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RED SOX WIN ALCS, 4-3 Lowe (W 2-0), Brown (L 1-1)

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Miracle workers

Resurgent Red Sox storm into World Series, leaving stunned Yankees behind



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Reliever Alan Embree picks up catcher Jason Varitek after Embree and the Red Sox closed out the Yankees to complete a historic comeback in the ALCS last night in New York.

JACKIE MACMULLAN

It's the high point for Lowe



NEW YORK — He has risen from the ashes, much like his baseball team, from the depths of a seemingly lost and bitterly disappointing season to the indescribable elation of an improbable, yet brilliant comeback. The Boston Red Sox, once down, 3-0, in the American League Championship Series, orchestrated the biggest turnaround in baseball history by beating the New York Yankees four straight times, culminated by a Game 7 triumph last night that was made possible by Derek Lowe.

Lowe, banished from the starting rotation for the playoffs, a persona non grata who was deemed too flaky and unreliable to serve in a meaningful postseason role, pitched six masterful innings, holding the Yankees to one hit and one run. He was virtual-

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By Bob Hohler
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 10 NEW YORK — Just like that, they shocked the nation.
Yankees 3 Just as they pictured it, they changed the course of baseball history.

And just like a dream, they dashed generations of heartache for New Englanders who longed to witness the one glorious triumph they staged last night in the October chill by the Harlem River.

In the greatest postseason comeback since the birth of the national pastime, the Red Sox completed a magical surge from a 3-0 deficit in the best-of-seven American League Championship Series by stomping the Yankees, 10-3, in a do-or-die seventh game to capture their first pennant since 1918.

"How many times can you honestly say you have a chance to shock the world?" Kevin Millar said in the frothy celebration after the sensational finish. "It might happen once in your life or it may never happen. But we had that chance, and we did it. It's an amazing storybook."

Forget the fall foliage romps this weekend. The 100th World
RED SOX, Page C10

BOB RYAN

Story is too good for words



NEW YORK — Every once in a while an Oscar winner gets up there and wings an acceptance speech because "I never thought I'd win, so I didn't prepare anything."

That's me. Right now.

Excruciating Red Sox losses, I'm familiar with, as both a fan and a writer. Game 7, 1975? Oh, yeah, I was there. Bucky Dent's home run? Yup. Can't claim that I eyewitnessed the Buckner game.

I watched the fateful 10th inning in a Houston bar. I had just befriended a couple of locals and promised that I'd be buying as soon as this inning was over. When the ball rolled through Buckner's legs, I just said, "Sorry, gotta go," and walked out the door.

And then there was Game 7 a year ago. When David Ortiz hit

RYAN, Page C9

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Words can't describe

It's a red-letter day Sox fans have waited years for. **Shaughnessy, A1**

Ghost-busters

Finally, the Sox turn corner, celebrate in House That Ruth Built. **C2**

Finishing kick

Just in time, Damon gets his game in gear, helps eliminate Yankees. **C4**



Cardinals, 6-4

Edmonds's homer in 12th forces Game 7 against Clemens, Astros. **C12**

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Law-breaker?

Ty Law not satisfied with tying team mark for interceptions. **D13**