

After long auditions, Little gets Sox helm

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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Grady Little, named yesterday as the 43d manager of the Boston Red Sox, was discovered by Hollywood long before he ever made it to the big leagues.

The 52-year-old native of Abilene, Texas, was managing the real-life Durham (N.C.) Bulls, the minor league team that inspired the 1988 hit movie "Bull Durham," and was enlisted by director Ron Shelton to show actors how to play the game.



GRADY LITTLE
Dream fulfilled

"They called me a baseball trainer in the credits," Little said. "I tried to teach Tim Robbins how to wind up and simulate throwing hard, and gave pointers to Kevin Costner. I was in one scene, but they cut it out of the movie."

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But shortly before noon yesterday in City of Palms Park, Little took a star turn on the biggest stage of his life. After 16 years of managing in the minor leagues, a half-dozen years serving as an understudy to other managers including ex-Sox skipper Jimmy Williams, and a brief stab at cotton farming, the North Carolina-raised Little was unveiled as the man who will guide the Sox in the 2002 season.

"What I see beneath the charm and the NASCAR exterior is a real quiet confidence and honesty and respect," said Sox CEO Larry Lucchino, who elicited a roar that could be heard outside a closed Sox clubhouse when he and interim general manager Mike Port introduced Little to the team.

The silver-haired Little, who was informed of his hiring in a phone call from Lucchino and Port between 11 and midnight Sunday

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Beams of remembrance



AP PHOTO

A view from Brooklyn of the twin-light memorial that rose from Lower Manhattan yesterday evening.

On grim anniversary, NYC and nation honor Sept. 11 victims

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NEW YORK — Yesterday at dusk, exactly six months after the shock of Sept. 11, two beams of blue light rose to the sky from Lower Manhattan like gentle ghosts of the twin towers that once stood in their place.

It was a striking memorial, both beautiful and haunting, on a day of memorials to the 3,000 people killed in the attack on the World Trade Center, the single deadliest episode in the United States since the Civil War.

Earlier in the day, the first official shrine to the victims was dedicated at the Hope Garden in Battery Park, a few blocks away from ground zero. One of the city's museums opened an exhibition of the streetscape memorials that spontaneously sprang up all over the city in the days after the attack.

In Washington, President Bush remembered the victims at a solemn ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House, and urged America's allies — represented by ambassadors from 170 countries — to press on with the war against terrorism.

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Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld also pledged vigilance at a tribute outside the Pentagon, where 189 people were killed in another terrorist attack the same day.

The anniversary events began and ended in New York, the center of the devastation.

In Battery Park, at 8:46 a.m. — the time when the first hijacked jetliner smashed into the north tower six months ago —

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Bilingual ed debate heads for hearing

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Already roiling educators and parents across the state, the battle to reshape bilingual education in Massachusetts reaches the State House tomorrow, as supporters and opponents square off on whether the classes have become a way of life instead of a way to learn English.

Supporters of bilingual education plan to cite wide achievement problems in other parts of the country where bilingual programs have been severely curtailed. Opponents vow to show how the Bay State's bilingual programs fail to teach English to those who need it



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Brighton High School sophomore Chavelly Vidal speaks English confidently, but still prefers taking classes in Spanish.

the most — and the most quickly.

The hearing before the Legislature's education committee is a prelude to a fight that will climax in November, when voters face an initiative led by California millionaire Ron Unz to scrap Massachu-

setts' 1971 bilingual-education law, the oldest in the nation.

"I'm glad that it's coming to a head," said Jenni Lopez, an attorney and leader in the campaign to defeat the Unz initiative. "It brings

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Diocese, plaintiffs settle suit

86 Geoghan cases to cost up to \$30m

By Walter V. Robinson
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After a week of delays and a five-hour negotiating session, the Archdiocese of Boston agreed last night to settle a massive civil lawsuit with scores of people who were molested by former priest John J. Geoghan. Cost of the settlement is expected to be between \$15 million and \$30 million.

"It's done. It's complete," said Mitchell Garabedian, the attorney representing 86 plaintiffs, after emerging from a marathon session with Wilson Rogers Jr., the attorney for the archdiocese and Cardinal Bernard F. Law.

Garabedian said the details of the agreement, in a case that has deeply embarrassed the cardinal for its revelations that he assigned Geoghan to a Weston parish in 1984 knowing he had molested children, will be announced today at a midday news conference.

Calls to a spokeswoman for the archdiocese seeking comment on the agreement were not immediately returned last night.

The two sides reached a tentative agreement March 4. But the final accord eluded them until last night. Garabedian said Paul A. Finn, the mediator, kept both sides at the bargaining table until the agreement was concluded.

"I feel this is a giant step in the healing process for my clients," Garabedian said in an interview.

Under the agreement, the archdiocese will pay between \$15 million and \$30 million to Geoghan's latest group of victims. In the last several years, 100 other victims of the pedo-

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Rightists quit Israel's unity government

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TEL AVIV — The political partners that advocate the hardest line against Palestinians in the occupied territories withdrew last night from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's national unity coalition, a development that many political activists and analysts said marked the beginning of the end of Sharon's political life.

The revolt on the right occurred despite stepped-up sweeps of Palestinian cities and refugee camps by the Israel Defense Forces, including an incursion late last night into Gaza's Jabalya camp, where Reuters reported that 17 Palestinians were killed.

The Israel Beiteinu, Tekuma, and Moledet parties have only seven votes in the Knesset, but their withdrawal from the coalition led by Sharon's Likud party dramatically changes the balance of power.

Previously, the Labor party, whose members advocate greater efforts at negotiation and conciliation with the Palestinians, lacked the ability to topple the national unity coalition. With the far right parties out, it now has that power. The right-wing parties withdrew from the government after it took steps to loosen restrictions on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and to soften Israeli conditions for resuming negotiations with the Palestin-

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Pieces are finally in place to redevelop Crosstown

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Despite a difficult lending climate for commercial real estate, the long-delayed redevelopment of the Crosstown area at Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue in Lower Roxbury appears ready to proceed by summer.

After almost a decade of false starts on the 6.3-acre site — home of a former Digital Equipment plant and unrealized plans for a biotechnology "incubator" space and a cinema center — public and private financing is in place for a two- or three-phase complex that will include a midpriced hotel, office buildings, parking garage, and ground-level retail shops.

"My expectation is we will start construction on that site by June," Boston Redevelopment Authority director Mark Maloney said yesterday. "We foresee no obstacles. It has been a long time."

About 18 months ago, Kirk A. Sykes, a principal in Crosstown Associates, teamed with developer Corcoran Jennison, which owns related companies that will construct and manage the hotel. With a lot of help from a City Hall determined to get dirt moving and create some jobs in one of Boston's underdeveloped neighborhoods, a 175-room Hampton Inns & Suites hotel could open by the end of 2003.

Phases one and two, to be

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