

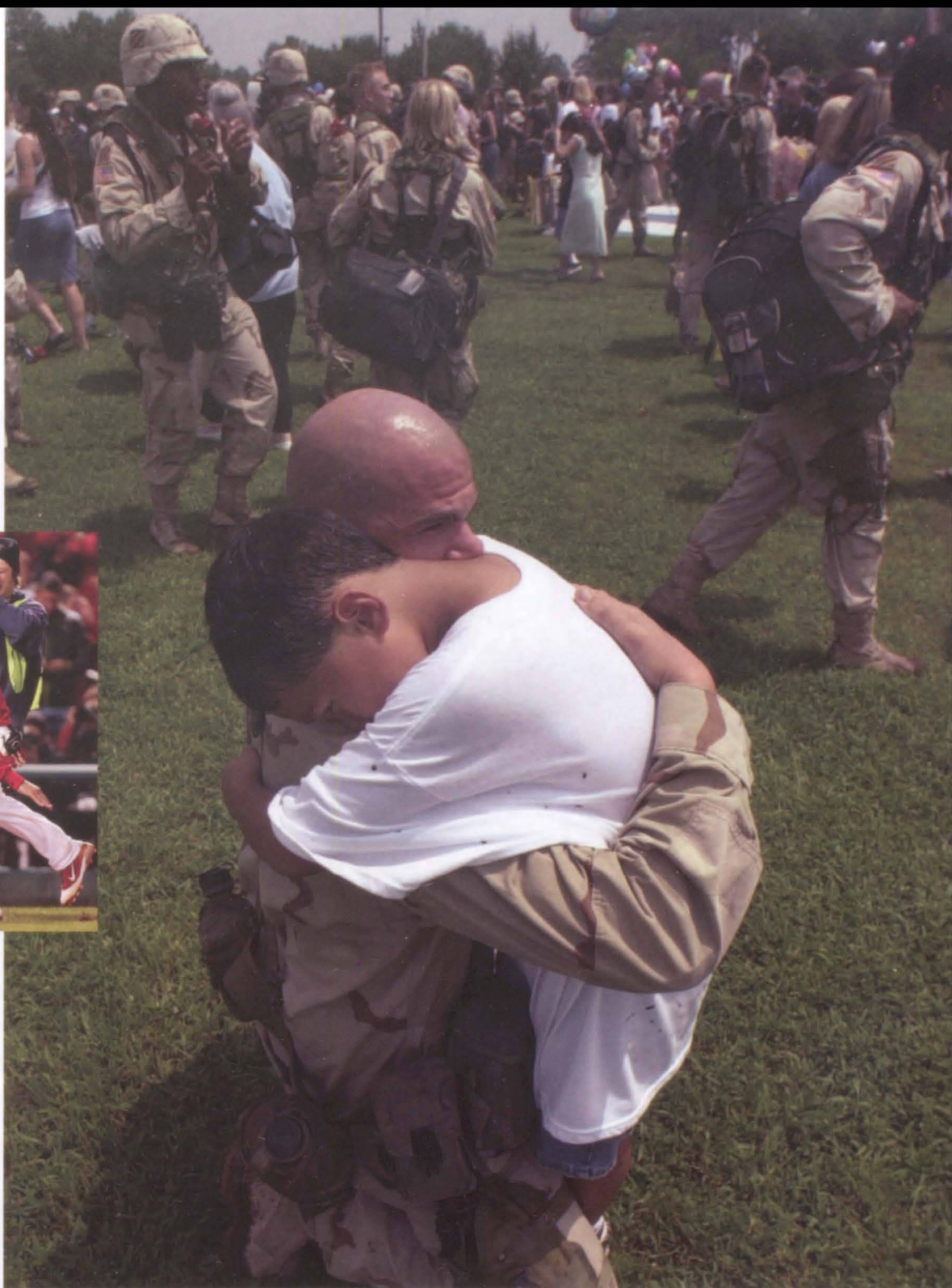
▼ BELIEVE IT

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Texas Rangers in the 2011 World Series, including a miraculous comeback in Game 6. Twice down to their final out and final strike, the Cardinals rallied both times to win in extra innings and force the series to a Game 7.



COMING HOME ►
FROM IRAQ

Most U.S. troops stationed in Iraq were home by Dec. 31, ending the eight-year conflict there to fight terrorism and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power. About 100,000 U.S. troops were in Afghanistan, continuing the fight against the Taliban, and a few thousand of the troops that were in Iraq were to be redeployed to Afghanistan.



◀ GONE TOO SOON

Pop legend Whitney Houston tragically was found dead in her Beverly Hills hotel room in February. At the time of her death, Houston was one of the best selling and most honored singers in recording industry history. She was the first artist to ever record seven consecutive number one songs.