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From bereaving to believing

Red Sox break curse, win first World Series crown since 1918



Four-hit shutout in Game 4 caps Boston's sweep of Cardinals.
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Babe Ruth, eat your heart out. The Boston Red Sox have won the World Series. Boston completed a sweep against the St. Louis Cardinals with a 3-0 victory Wednesday night for

the team's first World Series championship since 1918, when Babe Ruth was their star hitter. Boston sold Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920 so that Red Sox owner Harry Frazee could finance his Broadway plays, and the Curse of the Bambino was born. "I don't believe in curses,"

World Series most valuable player Manny Ramirez told Fox TV. This was for Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski, Carlton Fisk and Jim Rice - Red Sox legends who never won the big one. Against St. Louis, new Red Sox heroes were born - Curt Schilling, David Ortiz and Ramirez.



Boston Red Sox players celebrate Wednesday after beating the Cardinals, 3-0, in St. Louis in Game 4 to win the World Series. Four Boston pitchers combined on a four-hit shutout to complete the sweep. Manny Ramirez was named World Series MVP.
AP photo

PRAIRIE STATE HELPS FILL NEED FOR LEGAL-AID LAWYERS

Legal advice made affordable

Volunteer lawyers assist poor

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Faced with the loss of federal disability checks for her son about two years ago, Isabel Mendez did not know what to do.

"I did not have the money to pay for a lawyer, and I didn't want to borrow from my family" said the 28-year-old part-time nursing student from Harvard whose son, now 6, has a heart defect.

Mendez ended up at Prairie State Legal Services, an agency that provides legal aid to poor people throughout northern Illinois. Mendez got a lawyer, and at no cost to her, the disability checks were saved.

Poor people charged with crimes are entitled to free public defenders. But poor people entangled in civil cases, whether disability, divorce or property disputes, often must scramble to find lawyers to take their cases.

Locally, that usually means a call or visit to Prairie State, which has seven lawyers to serve McHenry and Lake counties. The agency also can send poor clients to private lawyers who do volunteer, or pro-bono work. Pro-bono work is done free of charge.

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Prairie State clients must be within 125 percent of the



Paige Hoyt (top), an attorney with Prairie State Legal Services, and Janet Douglass, the volunteer lawyer program administrator and outreach coordinator for HIV/AIDS legal services project, talk with a potential client at their Woodstock office.

federal poverty level. For a single person, that translates to an income of \$11,638 a year. The seven full-time Prairie State lawyers break down to one attorney for about 9,000 poor people in those counties, according to census and attorney-registration figures. Statewide, the figure is one lawyer for 6,500 poor people. "I think there will never be enough lawyers to do every dispute," said Linda Rothnagel, managing attorney for the Prairie State office

in Waukegan. "My goal is there would be enough lawyers to do every critical case." The local network of volunteer lawyers is coordinated through a Prairie State paralegal who works in Woodstock. Janet Douglass said she draws upon a base of about 50 volunteer lawyers in McHenry County. "It's kind of low," Douglass said, "but it's a new program. It's only been around for about a year."
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Prairie State Legal Services

Prairie State Legal Services offers telephone intake and advice from 9:05 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:05 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The number to call is (800) 942-3940, ext. 1.

services for people within 125 percent of federal poverty limits. For a single person, that translates to an annual income of \$11,638. People who are 60 and older do not have to meet income guidelines.

Legal services for people with HIV or AIDS also are available by calling the same number. The income limit is 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Walk-in hours are available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 400 Russell Court, Woodstock.

Prairie State offers legal

Experts: New case not likely

Professors believe evidence suggests Gauger is innocent

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WOODSTOCK - Although Gary Gauger might never receive the apology he says he deserves from McHenry County prosecutors, it is unlikely that he will ever again be criminally accused of participating in his parents' murders, legal experts said Wednesday.

McHenry County State's Attorney Gary Pack on Tuesday announced murder charges against two men who are serving lengthy prison sentences in a racketeering case that included the Gauger murders. Pack said the indictment could be expanded to include other defendants, but he declined to say whether an investigation is focusing on specific people.



Gary Gauger: Pursuing a wrongful-arrest lawsuit against county.

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9/11 movies to air Friday at church

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A Prairie Grove church entered the recent "Fahrenheit 9/11" fray Wednesday, offering to show the controversial movie and an opposing documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," on the same night.

The movies will be shown Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. A coin toss will determine which film is shown first.

After resident complaints, McHenry County College officials rescheduled a student-sponsored showing of the documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" until Nov. 8, citing a scheduling conflict with a room that would host a panel discussion after the showing. Because of the rescheduling, the McHenry County Peace Group decided to show the movie at the college before Tuesday's election.

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GOP, Dems compete for support from early voters



President Bush reaches out to Democrats, and John Kerry slams Bush's policies on Iraq.
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By NANCY BENAC
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Early voters are casting ballots at a runaway pace in Arizona's biggest county. They have exhausted absentee ballots in some towns in Maine. They are far outpacing 2000 in Florida hot spots. With 32 states now offering some form of early voting, an AP/Ipsos poll taken last week-

Early voting close

An ABC News poll found early voters to be in a statistical tie. Fifty-one percent said they back Bush and 47 percent support Kerry, a difference that is within the margin of sampling error. end found 11 percent of voters across the United States already had cast ballots, and an addi-

tional 11 percent intended to beat the Election-Day rush as well. Coast to coast, including hotly contested states such as Iowa, Florida, Arizona and Nevada, anecdotal evidence points to increased interest in early voting, a trend that both parties are tracking day by day and county by county as they try to turn it to their advantage. In Florida's Leon County, for example, the focus of intense

litigation during the recount dispute of four years ago, nearly 31,000 people had cast absentee ballots by Tuesday, compared with a little more than 10,000 absentees cast throughout the 2000 race. As well, 8,000 people in the county have taken advantage of in-person early voting, an option that was not available four years ago.
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