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In grave condition

Rhode Island's historical cemeteries are suffering from neglect

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Here's a scary story for Halloween. It's interactive, and anyone can help write the ending. Rhode Island's historical cemeteries are in danger of vanishing. Evelyn Wheeler doesn't know why, but something coming from those cemeteries is speaking to her. Something compelling. It could be the weeds and poison ivy. Or maybe it's that when cemeter-

ies are forgotten, a part of history is lost. Many of Rhode Island's historical cemeteries are overgrown, disintegrating and often a gathering spot for evil spirits, or at least underage drinkers. Wheeler, who with her husband, Frank, volunteered in national parks for 20 years after he retired the first time in 1983, lives in Narragansett and wondered who was in charge of taking care of the historical cemeteries. It turned out to be her.

She started calling around last year to see about getting attention for a cemetery she'd noticed. The historical cemeteries, she found, have no clear owner. They had no one to care for them. The closest thing to a government agency looking after them was the Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries, and it was nearly dead itself.

She undertook her own cemetery

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Centuries-old gravestones in Historical Cemetery 19 in Cumberland.

A GRATEFUL NATION



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Thousands of fans cheer as team members of the World Series champion Boston Red Sox roll through Copley Square in Boston yesterday afternoon.

BY SCOTT MacKAY
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BOSTON — There were no curses to banish nor evil spirits to exorcise yesterday as tens of thousands of Red Sox fans thronged Boston to cheer the team's second World Series victory of the 21st century with a rollicking parade through the streets, from Fenway Park to City Hall.

Unlike the team's 2004 World Series win — which marked the Red Sox' first championship in 86 years — this year's celebration was not an occasion for nostalgia or pondering the cosmic significance of fate,

Calvinism and lifetimes spent rooting for a lovably losing baseball team.

So how does it feel to citizens of Red Sox Nation to win it all for the second time in four years?

To the horde that turned out yesterday on a sun-streamed Indian summer afternoon, the answer was a collective "Great."

"In 2004 it seemed like a lot of it was luck," said Nathan Leger, a boatswain's mate in the Coast Guard, stationed in Providentown, who was sipping a noontime

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Beyond compare

They're both world champions but how do the 2007 Red Sox compare to the 2004 edition? **C1**

TAKING IT to the STREETS

After 18 years at the helm, RIC president to step down

John Nazarian, 75, has presided over Rhode Island College's greatest period of growth.

BY JENNIFER D. JORDAN
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PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island College President John Nazarian announced yesterday that he will retire when his contract expires in June, capping 58 years at the college, the last 18 as president.

"I've been thinking about it for a

while, but there was always something going on, and I want to leave the college in good hands," Nazarian said in a phone interview.



NAZARIAN

On his 75th birthday last month, Nazarian, who has been RIC president since 1990, met with Frank Caprio, chairman of the Board of

SEE **NAZARIAN, B3**

Assembly has second thoughts

Repeals law treating 17-year-olds as adults in criminal matters; a new date for presidential primary.

BY STEVE PEOPLES, KATHERINE GREGG and CYNTHIA NEEDHAM
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PROVIDENCE — In a one-day special session yesterday state lawmakers voted to move the state's presidential primary up by a month and reverse their earlier — and much-criticized decision — to send 17-year-olds to the state prison instead of the Training School.

The General Assembly also overrode close to three dozen of Republican Governor Carcieri's vetoes.

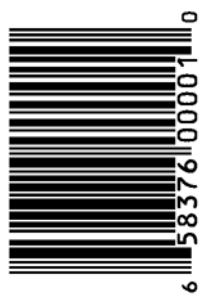
On a night in which there were few surprises, legisla-

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Members of Providence Youth Student Movement, left, Lizzy Chin, Davide Gnoato, and Coony Hear, attend a House Finance Committee hearing on repeal of a law that lets 17-year-olds be tried as adults in criminal matters.

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NATURAL GAS RATE CUT

Predicting that the price of natural gas will actually go down this winter, the Public Utilities Commission approves National Grid's request for a 1.5-percent rate cut. **F1**

2 TEENS KILLED IN CRASH

Two teens from Hopkinton are killed and one from Westerly is hurt in Connecticut when their car hits a utility pole and rolls on its side before striking a tree. **B1**



PASSAGES ROBERT GOULET

The big-voiced baritone whose Broadway debut in *Camelot* in 1960 launched an award-winning stage and recording career dies in Los Angeles at 73. **A6**



GOOD VS. EVIL

That's how much of the national media is portraying this weekend's matchup between Bill Belichick's New England Patriots and Tony Dungy's Indianapolis Colts. But things may not be exactly as they appear. **C1**