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## Out of left field, a magic moment



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COOPERSTOWN — Jim Rice can't slug his way out of a thunderstorm. Even the Man of Steal, Rickey Henderson, can't outrun Mother Nature. And Tony Kubek, the broadcaster also honored at Sunday's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, can't talk his way out of a summer drenching.

As darkening clouds hovered above the Clark Sports Center lawn, as the winds picked up and rain drops began to fall 20 minutes be-

fore the ceremonies began, it seemed yet another sports event in this waterlogged summer would be lost.

No Hall of Fame induction had been moved indoors (keeping fans out) since 1990. But the 21,000 here had every right to expect the worst.

Then fate, luck, divine intervention or coincidence stepped in. Please see **HALL A8** ▶

**RED SOX** fans wait for the start of the Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Jim Rice and Rickey Henderson were the headliners, but it was Judy Gordon, right, who stole the show.

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## Horse formation



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Members of the Islip Horsemen's Association Long Island Drill Team perform during the Saratoga Race Course Open House held Sunday in Saratoga Springs. At right, 7-year-old Dayna Sterner of Saratoga Springs gets her face painted during the festivities. The Saratoga racing season opens Wednesday, and post time is 1 p.m. In today's sports section, trainer Todd Pletcher, who turned 42 on Sunday, looks back on a successful career and some of his big wins at Saratoga.



# Will care's cost hurt?

Questions arise as to if even subsidies will make health care affordable to all

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WASHINGTON — The major health care bills moving through Congress would require almost all Americans to have health insurance. But as lawmakers struggle to achieve the goal of universal coverage, a critical question is whether the plans will be affordable to those who currently are uninsured.

All the bills offer some kind of assistance to lower-income people who do not get health benefits through the workplace. The bills would provide premium subsidies to millions of people and would establish limits on consumers' out-of-pocket costs. But lawmakers and consumer groups say insurance could still be out of reach for many families with modest incomes who receive small subsidies