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Ortiz homers twice to give Sox a 3-2 win over Texas. **Sports, B1**

R.I.'S NEGLECTED GRAVEYARDS



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Evelyn Wheeler, chairwoman of the newly revived Rhode Island Advisory Commission on Historic Cemeteries, views stones in the Lippitt lot, in Cranston. Her panel is sponsoring a statewide cleanup of old cemeteries the weekend of April 21-22.

Mission: Honor forebears

Evelyn Wheeler hopes an Earth Day project will inspire others to clean up remote, overgrown cemeteries.

BY LISA VERNON-SPARKS
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER
Evelyn Wheeler is on a mission. She wants every historic cemetery in the state — all 3,300 of them — cleaned up. And she's looking for lots of help. Wheeler, 67, who heads the Rhode Island Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries, has found a kindred spirit in another state. In January she was given an e-mail from a Pennsylvania man who had recently visited his ancestors' plot, which the state calls the Bennett lot, on Garnet Street at the

West Warwick-Cranston line. John Bradford Scott, of Hanover, Pa., said in his e-mail to the state's genealogy Web site that the plot had been vandalized and was such a tangled mess of overgrown briars that he could not find some of the headstones. He hoped somebody would care. Wheeler does. She is concerned not just about the Bennett lot, but about all the historic cemeteries registered with the state, which she says are rich with history and often for-

gotten gateways to Rhode Island's heritage. Because many of the cemeteries are overgrown and in dire shape from years of neglect, Wheeler is trying to drum up support for the first statewide cleanup, on April 21 and 22, which is Earth Day. The cleanup is sponsored by the cemetery commission, which was resurrected last year after having been defunct for 10 years. "We need to clean them up and have them seen by all and have their history be-

"My goal is to get volunteers to ... be extra eyes, so vandalism doesn't happen and developers don't take over."

EVELYN WHEELER
Advisory Commission on
Historic Cemeteries

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Iraq still a nation divided

Seven weeks into the new security effort, there are some signs of progress but warring sects remain far apart.

BY ALISSA J. RUBIN AND EDWARD WONG
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Nearly two months into the new security push in Baghdad, there has been some success in reducing the number of death-squad victims found crumpled in the streets each day.

And while the overall casualty rates for all of Iraq have not dropped significantly, largely because of devastating suicide bombings, a few parts of the capital have become calmer as some death squads have decided to lie low.

But there is little sign that the Baghdad push is accomplishing its main purpose: to create an island of stability in which Sunni Arabs, Shiite Arabs, and Kurds can try to figure out how to run the country together. There has been no visible move toward compromise on the

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Immigration fight resumes

Opposition in the House over his plan for amnesty is still the stumbling block in Mr. Bush's bid to revamp the system.

BY JONATHAN WEISMAN
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush will re-launch his push for a sweeping overhaul of the nation's immigration laws today in Arizona, with a fresh speech on the border, a new congressional leadership that is friendlier to his views, but facing the same dynamics that scuttled his last attempt: A cooperative Senate but bipartisan opposition in the House.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has told the White House she cannot pass a bill with Democratic votes alone, nor will she seek to enforce party discipline on the issue. Mr. Bush will have to produce at least 70 Republican votes before she considers a vote on comprehensive immigration legislation, a task that might be

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Where the West is stored: In a warehouse in Harrisburg, Pa.

A mayor's vision to turn the Pennsylvania capital into a tourist destination produces an unlikely collection of artifacts.

BY DAN BARRY
THE NEW YORK TIMES

HARRISBURG, Pa. — You may know Harrisburg as the capital of Pennsylvania. You may not know it as the gateway to the gateway to the Old West. The supporting evidence for this distinction is found in a dusty warehouse, beside the city incinerator, that smells faintly of solid waste: thousands and thousands of Old West artifacts, many of them quite valuable. The gates to the O.K. Corral. A wanted poster for Jesse James. A painting shot through by Calamity Jane. Saddles and tintypes, hats and moccasins,

knives and horse buggies.

A stuffed buffalo. So many artifacts are spread about that the eye struggles to rest on any particular item. Maybe this does not matter, since almost no one in Harrisburg has ever seen these relics, which the mayor bought with several million dollars of public money while on quiet, cross-country shopping trips — all for an Old West museum he hoped to establish one day.

If you consider this to be a curious approach to governance, if you think it odd that a mayor of an Eastern city of 50,000 would plan an Old West museum and, unbeknownst to almost anyone, select and purchase the items, then by all means say it: Whoa.

Last week the mayor, Stephen R. Reed, delivered a State of the

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Some of the artifacts, both notable and obscure, bought by Mayor Stephen R. Reed over the years, at a total cost of \$7.8 million.

Added burden to receive Rite Care

Some qualified recipients may be cut from the rolls because of new federal rules requiring proof of citizenship to enroll in the state's health coverage program for the poor.

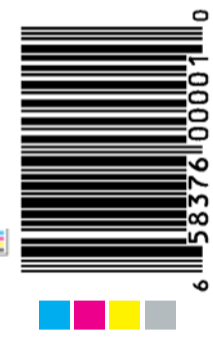
BY FELICE J. FREYER
JOURNAL MEDICAL WRITER

Melissa Monteiro says she and her seven-month-old son were both born here in Rhode Island, at Women & Infants Hospital. So there's a little doubt that they're citizens.

And since Monteiro, 18, doesn't have a job, there is also little doubt that she and her son qualify for coverage under the state's Rite Care health plan for the poor.

But Monteiro, who lives in Pawtucket, hasn't been able to enroll. She had trouble locating the documents needed under new federal rules to prove that she and her baby are American citizens.

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Gerald Bedrick resigns from his dual roles as a consultant to the Department of Administration and the "public" member of the agency's three-member contract-review committee. **C1**

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After 10 years, the King of Queens is wrapping up its run on network TV this spring. **D1**



WARS PAIN PONTIFF

In his Easter message to throngs of pilgrims at the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI laments the "continual slaughter" in Iraq and unrest in Afghanistan as he denounces violence in the name of religion. **A2**