

GAME TIME

Showers ending this morning, turning windy and colder this evening.
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Game One of the ALCS: RED SOX vs. INDIANS



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Red Sox relief pitcher Mike Timlin focuses on backup catcher Doug Mirabelli with a video camera during a workout yesterday at Fenway Park on the day before Game One of the American League Championship Series. Complete coverage in Sports, **C1**

R.I. pension change could cost millions

A new study suggests shifting the state pension system to a "defined contribution" plan would cost a lot up front, but could mean savings down the road.

BY STEVE PEOPLES
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — A study commissioned by the governor's office reveals that moving to a 401(k)-style retirement system would cost Rhode Island taxpayers \$151.5 million next year and more than \$520 million over the next seven years before the state sees any savings.

Elected officials who recently endorsed shifting away from a pension, or "defined benefit" system — including Governor Carcieri and House Speaker William J. Murphy — previously acknowledged there would be substantial up-front costs. But the new study details the specific price for the first time and suggests that elected officials may have trouble changing the system this coming legislative session given the

A game plan for Carcieri to repair his image

BY SCOTT MacKAY
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PROVIDENCE — Faced with plummeting job-approval ratings and a looming state deficit, Governor Carcieri is considering a plan to buff his public image by mounting a campaign-style tour of the state and dodging coverage from *The Providence Journal*.

The plan has come to the governor in a memo from an unnamed group of supporters that was leaked to reporters over the past two days, said Jeff Neal, Carcieri's spokesman.

Most of the strategies listed in the four-page memo are general and unremarkable, straight out of Political Public Relations 101. Those include trying to spin, or put the best face forward on such unflattering news as cutting state programs and laying off

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Indians' fans keep faith

The Tribe hasn't won the Fall Classic since 1948 — the longest current dry streak in the American League.

BY MARK ARSENAULT
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As Boston and Cleveland begin the American League Championship Series tonight, is there a sliver of compassion within Red Sox Nation for fans of the Tribe? Cleveland fans are now what Sox fans used to be — reigning American League Champions of Frustration and Near-Misses.

The Boston World Series win in 2004, and the Chicago White Sox victory the next year, have left the Cleveland Indians holding the longest current championship dry streak in the American League. (Far short of the Cubs' streak in the National League, for sure, but the Cubs are in their own category.)

The Indians have not won the Fall Classic since 1948, when the team led by Bob Feller and Lou Boudreau topped the Red Sox in a one-game playoff and then beat the Boston Braves in six games, wrecking a potential all-Boston World Series.

Over the decades, when the Indians have been



Lifelong Indians fan, Patrick Duhon, of Cranston, is trying to drum up other local fans of the Tribe to watch tonight's game with. Here, he's having a beer in his favorite bar, The Wild Colonial in Providence.

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bad, they've been awful. "I was born in 1961," says lifelong Indians fan Patrick Duhon, of Cranston. "For the first 33 years of my life, the best they finished was third place — one time!" Ah yes, the glory year of 1968, when the Indians ended the year trailing only Detroit and Baltimore, a mere 16.5 games out of a World Series

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Manufacturers pull cold medicines for infants from shelves

BY ROB STEIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Drugstores began clearing their shelves yesterday of over-the-counter cough and cold medicines designed for infants after leading manufacturers announced they were withdrawing the products amid rising concerns about the safety of the popular formulations.

The decision to pull 14 products, including well-known brands such as Dimetapp Decongestant Plus Cough Infant Drops, Tylenol Concentrated Infants' Drops Plus Cold and Robitussin Infant Cough DM Drops, came one week before the Food and Drug Administration plans to hold a hearing on non-prescription cough and cold medications for children.

The hearing is part of a broad evaluation of the products the agency launched in light of doubts about their effectiveness and mounting evidence

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Turks protest U.S. vote



AP / IBRAHIM USTA

Members of the left-wing Workers' Party demonstrate in Istanbul, Turkey, yesterday following a vote by a U.S. House panel describing the World War I-era killings of Armenians as genocide. Turkish officials say they may reconsider supporting U.S. efforts in Iraq. Story, **A4**

Two more arrests in license scheme

Questions in the case center on how the state Division of Motor Vehicles employed a clerk whose own immigration status is in peril.

BY AMANDA MILKOVITS
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Two more people have been arrested, and 19 others are still wanted, for allegedly getting Rhode Island driver's licenses that were falsified by two clerks at the state Division of Motor Vehicles.

The clerks had sent the licenses to dozens of illegal immigrants and suspected drug dealers who'd paid middlemen between \$2,500 to \$3,000 apiece to conceal their identity with a valid license, according to the state police. Some of the "customers" have since been

rearrested on drug charges in various states — where their true identity was revealed by fingerprints — but others are on the run.

As the state police search for the suspects, they are still trying to determine how the licenses were used — whether used in financial transactions, to buy guns, or exchanged in a different state for another license. In several cases, the licenses were used by people who'd been deported and illegally reentered, or who were wanted on drug warrants.

Anastacio Segura, 34, who also uses Martinez as his surname, was found at a work site in Boston Wednesday night with a fake Rhode Island license, said state police Capt. Stephen Lynch. He'd already been deported to Mexico,

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Shiites may finally be turning against militias

U.S. forces in Iraq could be the beneficiaries of such a change in attitude.

BY SABRINA TAVERNISE
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD — In a number of Shiite neighborhoods across Baghdad, residents are beginning to turn away from the Mahdi Army, the Shiite militia they once saw as their only protector against Sunni militants. Now they resent it as a band of street thugs without ideology.

The hardening Shiite feeling in Baghdad opens an opportunity for the American military, which has long struggled against the Mahdi Army, as American commanders rely increasingly on tribes and local

leaders in their prosecution of the war.

The sectarian landscape has shifted, with Sunni extremists largely defeated in many Shiite neighborhoods, and the war in those places has sunk into a criminality that is often blind to sect.

In interviews, 10 Shiites from four neighborhoods in eastern and western Baghdad described a pattern in which militia members, looking for new sources of income, turned on Shiites. The pattern appears less frequently in neighborhoods where Sunnis and Shiites are still struggling for territory. Sadr City, the largest Shiite neighborhood,

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Longtime TV newsman Walter Cryan, who had previously retired from the anchor desk at Channel 12 only to reemerge three years ago in the same post at Channel 6, retires once more. **B1**

GAMBLING BILL UNVEILED

Massachusetts Governor Patrick submits legislation that would bring three resort casinos to Massachusetts while giving preference to a Massachusetts Indian tribe for one gambling license. **F1**

A PERFECT MATCHUP

On paper at least, the Dallas Cowboys appear nearly as balanced as the New England Patriots. But after Sunday's game, there will be one significant difference — one team will have its first loss of the season. **C3**

AUTHOR LESSING AWARDED NOBEL

Doris Lessing, author of dozens of works from short stories to science fiction, including the classic *The Golden Notebook*, wins the Nobel Prize for literature. **A2**

