troops in ambush

US diplomat is slain
in mortar attack

By Robert H. Reid
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — In their boldest and deadliest ambush yet, insurgents waylaid three minibuses carrying US-trained Iraqi soldiers heading home on leave and massacred about 50 of them — forcing many to lie on the ground and shooting them in the head, officials said yesterday.

Some accounts by police said the rebels were dressed in Iraqi military uniforms.

The killing of so many Iraqi soldiers — unarmed and in civilian clothes — in such an apparently sure-footed operation reinforced American and Iraqi suspicions that the country's security services have been infiltrated by insurgents.

►UN envoy to Iraq says US invasion in Fallujah could further divide nation. A7.

A claim of responsibility posted on an Islamist website attributed the attack to followers of Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Elsewhere, a US diplomat was killed yesterday morning when a rebel-fired rocket or mortar shell crashed into the trailer where he was sleeping at an American base near the Baghdad International Airport, the US Embassy announced.

Edward Seitz, 41, an agent with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, was believed to be the first US diplomat killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. Al-Jazeera television reported yesterday that the militant Islamic Army of Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack.

A Bulgarian soldier was killed and two others were injured in a car-bombing near Karbala, the Bulgarian Defense Ministry said. Karbala, a Shi'ite holy city south of Baghdad, has been quiet for months after US troops routed Shi'ite militia there last spring.

The Iraqi soldiers were killed on their way home after completing a training course at the Kirkush military camp northeast of Baghdad when their buses were stopped Saturday

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Man says police pellets hit him, 2 others



PAUL GATELY
Tells of wounds

By Donovan Slack
GLOBE STAFF

Pepper pellets struck three people in the face when officers fired the rounds into rambunctious crowds early Thursday after the Sox clinched the American League pennant, according to one of those shot. As of last night, police officials had released information about only one, 21-year-old Victoria Snel-

grove, who died after she was hit in the eye.

A pepper pellet tore a dime-sized hole in the cheek of 24-year-old Cambridge resident Paul Gately, who said he was taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he saw Snelgrove and another, unidentified man who was shot in the forehead.

"I want to get the word out that

those weapons are not as harmless as people think," said Gately, who had been climbing the beams under the Green Monster at Fenway Park when he was shot.

Police offered no explanation yesterday for why they had not disclosed that two other people besides Snelgrove had been hit in the face last week, but said an investi-

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Far-flung fans

From Washington to St. Louis to Seattle, Red Sox faithful find support and kindred spirits. **A3.**

Assessing rowdiness

Psychologists say dangerous behavior is rooted in the psyche, culture, and biology. **B1.**

Two-game numbers

The Sox have made eight errors and left 21 men on base, trends they do not want to continue. **C1.**

Latinos are a disparate swing bloc

Major impact
expected at polls

By Susan Milligan
GLOBE STAFF

PUEBLO, Colo. — For Mexican-American Samuel Attias, the presidential race comes down to security. And in the Denver bank employee's mind, President Bush is the man who will keep potential terrorists at bay.

"I think [John] Kerry is a 9/10 person, and Bush is a 9/12 person. He realizes what is the importance of 9/11," said Attias, a 41-year-old former Democrat who reregistered as a Republican. "Kerry doesn't realize that. He thinks he can get foreign [governments] to fight for him."

Thousands of miles and two time zones away in Miami, Cuban-American Tessie Aral, also a Republican, said she can't vote for Bush. She said he has done a poor job handling Iraq and the econ-



Elmer Martinez, of North Hollywood, Calif., waited to register to vote with his 3-year-old daughter, Joana.

omy. "The final straw," Aral said, was Bush's new Cuba travel policy, which severely restricts family visits to Cuba. "This division of the Hispanic family is really important to me," said Aral, a 47-year-

old travel-business owner who voted for Bush in 2000.

This is the look of the 2004 Latino vote: a disparate group of Americans united by language, but not by politics. While Hispanic

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School lunch bill targets obesity

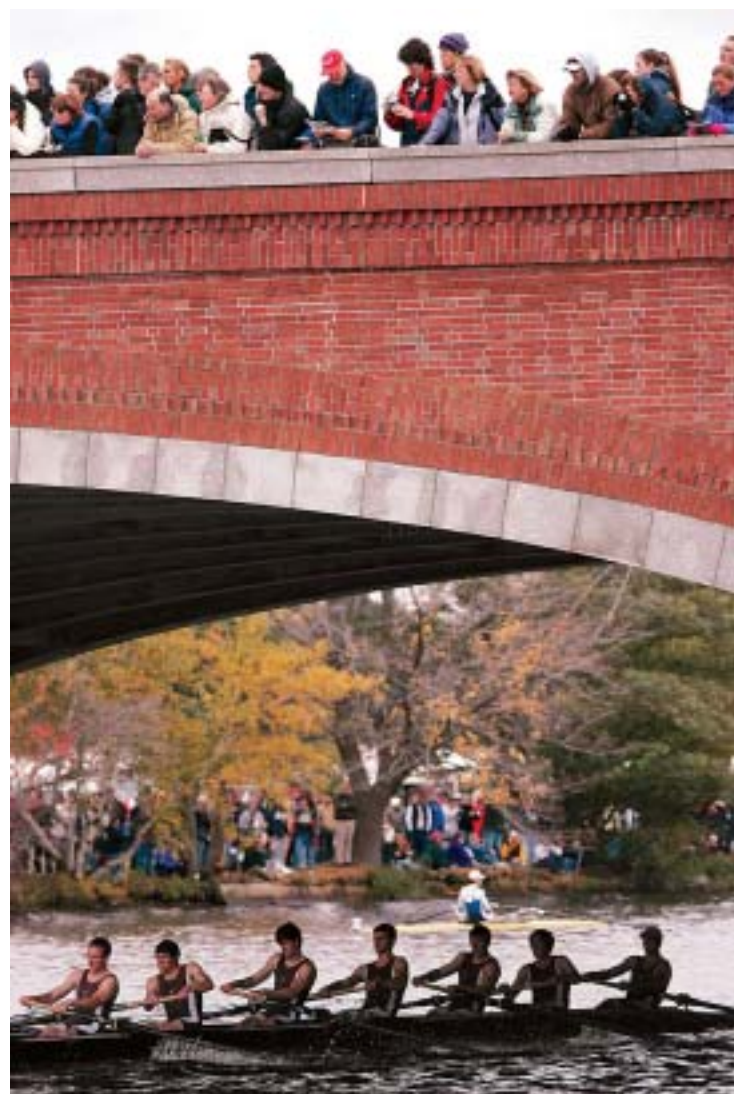
By Raja Mishra
GLOBE STAFF

Massachusetts lawmakers plan this winter to take up one of the nation's most sweeping childhood obesity reduction plans, a measure that would ban soft drinks from schools, mandate low-fat school lunches, and stock school vending machines — many students' primary food source — with healthy items only.

The bill, which also seeks to bolster decimated school physical-education programs by requiring 120 hours per year of in-school physical activity, would for the first time place statewide standards on spotty school food policies. Currently, local school districts have virtual autonomy in setting menus, with some striking lucrative contracts with food and soft drink companies to allow products into cafeterias.

The state Department of Education has tentatively endorsed the bill, which its sponsors plan to introduce when the Legislature convenes in January, though fierce opposition is expected from local school districts and food and drink companies. Were the bill to

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40-YEAR TRADITION — Spectators lined the Eliot Bridge as the Lehigh University eight passed underneath during the Head of the Charles Regatta. The two-day competition ended yesterday. **D1.**

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Eyes on Romney

Democrats say the governor's use of emotionally charged campaign issues endangers bipartisan cooperation. **City & Region, B1.**

Fanatical following

British author Brian Jacques captivates young US readers with the sword-wielding creatures of his Redwall novels. **Living!Arts, B6.**