THE END OF RAKAN’S WAR

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LIFE asked for too much of Rakan Hassan, the Iraqi boy brought to Boston in 2005 for treatment after a mistaken shooting by American troops. The next chapter of his story is hard to write.

In the news

What if Michael Phelps hadn't won his 18th medal in Athens? No one knows exactly how different his career would have been. But suppose he'd never won? What if...?

POINT OF VIEW

"For Chinese, much more than medals is at stake..."

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"Fireworks exploded outside Beijing's national stadium last night during a dress rehearsal of the opening ceremony."

Games a test for transformed athletic system

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"They've been very challenging times, but think that there has been motion forward..."

O’Malley reflects, after 5 tumultuous years

By Michael POSIX

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"HIV more widespread than thought..."

Advances in blood tests, tracking boosts numbers

By Stephen Smith

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The O’Malley administration has put off deciding the fate of the proposed $400 million convention center in Boston, which would be a major economic development project. The city has been struggling to find a way to pay for the center, which is expected to cost at least $1.2 billion.

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"Rakan Hassan died on his 3rd day in Boston. The boy suffered from a series of injuries, including a broken leg, severe head injuries, and lung injuries."

"AIDS/HIV/"
How magicians control your mind

When magic performers bend spoons and make objects disappear, they're not using mind control. "They're going the other way," says Richard Wiseman, author of "Magic: The Power of Your Mind to Create the Unbelievable." "They are taking control of their own minds and their actions.

"So if you think hard enough, you can convince yourself that an object isn't there," says Wiseman, a psychology professor at the University of Hertfordshire in England. "If you concentrate on the object's disappearance, you can control your own mind into seeing it as if it were not there."