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# Homeless in Springfield • Part VIII

## Guidelines for Growth

When we started working at Inner City Mission in 1993, we had twelve rooms to house homeless children, their parents, and single women. The average room size was ten-by-twelve, and each room had a closet, a set of bunk beds, a chest of drawers, and a lamp.

During those early years, we had to turn down 245 requests on average per year from people needing shelter. In later years, the number of requests for our services increased, so we added eight more rooms. That brought our total to twenty rooms. These past five years, we have had to turn down approximately 850 requests for each year.

While it's heartbreaking to turn anyone away—especially children—we employ a clear-cut approach when bringing people in.

### We have expectations set in place.

After saying "no" to so many people needing our help, we realize the people who come have an advantage. They have a room that many others wish they had, and they can relax in an atmosphere of God's love with caring people on staff who want the best for them.

We believe every person coming to our facility has arrived in God's perfect timing, and we hope residents can view their time at the mission as a privilege. Once their initial chaos settles down, we encourage residents to take advantage of their time here. Then we lay out expectations that can help them move forward in life.

We have three main expectations, and all three have to do with attitude. Why attitude? We have found that attitude sets the direction for life. Positive or negative, attitude is the first thing other people notice about us. It determines the type of relationships we can develop, the kind of employment we can acquire, and the type of housing we can dwell in.

### Attitude speaks louder than words.

We pay special attention to our new arrivals. Can they take direction? Are they willing to fulfill menial tasks and chores? Will they uphold our safe environment? Are they considerate to others? Do they spend time with their children?

Many of the people coming to us for shelter have attitude issues. However, if they are willing to take guidance, we can help them develop a better attitude as expectations turn into reality.

### Top Three Expectations

#### 1. Taking responsibility

People who take responsibility for their actions—as well as their children's actions—go further in life. They accomplish more and doors open for them. Showing a humble attitude, admitting a mistake, and owning up to consequences speak volumes. Those unable to do this, or refusing to do this, spend their time blaming others and miss out on life's lessons. They gaze at lost opportunities, wondering why they pass by.

For the vast majority of our traumatic homeless residents, it wasn't their fault. They had parents who treated them harshly. They learned as children to duck and flee to escape more pain. Earlier, we mentioned a woman whose father insisted she steal cigarettes for him. If she failed to come back with the right kind, or when she got caught, he would use her body as an ashtray, extinguishing cigarette butts on her arms and legs.

Circumstances like hers are difficult to overcome. Yet at some point, the person must learn to forgive and move on. As callous as that sounds, it is to their great benefit to release the people who have harmed them and take responsibility for their own adult life. This act of forgiveness and humility opens the way for them to develop a positive attitude that moves them forward in life.

#### 2. Respecting Authority

Residents refusing to obey our basic house rules, who turn their back on any type of guidance, who treat others with disdain, reveal right away why they are homeless. They have a major attitude issue that prevents them from submitting or answering to anyone. That includes an employer, a landlord, a policeman, or anyone in charge. Authority and rules have become the enemy.

Some of our traumatic homeless carry this kind of attitude. Those who refuse to change their ways can fall into chronic homelessness if they reject the confines of a shelter, and prefer living on the street in "freedom."

In order to recognize those we can help, we ask new arrivals to live within the guidelines of the shelter handbook. Their response decides whether we can house them or not. If they hesitate or balk in any way, we explain that safety is our foremost concern—and if they cannot follow our guidelines, they won't be staying. For those who are willing, we take them through the handbook and talk about our basic rules for safe living in a communal setting.

Our hope, of course, is that every person can submit to authority in order to live peaceably with others in society. Most of our traumatic homeless need help in this area. Some tell us right away it's no problem, but then ignore our guidelines. We take each person individually and try to help them move past this issue.

#### 3. Living in Gratitude and Contentment

We live in a country that has been blessed, even to the point of excess. The residents we work with are seen as some of the poorest in our country, yet they are considered wealthy when compared to the world standard.

If you live in a two-person household in the United States and make under \$16,910.00 a year, you are living in poverty. It's estimated

that 43 million people in our country are living in poverty at this time. In farther reaches of the world, a two-person household making under \$1,387.00 is considered poverty-stricken. It's estimated that 734 million people live in this type of poverty worldwide.

We are blessed to live in a country that does not have people starving to death. What we have instead, is "food insecurity," which, defined in Webster's Dictionary, means "unable to consistently access or afford adequate food." However, in other countries across the globe, it is estimated that 9 million people die of starvation each year.

When residents complain about a lack of something physical, we remind them of the blessings we all enjoy in America. Yes, they are lacking some of the "stuff" others have in our country, but there are more important resources they need to acquire first, such as **relational** and **inner resources**. As these are built, they can begin to obtain and maintain the physical resources that are missing.

In the meantime, we present the idea of being content. Now is not forever, we explain, and we encourage living life with an eternal perspective, which brings peace of mind and contentment in difficult circumstances.

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We bring to light other expectations and hopes for our residents as they work through personal issues and set life goals. Things like honesty, positive communication with others, willingness to take constructive criticism or advice, avoidance of gossip and chaos, recognition of personal strengths and weaknesses, desire to help others in need, and setting healthy boundaries.

These expectations are what we call Guidelines for Growth. They are practical, relevant ways a person can develop a good attitude while living out the life-giving fruit of God's spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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# Democracy, eh

## Consider change

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

Last week, I flew a Canadian flag.

I had meant to do this when George W. Bush got reelected. But I finally affixed the maple leaf banner to my front porch the day after pretend patriots stormed the Capitol.

It was a low point long in the making. Forget Donald Trump. He's symptom or opportunist or catalyst – a fuse lighter, maybe, but not the bomb, a demagogue enabled by an astounding number of House members and senators who supported overturning settled election results.

This sort of thing does not happen overnight.

Aside from the Iraq War, it's hard to think of anything big that we've accomplished during the past 20 years. Income stratification worsens while health care costs soar. Our highest court has bestowed corporations and unions with free speech rights, as if they were people. India has checked coronavirus, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, because everyone wears masks instead of arguing about it.

Since World War II, Italy has changed governments at least 68 times, and Rome these days isn't burning like Washington. Maybe we'd be better off going the Italian, or Canadian, route by replacing the House, Senate and presidency with a parliamentary form of government.

There would be no presidential elections. Rather than vote for a person, we'd pick a party. Instead of two parties, we could have three, maybe five, with legislative seats awarded based on percentage of votes received. Instead of Trump taking over the GOP, folks who favor his views on immigration and civil rights could have formed their own party.

George Wallace got 14 percent of the vote

in 1968 as an American Independent Party candidate. If it had been a parliamentary election, 86 percent of Congress would've been loyal to someone else, which now doesn't sound like such a bad deal.

Conversely, those attuned to the late John Lewis could have gone their own way instead



of waiting for Democrats or Republicans to find room in supposedly big tents.

Since the Civil War, eight presidential candidates have gotten at least six percent of the vote without being Democrats or Republicans. With 19 percent of the vote, Ross Perot handed the presidency to Bill Clinton in 1992, despite the typical Perot supporter not being keen on Clinton.

What if voters who supported the likes of Theodore Roosevelt or Eugene Debs or John Anderson were rewarded with seats in Congress, where the two major parties might then engage with less-sharp elbows, given need for compromise and alliances. What if the Democratic and Republican parties were wed to philosophies and platforms instead

of candidates? From Andrew Jackson to John McCain to Bernie Sanders to Trump, American politics have long nurtured mavericks, and that's not always good in our brand of politics.

Imagine England fighting World War II with Chamberlain in charge: Why should we wait four years to ditch failed leaders? Why must politicians who don't fit molds either be chained together in the same party or not hold office at all? Ten members of Congress have switched parties since 1999; during the same time period, more than 100 members of the British House of Commons have switched allegiances, often after being booted from parties for insufficient loyalty, with Queen Elizabeth none the worse for wear.

Biden will name Trump the White House press secretary before we start calling Dick Durbin an MP. But it's the sort of hypothetical that can captivate political scientists.

"We just have very weak parties that can be influenced by very small interests," says Petia Kostadinova, a University of Illinois Chicago political scientist. "I think parliamentary systems are more flexible. Personally, I would like to see it."

Parliaments aren't panaceas. It's not a lock that the Vietnam War would've ended sooner or Dreamers would have resolution if we had a parliament. In the realm of what-ifs, Kostadinova says that a parliamentary system might do best with a weakened Senate – she isn't aware of a parliamentary government with two equally powerful legislative chambers, and she notes that seats in the House, unlike the Senate, are assigned according to population. If we're a shining city on a hill, why haven't other nations followed our example, and never mind Nebraska, which switched to a single legislative chamber in 1935. Electoral colleges haven't caught on, either.

The Constitution isn't static. Until 1913, state legislatures, not voters, picked senators. But governments don't get overhauled absent existential upheaval. Like Kostadinova, Chris Mooney, another University of Illinois Chicago political scientist, doesn't see a parliament in our future. He likened events of last week to a stress test of the status quo.

"So far, it seems to be working out," Mooney says. "We'll have to wait and see." □

## How do we respond to the nation's crisis?

GUESTWORK | Sister Marcelline Koch, OP

On Wednesday last week, the world saw an insurrectionist mob forcibly enter the U.S. Capitol and violently interrupt the certification of Electoral College votes confirming the election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as the next president and vice president of the United States.

This frightening incident dramatically exposed the fragility of our democracy and the racist systems underlying our practice of democracy.

We are reminded of Langston Hughes' poem which begins "O, let America be America again—/The land that never has been yet—". It speaks to the ongoing need to build and realize a republic, a nation that makes it possible for all persons to be able to benefit from the promises, rights and freedom we value and profess.

Perhaps you have heard it said, or wondered aloud to yourself, "What would have happened if that mob had included a majority of people of color?"

Would they have initially been welcomed? Chatted with? Posed for selfies? Casually shown the door? Unlikely.

Most likely, there would have been more violent attacks on brown and black bodies. More likely, we'd be reckoning with a tragically higher death count.

The majority of the sisters in our congregation are white persons who benefit from the privileges of whiteness. For a long time, we've understood the indefensibility of this unjust system from which we continue to benefit. The incident in Washington last week has only made more apparent and more urgent the need for change.

For that reason, the Leadership of our community and I released the following statement in response to the crisis:

On Jan. 7 people in the United States awoke to a new reality – but not one without hope. It is possible now for all of us to see as clearly as we ever have the fault lines that divide our

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### Editor's note

A season of rapid change, as in Springfield and Washington, is not the time to shrink as though violence, disease and racism will win. It is the time, rather, to say with Nancy, JB, Joe – and now maybe Mitch, and Tim Butler, who's finding his voice – to say we can do this, we can handle what they throw, we can use justice to make peace. Change needs the strong. When change comes fast it calls on the experienced to clean up the mess while calming fears. The tide is at the flood. Take it. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO





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## OPINION

# Will Republicans finally reject Trump?

POLITICS | Rich Miller

"This isn't their Republican Party anymore!" Donald Trump Jr. declared Jan. 6 during a fiery speech near the US Capitol.

"This is Donald Trump's Republican Party," the President's son insisted. "Today, Republicans, you get to pick a side for the future of this party. I suggest you choose wisely."

And then, later in the day, all heck broke loose. A large number of furious cretins stormed the United States Capitol in an attempt to stop a legitimate presidential election from being certified. Five people died in the resulting melee, including one member of the US Capitol police force.

Freshman Illinois US Rep. Mary Miller (R-15) spoke at a rally that same day and made a bizarre comment about how Adolph Hitler was right about kids being the future.

Both Miller and US Rep. Mike Bost (R-12) represent southern Illinois, and after Congress reconvened that evening, they voted against certifying the presidential election results.

Bost and US Rep. Darin LaHood (R-18) signed on last month to a doomed attempt to convince the US Supreme Court to overturn the election results.

While US Rep. Rodney Davis (R-13) did not go as far as his three GOP colleagues, he has been an ardent President Trump supporter for the past four years.

Those are not the public faces the party needs in the Chicago suburbs. And you simply can't win statewide in Illinois without carrying that region.

US Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-16), on the other hand, has made a national name for himself by occasionally yet forcefully criticizing the president, and he has stepped up his game ever since it became clear that Trump lost the election. He took it to a much higher level on the day of the insurrection, however.

"I outright condemn this garbage," Kinzinger said of Rep. Miller's speech. He called the storming of the US Capitol a "coup attempt." He slammed fellow Republicans for refusing to certify the results. And he said the President is a "weak self-absorbed man" who was attempting to "overthrow the will of the people."

"He is no longer the leader of our party," Kinzinger said of Trump. "And our party must reject these treasonous acts."

Back when then-Congressman Ray LaHood (Darin's father) was thinking about running against Gov. Rod Blagojevich, I wrote that "moderate" Washington DC Republicans usually have voting records which don't look

at all moderate when they run statewide here. Kinzinger has voted with Trump 92% of the time and definitely has a conservative record.

But, man, those statements could erase a whole lot of whatever can be thrown at him if he decides to run for governor or US Senate, especially in a state that Trump twice lost by 17 points.

One should never make predictions during times of massive upheaval and change, so let's not anoint him yet. Plus, we've all seen politicians rise like rockets only to fall like meteors. And I've seen plenty of very solid, hard-working candidates fail simply because they lived in the "wrong" district or state.

With that being said, Kinzinger has a sharp wit and obviously knows how to land a hard punch.

Kinzinger won a McLean County board seat when he was just 20 years old and then joined the Air Force after college and went on to fly missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. He won his first congressional race against an incumbent Democrat and then soundly defeated a longtime Republican incumbent in a post-remap primary. The dude has serious chops.

I was impressed with the way he rhetorically knocked Gov. Pritzker back on his heels last month over the LaSalle Veterans' Home debacle, where 35 residents died of COVID-19. Then again, Kinzinger has not exactly been out front about warning his constituents to take precautions during the pandemic. The virus was raging through the surrounding community when it found its way into the facility.

The money to fund the Republican Party is in the Chicago area, where most corporate types tend to shun the far-right's views. Those folks are definitely not going to want to reside in Donald Trump's GOP going forward, no matter what the President's son says. So they may be eager to embrace someone like Kinzinger.

But Kinzinger went so far out on a limb on Trump (even calling for his removal from office) that he may have seriously damaged his chances of winning a statewide primary. And even if he does win that round, a significant chunk of his party's base might angrily choose to skip over him in a general election.

Keep watching. □



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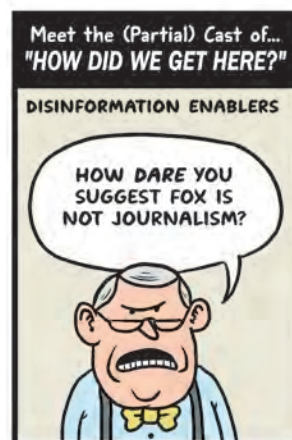
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## Non-new year poem again: this time on the value of books

the times are still chaotic so how about a bit of dubious humor till the pendulum swings? my librarian friend heard this from a coworker at west branch so It's surely true – a woman came in to pay for a lost book “why don't you wait two weeks? it'll probably show up” “no, it is a lost book” “but with a little more time – ” “no it is definitely a lost book” “but – but – ” “honey, you're not getting that book back! my husband was reading that book when he died and I put it in the coffin with him” the librarian wordlessly accepted the cost of the book

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## LETTERS

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### BACK TO SCHOOL NOW?

I teach third grade at a school with a diverse student population in a neighborhood of working-class people. I have been in this school nearly a decade now, and I have come to know the businesses and families I serve.

I want my students in class. I want to be in class; I signed up to be a hybrid teacher. I miss the scent of freshly sharpened pencils, seeing the light bulb go on over their heads as they grasp a new concept and the gritty feel of whiteboard markers on my fingers. I miss it all and I want my kids back – but not yet.

I'm so ready for school to start that I even helped District 186 work through making plans, but the whole time we were doing that there was an understanding that success in returning to school meant starting from a place where all those plans would have the best chance of success. That starting line had metrics attached and I was proud of that, thinking members of the union and the administration had come together to ensure all of our safety.

When it became clear that the metrics were rigorous, the school board lost its way, twice. The

school board first weakened those metrics and finally did away with them altogether. Now we are going to return when numbers are rising with the knowledge that kids and teachers will get sick. It appears that while I can do a lot to protect my students from fires, allergens, asthma, abuse and a whole range of other things (with a smaller chance of happening than getting COVID-19 at school), I can't keep them safe from the misguided actions of local bureaucrats.

In-person schooling can be successful, if it starts when community spread is low. As I write this, community, state and national spread is all heading in the wrong direction.

The school board should immediately change course and engage once again in a scientific approach to reopening by holding to the metrics originally set. They should heed the warnings from teachers and building administrators who have made it clear that while of course we can go back, it is not yet safe to do so and the building blocks upon which this plan was created are no longer in place.

Let's not wait to act until it is too late, like most schools do. Let the science and data guide our decisions.

Ben McKinney  
Springfield

### A GREAT AWAKENING

The insurgent mob who laid waste to our U.S. Capitol on Jan.

6 could have been ‘everyman,’ the allegorical figure for all of humanity.

When all is known that can be known, it might be a shock to see a neighbor, good friends, a church member, clergy, civic leaders, our doctor, members of our police and fire departments and all manner of our citizenry be identified as participants. But should it be a shock?

Compare it to the segregation in the South during the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many southern towns and cities had an appearance of respectable white citizenry in the daylight. But, at night, they donned white robes and let loose their rabid instincts to hang African Americans and lay waste to their possessions and those who were sympathizers. Was anyone shocked?

Imagine reconnecting with someone after several years (as I did during the holidays) who shared the following: “So many people have been purposely misled. We are entering the great awakening. Many revelations are going to come to light. The mainstream media will do everything they can to stop it. Nothing can stop what is coming.”

Who knew? I guess ‘the great awakening’ was the insurgency in Washington, D.C.

Phillipa Porter  
Springfield

# Nation's crisis

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nation. We firmly believe it is also possible to heal them.

The assault on truth and the democratic rule of law at the U.S. Congress on Jan. 6 revealed the depths to which a nation can fall when its leaders are blinded by hunger for privilege and power at the expense of their own dignity, the dignity of all its people, and the common good. The violent mob-action that breached barely secured walls of the Capitol was a frightening and predictable consequence of years of assault on truth, the Constitution, civil rights and democracy itself.

What we witnessed Jan. 6 in our most sacred civic space has revealed an urgent need to forge a path for the renewal of our sacred bonds as members of a nation whose highest ideals – if we are honest – have never yet in our nation's story been equitably made available to all.

As citizens of our beloved nation and women vowed to serve the truth of God's infinite love for all creation, we offer our prayers, our energies and our collective desire for national healing and renewal. When we as a nation acknowledge our historic failings and recommit our energies toward assuring sacred, treasured rights for all, we can begin anew the process of building a republic of citizens, recognizing one another as a people, indivisible, who uphold our common desire for liberty and justice for all.

Some may wonder how we can speak of hope at this dark moment in our nation's story. Hope is what happens to us when we've reached the limits of our individual human powers to find a solution for a challenge. This offer of prayer, and our call for all people of good will to join us in prayer, is not the end, then, but a beginning. It is a beginning of our individual and corporate contribution to building an equitable and just democratic republic. We start by begging God's help. □

*Along with Sister Marcelline Koch, the statement was signed by Springfield Dominican Sisters Rebecca Ann Gemma, Rose Miriam Schulte, Mila Díaz Solano and Marie Michelle Hackett, members of the leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.*

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# Healing from racism

State initiative brings programs to Springfield and beyond

**EQUITY | Madison Angell**

In the wake of the police killing of George Floyd and subsequent uprising, many have grappled with the question of how to address systemic racism in substantive ways. Last fall, the state launched the Healing Illinois initiative.

The goal is “to prompt ideas and activities that help build a bridge toward a racially equitable Illinois,” according to the Illinois Department of Human Services, which oversees the program and \$4.5 million in total funding. The funds are meant to address racial injustice and promote dialogue, education and healing. Organizations that applied were able to request up to \$50,000.

The Illinois Public Health Association in Sangamon County, in partnership with Black Lives Matter Springfield and Memorial Health Systems, was awarded \$40,000 to expand the Healing Ambassadors program and a storytelling project. Both initiatives are designed to address community trauma.

The Storyboard project focuses on mass incarceration, medical mistrust, access to education and discrimination within the education system. IPHA plans to collect data and provide personal stories to explain the impact COVID-19 has had on these issues. The stories will be available online.

The Healing Ambassadors program aims to help individuals share their stories and experiences surrounding community violence. This also provides an opportunity for communities to address police reform and to heal from trauma induced by systemic inequities. Current systems of support are designed to address individuals, but too often the community is unable to provide a collective perspective or voice their concerns.

Sunshine Clemons, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Springfield, said the group has worked with partners to decide how the funds would be used and who would be selected to facilitate the healing circles. The small circles allow individual members access to training and weekly healing sessions. Clemons said ambassadors with diverse backgrounds and experiences were chosen. She said her organization, along with IPHA and others, had for years discussed establishing a project aimed at addressing community trauma and creating an effective response network.

“We were looking for ways to promote some dialogue around healing,” Clemons said. The goal was to “create healing within our communities and when the grant came it was an obvious first step.” Since the killing of Floyd in May, Black



Lives Matter Springfield has repeatedly met with law enforcement and hosted public panels to discuss reform measures addressing body camera equipment, police brutality and excessive use of force. Those conversations are another key component in helping communities heal, said Clemons.

Dr. Tracey Smith, IPHA's director of programs and community health, explained unaddressed trauma has an impact on the long-term health and wellness of communities. Until now there has been no system in place which allows communities to discuss issues and begin to heal collectively.

“There's a support system built-in for the police that responds to that. There's counseling that's available to the individual who maybe was the recipient of that trauma. But really, the community is often left out,” said Smith.

Healing Ambassadors are initially being trained in McLean, Sangamon and Peoria counties. The first cohort consists of 20 facilitators and IPHA says there is another full cohort waiting to be trained when funds become available again. Meetings are held virtually, with group sizes limited to 11 participants. This is to ensure the program provides personal engagement and individualized healing. At the end of January, participants will receive a Healing Ambassadors certificate and are encouraged to begin leading their own healing circles.

Flexibility in the ways the grants are used is something the IPHA celebrated, but Smith added the hardest part of rolling out this program is

doing so in a short period of time. The deadline to train ambassadors and implement programs is Jan. 31.

Healing Illinois also awarded a grant to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. The funds helped the library establish the No Malice Film Project. It is aimed at youth and young adults between the ages of 11 and 21.

Heather Nice, education director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, said the project is focused on young people because “it has become clear that youth and young adults need a venue to express confusion, outrage and fear about the racial inequalities they see and experience.”

“We feel the contest empowers them to express their feelings and beliefs, but particularly during the pandemic when they are isolated and have lost access to their typical social supports,” Nice said.

A second round of grants was awarded in early January and winners have until March to implement programs. A list of Healing Illinois projects can be found at: [tinyurl.com/y5j4ohwv](https://tinyurl.com/y5j4ohwv) □

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## COMPTROLLER ON MOVE?

**CAP CITY** With a lease expiring in June, the state comptroller's office has won legislative approval for a new deal that could result in relocation within the capital city. One option is to buy the building at 323 West Adams Street where comptroller employees have worked for 40 years. Under the expiring lease, the state is paying \$1 million a year for offices used by 150 employees, says Abdon Pallasch, spokesman for the comptroller's office. “The comptroller's office will seek the best deal for Illinois taxpayers,” Pallasch wrote in an email. That's what the state said when it bought space at White Oaks Mall last summer for use as new headquarters for the state Environmental Protection Agency, a deal that disappointed downtown and east side boosters. During a Tuesday House Executive Committee hearing, Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, brought up the EPA's planned move, saying the deal was made without consulting local legislators who'd made clear more than a year ago that the EPA should go downtown. He also noted that \$148,000 in property taxes will be lost if the state buys the comptroller's building. “You guys need to get better and start talking to us on this,” Butler told Gwendolyn Peebles, comptroller legislative director. “It's ridiculous, and yeah, I'm mad about it, because this has happened time and time and time again, and all I get are apologies and I'm sorry. ... That would not happen in a Democrat district, I can tell you that right now.” Springfield is represented by GOP legislators, but we quibble.

## WOMEN SPEAK ON SPEAKER

**CAP CITY** As of early Wednesday, it appeared state Rep. Chris Welch had the most support to be the next House Speaker. If he wins enough votes from fellow reps, he will be the state's first Black person to fill the post. It's a title Michael Madigan has held longer than any other in U.S. history. The question of who will win has eclipsed much of the legislature's lame-duck session this month. Madigan has faced ongoing backlash due to a federal corruption probe. In 2018, he weathered controversy over sexual harassment claims against those in his circle. Women's groups have come together as a coalition to demand that a woman be voted in. “This is about women supporting women, and the time is now,” said Alexandra Eidenberg on Tuesday. She is state chair of Vote Mama and founder of We Will. State Rep. Ann Williams challenged Madigan but dropped out after it became clear she couldn't garner enough votes. Keri Tate of Resistor Sisterhood, based in Springfield, said whoever wins must be a dedicated supporter of women, and Madigan's time is up. “We need somebody in there who can focus on our state and our issues — and especially for us, women's issues — and quit sucking up all the air and oxygen with scandal and problems.”



# House moves bill to end Medicaid managed care

HEALTH CARE | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

A House committee on Monday, Jan. 11, advanced a bill that would end the system of hiring private insurance companies to manage the state's Medicaid program at the end of their current contracts and replace it with a standard fee-for-service payment system.

The bill also calls for a three-year moratorium on any hospital closures or downsizing.

However, it is expected that further amendments to the bill are being drafted, and it was unclear whether a final version could be approved by both chambers of the General Assembly before the special lame duck session ends.

That proposal is part of a health care reform package being pushed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, an agenda aimed at addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the state's health care system.

Medicaid covers more than 3 million people in Illinois, according to the latest tally by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the majority of them are enrolled in a managed care program. Nearly half of those enrollees, more than 1.4 million, are children in low-income families. Another 1.1 million are working-age adults, including more than 640,000 who became eligible with the federal expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

The idea behind managed care was to reduce costs and improve health outcomes by coordinating each person's health care – making sure they get regular checkups and follow-up visits and coordinating services between primary care providers and specialists.

But critics of the program have long argued that the insurance companies, known as managed care organizations, or MCOs, don't really save money by reducing costs but, rather, by denying claims.

"The MCOs are really managed claims organizations, not managed care organizations," Tim Egan, president and CEO of Roseland Community Hospital in Chicago, said during a House Executive Committee hearing. "They deny health care claims and make money off the backs of Medicaid providers in Illinois, which is just outright wrong."

The bill, introduced as an amendment to Senate Bill 558, is sponsored by Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, a member of the ILBC.

"One of the things that I want to make sure I have the opportunity to ask the MCO organizations is, why do they think providers have signs outside of their facilities that say we accept

most MCO plans and not all," Lilly said during the hearing. "And once that sign is displayed in the poor, the Black and brown community, which that's where those signs are, that means those individuals do not have access to health care within their community."

Samantha Olds Frey, CEO of the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans, which represents MCOs, acknowledged that work needs to be done to address racial disparities in health care, but she said ending managed care itself would be disruptive and could result in a loss of some federal funding.

That's because the state currently levies an assessment on MCOs, which generates money that is then used to draw down additional federal dollars that are used to support reimbursement rates and help fund safety net hospitals.

"As drafted, we believe this will jeopardize billions of dollars in federal revenue, that it will destabilize the program and cause confusion during an already very confusing time for Medicaid members," she said. "And that'll eliminate the stable partnership that the health plans have been able to offer to the state throughout financial crises and that we continue to offer to the state."

David Gross, a senior vice president of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, also spoke about the potential loss of federal dollars by ending managed care.

"There's over \$3 billion that flows through the assessment program right now through the MCOs to our hospitals, including \$1.4 billion over the next two years for our safety net hospitals, who I think, as everyone knows here, face very difficult financial challenges, and many times have only a few days of cash on hand," he said.

Gross also spoke against a provision of the bill calling for a three-year moratorium on hospital closures and capacity reductions.

"Hospitals need financial resources," he said.

"They need appropriate staffing and they need patient volume to maintain service lines in order to move forward with a functioning hospital. And forcing the hospital to stay open when they cannot afford to do so, and do not have the appropriate staff or the patient volume to maintain competencies, puts the safety of patients at risk."

The committee voted 8-5 to advance the bill to the full House. □

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# Sweeping criminal justice bill moves toward passage

**LAW ENFORCEMENT** | Raymon Troncoso, Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Senate passed a criminal justice omnibus bill early Wednesday morning after a grueling 20 hours of politicking during Tuesday's lame duck session.

The legislation is made up of several provisions that touch all facets of the criminal justice system. The Pretrial Fairness Act, a longtime passion project to end cash bail in Illinois by Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, and a complete overhaul of police certification crafted by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul were both absorbed into the omnibus package.

The legislation, an initiative of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, was tied to a new amendment to House Bill 3653, introduced in the early-morning hours Wednesday following mostly private negotiations that stripped down many controversial provisions in the bill.

The Senate met to debate the bill shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday before the measure passed 32-to-23 just before 5 in the morning, moving to the House floor. The House adjourned slightly after 4 a.m. Wednesday with plans to reconvene in the morning.

"Abraham Lincoln once said, 'Plant your feet in the right place and stand firm.' We are standing firm," Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the bill, said in his closing speech before voting began. "We are fundamentally changing the way we do criminal justice in this state."

Many of the most debated aspects, such as ending qualified immunity for law enforcement, were reduced or removed from the bill following heavy opposition from law enforcement, labor unions, prosecutors and municipal representatives.

Points of contention were highlighted over three days of subject matter hearings in the House, where Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, also a sponsor of the bill and chairperson of the Judiciary Criminal Committee, fielded testimony and criticism from Republicans on the committee and representatives from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Still, the scaled-down version that made it to the Senate floor was attacked by Republican lawmakers who said its changes were too drastic and would negatively impact the safety of Illinois communities. Some Democratic senators joined Republicans in voting against the bill or didn't vote at all.

"It is bold, it is transformational, it is supposed to be," Sims said in response to challenges during Senate debate.

"The people of Illinois sent us here. They sent us here to do better by them, not by ourselves. This bill is not about who we are, it's about the Illinois we strive to be."

## Pretrial detention

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, all bail bonds and conditions of bail will be replaced by a system of pretrial release

to be developed by the Illinois courts based on a detainee's alleged crime, their risk of not appearing for their court date, and the threat or danger they may pose to the community if released.

"For too long, people in this state have spent time in jail only because they could not afford to pay their bail," Peters said in a statement released shortly after the successful Senate vote. "The end of that practice is near. I'm thrilled that ending cash bail was part of the package we passed today."

The original version of the bill abolished cash bail effective immediately, but that was extended by two years to accommodate the transition and allow for uniform standards to be developed, according to Sims.

## Use of force

According to the bill, the General Assembly intends to establish statewide use-of-force standards by 2022 while making changes to what are acceptable and unacceptable uses of force in Illinois statute.

The bill provides that use of force is permissible only when an officer has determined it is necessary to defend either themselves or others from bodily harm when making an arrest. When a suspect is attempting to escape, officers would not be permitted to use deadly force to stop them, unless that person cannot be apprehended at a later date and is likely to harm others.

The law prohibits certain uses of force. Chokeholds and restraints above the shoulders that can restrict breathing are banned, unless explicitly used as deadly force. It also prohibits using force as a punishment or in retaliation when it is not authorized; using non-lethal projectiles like tasers and rubber bullets on someone's head, groin area or back; firing rubber or any type of round into a crowd; and using tear gas and pepper spray without first allowing a crowd to disperse after being warned.

Before officers can use deadly force, they must make a reasonable effort to identify themselves as law enforcement and warn that they are about to use deadly force. Law enforcement can no longer use deadly force against someone for committing a property crime, unless that crime is tied to terrorism or to another crime or action where deadly force is permitted.

Officers are also restricted from using deadly force against a person who poses a danger to themselves but does not pose an imminent threat to the officer or another person.

The police reform provisions also add two new duties to the Illinois statutes that officers must follow. The first requires law enforcement to give immediate medical assistance to an injured person, regardless of whether they were injured by the officer's use of force. The second is the duty to intervene when another officer uses excessive force and to file a report of that incident within five days.

## Qualified immunity

One of the largest changes to the bill was the gutting of a provision that would have ended qualified immunity for officers, eliminating their protection from liability in civil suits if they violated rights guaranteed in the Illinois Constitution.

Instead, the legislation creates a yearlong Task Force on Constitutional Rights and Remedies, an 18-member body that will investigate and develop procedures to protect constitutional rights and remedies should those rights be violated. The task force will specifically look at qualified immunity as enjoyed by law enforcement.

A report with policy recommendations must be submitted to the governor's office and the General Assembly by May, with the task force being dissolved by the legislation at the start of the new year.

## Police certification

A police certification provision backed by the attorney general's office was also added to the bill. It gives the state more power over who can be a member of law enforcement and makes it easier to decertify and terminate the employment of problematic officers.

Before this legislation, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board could decertify an officer only if they were convicted of a felony or a limited set of misdemeanors such as offering a bribe, prostitution or criminal sex abuse.

The criminal justice omnibus bill grants ILETSB greater discretion to decertify officers based on whether a Certification Review Board determines they violated conduct guidelines.

An officer could be decertified if it is determined they committed a felony or a disqualifying misdemeanor, even if they were never convicted or charged. Other actions that could result in an officer being decertified include using excessive force; failing to intervene when another officer uses excessive force; tampering with dashboard cameras, body cameras or evidence; and committing perjury or engaging in "unprofessional conduct" such as deceiving or harming the public.

Under a new statute of Law Enforcement Compliance Verification, all officers must verify their certification with ILETSB every three years to prove they've completed all mandatory trainings and have not engaged in misconduct worthy of decertification.

No law enforcement agency can hire a person who is not ILETSB certified.

The certification also overhauls transparency and communication in the criminal justice system, creating three databases maintained by ILETSB relating to officers.

The first database, which will be private, will have every law enforcement officer's certification status, instances of misconduct and current or past

status of employment in law enforcement agencies. The database will be available to the Illinois State Police, governmental agencies, law enforcement agencies, state's attorneys and the attorney general. All law enforcement agencies would be required to use and check this database when hiring an officer.

Two other public databases would also be maintained by ILETSB, one that contains all officers, their agency, certification status and any misconduct that led to decertification; and one that contains all completed investigations of law enforcement misconduct, with the identifying information of the officers involved redacted.

## Body cameras

Under this new legislation, the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act is amended so that all law enforcement agencies must eventually use body cameras.

The largest agencies must have body cameras in place by 2022, while all agencies, no matter how small, must have body cameras implemented by 2025.

Originally, this provision was touted as the "defund the police" bill by law enforcement groups opposing the Black Caucus legislation due to a non-compliance penalty that reduced how much state funding municipalities received for each year law enforcement agencies under their control violated the mandate.

Now, compliance is rewarded and the penalty has been removed, with ILETSB giving preference in grant funding to agencies following the mandate.

## Detainee rights

The bill expands rights of people who are taken into custody by police. The state's 1963 Code of Criminal Procedure is amended and modernized regarding phone calls.

Suspects in custody must be able to make three phone calls within three hours of being taken into police custody. Every time they are detained in a new location, this right is renewed for the purpose of speaking to their attorney and notifying family and friends of their situation.

The new provision also gives detainees the right to access the contact list on their cellphone to obtain numbers as part of their three phone calls, even if the cellphone is being used as evidence in a criminal investigation. This must be done before the phone is officially placed into police inventory.

Other provisions give judges more discretion to disregard mandatory minimums for certain crimes, change how prisoners are counted when drawing representative district maps and create a new process for how deaths in custody are handled. □

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## NEWS

# Education reform heads to governor

GOP warns education and economic equity bills are flawed

**EDUCATION | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois**

A bill aimed at improving racial equity throughout the state's K-12 and higher education system passed both houses of the General Assembly on Monday, Jan. 11, while another bill, to address economic inequities received House approval Tuesday night.

Both bills were part of an agenda being pushed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, which called for the rare lame duck session before members of the next General Assembly – and possibly a new House speaker – took office on Jan. 13.

Debates in both chambers were heated, with Black Caucus members arguing that their issues could no longer be ignored and Republicans arguing that despite the Black Caucus' good intentions, the bills had been put together hastily and were seriously flawed.

"We want to help you accomplish these goals. We want the state of Illinois to open up opportunity to everybody who wants to have that opportunity," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the floor of the House. "We all want that same thing. This is not the way."

His comments came after a lengthy debate over the economic equity bill, Senate Bill 1608, which creates a number of new commissions and, among other provisions, includes additional racial diversity requirements in state purchasing policies.

"Our Black people are looking for solutions," Rep. Thaddeus Jones, D-Calumet City, said in response. "They can't get unemployment. They can't get (Paycheck Protection Program loans). They can't get the funds that many of your friends are getting on the other side, and all we're asking is for you to help us."

During debate on the bill, Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, engaged in a lengthy exchange with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, over details of the bill, pointing out that it requires purchasing officers to consider racial diversity even in the purchase of real estate and vehicles, where the state has little control over the race of the seller or the manufacturer.

After about 45 minutes of debate, Jones made a parliamentary motion to cut off discussion and proceed immediately to a vote. The bill eventually passed, 70-39, sending it to the Senate.

Another economic equity bill sponsored by Harper, Senate Bill 1480, would cap interest rates on payday and car title loans and to limit the use of criminal history records as a basis for employment and housing decisions. It passed the



Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, reacts after the passage of SB 1480 during the lame-duck session of the Illinois House of Representatives held Tuesday at the Bank of Springfield Center. PHOTO: CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

House 70-43 as well.

The education bill, House Bill 2170, drew equally sharp debate in both chambers. That bill creates a number of new mandates for K-12 education, including changes to the state's social studies requirements, a requirement for districts to provide computer literacy programs and for the State Board of Education to develop new computer science curriculum standards.

But the one that drew the sharpest disagreement concerned changes to the AIM HIGH grant program in higher education, which is currently funded equally between the state and state universities.

Under the bill, universities where 49 percent or more of the students qualify for federal Pell grants would only have to fund 20 percent of a student's AIM HIGH award, while universities where fewer than 49 percent of students receive Pell grants would have to fund 60 percent of the award.

The intent of that provision was to lower the cost to schools with smaller endowment funds such as Chicago State University, which last year returned \$800,000 of the \$1 million in state funds it was allotted, saying it could not afford to pay for its share of the match.

But Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, argued in an interview that universities have a variety of ways to pay their share, including tuition waivers equal to their share of the award, and he criticized CSU – which reported a freshman class this year of just 144 students – for not using that option to attract more students.

In the House, Rep. Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, openly criticized the bill's House sponsor, Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, arguing that the bill puts additional costs on larger universities, such as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Representative, this is going to significantly increase student debt, the very issue that we just talked about," Hammond said. "And you are cutting dollars to the very students that you represent."

Ammons said she disagreed.

The bill passed the Senate, 40-18, and cleared the House, 69-41, paving the way for it to head to Gov. JB Pritzker. □

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The historic Elijah Iles House at Seventh and Cook streets may soon become part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

# National Park Service boundaries to expand

Elijah Iles House and Lincoln Cottage to join Lincoln Home and Rosenwald Home

**HISTORY** | David Blanchette

The Lincoln Home National Historic Site may soon be larger and tell more of Springfield's history if several local organizations are successful in their efforts to expand the site's boundaries to encompass the old and the new.

The Elijah Iles House Foundation Board on Dec. 29 passed a resolution encouraging the National Park Service to expand the historic site boundary to include the Iles House at Seventh and Cook streets and the soon-to-be-reconstructed Lincoln Cottage on Eighth Street,

across the alley from the Iles House.

The Park Service could take over the operation and maintenance of the Iles House and the Lincoln Cottage if the historic site boundaries are extended. These parcels would form an unbroken expansion of the Park Service property from its current boundary along Edwards Street southward to Cook Street.

Together with the Julius Rosenwald Home in the Lincoln Home neighborhood, these sites would bring more than just local attention

to certain aspects of Springfield history, while further illuminating Abraham Lincoln's legacy.

## **"The best way to preserve that house"**

The Elijah Iles House Foundation Board resolution offers to donate the Iles House property and its parking lot immediately to the east of the home to the National Park Service, contingent on the Park Service's acceptance of the adjoining Lincoln Cottage property, which

is being developed by the Abraham Lincoln Association.

"The Iles House took this step because we felt the best way to preserve that house and those grounds over the medium to long term is with an organization larger than the few, small, devoted donors around here," said Iles House Foundation President James Cornelius. "We're pretty confident that the National Park Service would be able to take even better care of it, presumably with more trained staff and possibly



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a bigger budget, and certainly a bigger publicity voice than we have been able to manage.”

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Elijah Iles House Foundation membership averaged 300 per year, Cornelius said. The organization recently changed its fiscal year to match the calendar year so its annual membership drive just got underway, with approximately 150 active members on the books but more joining every week.

Cornelius, the former Lincoln Curator at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, said interpreting the Iles House as part of the Lincoln Home site would make sense. Although there’s currently no proof that Lincoln was ever a visitor in the Iles House while it belonged to Iles, he said that Lincoln and Iles were well acquainted and served in the Black Hawk War together.

“Iles’ life along with Lincoln’s in this town is something that the Park Service seems to be interested in incorporating,” Cornelius said. “Then you add in the next and longest-term owner of that home, Robert Irwin, who was Lincoln’s personal banker and handled his affairs while Lincoln was in the White House. It makes sense to incorporate that aspect of the Lincoln story.”

A direct Abraham Lincoln connection may be a key factor in the Park Service’s deliberations regarding the Iles House in particular. Not to worry, said Abraham Lincoln Association President Michael Burlingame, who is also a Lincoln author and professor of history at University of Illinois Springfield.

“Lincoln’s neighbor, banker and political ally, Robert Irwin, was, according to his nephew William Corneau, ‘one of the most devoted friends, both socially and politically, that Abraham Lincoln ever had,’” Burlingame said. “Irwin regularly hosted Lincoln at his comfortable, nearby home, which had once belonged to Springfield pioneer Elijah Iles.”

Burlingame said the Lincolns often shopped at Irwin’s dry goods store and had an active account at Irwin’s bank. Irwin helped to fund Lincoln’s political campaigns and accompanied President-elect Lincoln partway on his train journey to Washington in 1861, Burlingame said.

Richard Hart is a member of both the Elijah Iles House Foundation and the Abraham Lincoln Association. He researched what it would take to get the Lincoln Cottage accepted as part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and said the



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**“Both sites will help tell a more in-depth story of the life and legacy of Lincoln and the town that shaped him.”**

*U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield*



(Top) The replica of the Lincolns’ 1,200-square-foot cottage will give a true sense of the family’s home life during their first 12 years in Springfield. (Bottom) The boyhood home of Julius Rosenwald is used as the staff office for the National Park Service in Springfield. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

same criteria would apply to the Iles House.

“If you get land that is contiguous to an existing National Park, you can expand the boundaries if it doesn’t exceed a certain percentage of that park,” Hart said. “If you meet that criteria,

you just have to go through the administrative process within the National Park Service and get the Secretary of the Interior to approve it.”

“It has been 50 years since the Lincoln Home National Historic Site was formed in Springfield

and there haven’t been any additions to it,” Hart said. “Adjoining states have more national parks than Illinois and they have utilized these expansion methods that we have never used here.”

National Park Service boundary expansions must be approved by the United States Secretary of the Interior and are heavily dependent on support from that state’s congressional delegation. With the Democratic administration of President-elect Joe Biden coming in, Illinois’ Democratic senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth would be the two key players in the push to expand the Lincoln Home boundaries.

“I support expanding the Lincoln Home Historical Site’s boundary to include both the Elijah Iles House and the Lincoln Cottage,” Durbin said. “Both sites will help tell a more in-depth story of the life and legacy of Lincoln and the town that shaped him.”

The Iles House Foundation would retain ownership of several assets if the Iles House property is accepted by the National Park Service. These include the Strawbridge Shepherd House at University of Illinois Springfield, funds in a Community Foundation account, the Iles House furnishings, and the parking lot at the southeast corner of Seventh and Cook streets.

The circa 1837 Elijah Iles House at 628 South Seventh Street is the oldest surviving house in Springfield. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic it was open Wednesdays and Saturdays from April through October for public tours, and the handicapped-accessible home also hosted public programs and events. The Iles House’s historic main level is furnished as would have been typical in 1840s Springfield and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

**“Will significantly increase the exposure”**

The Lincoln Cottage will be a replica of the original, Greek-revival-style home built in 1839 for the Reverend Charles Dresser, from whom Lincoln bought the home in 1844. In 1856 the second story was added to the home and the number of rooms doubled to 12, giving the Lincoln Home its current appearance.

The Abraham Lincoln Association (ALA) has raised more than half of the \$400,000 necessary to acquire land in the 600 block of Eighth Street between Edwards and Cook and to design, construct, landscape and furnish an accurate replica there of the original one-and-a-half-story, six-room Lincoln family dwelling.

“It would be ideal to have a replica of the cottage that existed before it was expanded into a two-story house to give people an idea of what life was like in the Lincoln Home for 12 years before it became a major house which they lived



in for five years,” Burlingame said. “The emotional insight you gain by being in a space, not just reading about it or seeing a little model of it, gives you an appreciation of what life was really like in those conditions.”

Burlingame said the ALA hopes to start construction on the cottage this summer, contingent on an agreement with the National Park Service.

Having the Iles House and the Lincoln Cottage under the auspices of the National Park Service would be a boon to local tourism promotion efforts.

“The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau focuses its marketing efforts on driving overnight hotel stays,” said Scott Dahl, director of the bureau. “Becoming part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and Lincoln neighborhood will significantly increase the exposure the Elijah Iles House receives, which in turn will increase the number of visitors touring the home of one of the city’s earliest settlers.

“As a destination centered on history, the added publicity the house receives as part of the Lincoln neighborhood could lead to visitors staying in Springfield longer, further stimulating tourism’s economic impact,” Dahl said. “The Elijah Iles House has been a prominent feature during History Comes Alive, our signature summer program. Joining the NPS family will provide new opportunities for even more programming at the site.”

The Lincoln Home in Springfield and the Pullman National Monument in Chicago are currently the only two sites in Illinois administered by the National Park Service. However, the Park Service will begin a study this year, authorized by Congress and signed by the president, to examine 1908 Springfield Race Riot sites for inclusion in the National Park system.

The Park Service has nearly completed a study on accepting New Philadelphia, a town location in Pike County that was plotted and established by African Americans before the Civil War. The village of Prairie du Rocher in southern Illinois, with its early French heritage, is being studied to determine whether that area should be added to the National Park System.

Legislation is expected to be introduced in the next session of Congress to allow the National Park Service to perform a special resource study of Cahokia, the site near Collinsville that was the location of an ancient Native American metropolis. As with the other ongoing studies, such an examination could signal an interest in making Cahokia into another Park Service site.

### “An idea whose time has come”

The Lincoln Home site boundaries didn’t have to be extended for the Rosenwald Home, which

sits catty-corner to the Lincoln Home itself and is used as the main staff office for the National Park Service site.

The home was renamed Feb. 12, 2020, in

W.E.B. Dubois, poet Langston Hughes and singer Marian Anderson.

“Learning the legacy of Julius Rosenwald is an idea whose time has come,” said Nancy Sage,



**Elijah Iles, left, was one of Springfield’s earliest settlers. Julius Rosenwald, right, born in Springfield, was president of Sears and a major philanthropist.** PHOTO COURTESY ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Robert Irwin, who owned this home after Elijah Iles, was a devoted friend of Abraham Lincoln, and often hosted Lincoln there.** PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.

honor of Julius Rosenwald, the president of Sears, Roebuck and Co. and a major philanthropist who moved as a child with his family from another residence in Springfield to the Eighth Street home in 1869. An exhibit panel at the home memorializes the assistance that Rosenwald provided to hundreds of primarily African American artists and scholars, including author

executive director of the Jewish Federation of Springfield and a founding member of the local Rosenwald Initiative. “The Springfield community can take pride in that legacy.”

As of press time a bill was awaiting the president’s signature that would authorize the study of multiple Rosenwald sites throughout the country to add them as units to the National Park

Service.

“Springfield is where Julius Rosenwald was born and his donations helped to start the NAACP as a reaction to the horrors of the 1908 Springfield Race Riots,” Sage said. “We are now pursuing a mural that will face the Rosenwald Home, and have been involved in supporting the legislation for the Rosenwald National Park.”

Rosenwald used his considerable fortune to fund a number of charitable causes, including a private-public partnership that helped to build more than 5,000 schools for more than 600,000 African American children in the segregated south between 1917 and 1932.

The Rosenwald National Park could include some of those school buildings as well as a visitor center in Chicago as part of a thematic, scattered-site experience.

Sage said that Springfield’s Rosenwald Initiative began in late 2017 when organizers joined with Black community members to screen a Rosenwald documentary.

“Through showing the film and understanding Rosenwald’s philanthropy we learned together and built a sense of pride. We also at that time knew we weren’t done with Julius Rosenwald, that we wanted the initiative to continue,” Sage said. “We also did not know that there was a parallel pursuit going on to create a Rosenwald National Park. When we learned of each other’s existence it was fabulous.”

Dorothy Canter, president of that national effort, attended the dedication of the Rosenwald Home in Springfield.

“Rosenwald strongly held forth the Jewish tradition of Tzedakah, which comes from the word ‘justice’ in Hebrew, and essentially is defined as why those who benefit from assistance are obligated to give to those who are less fortunate,” Sage said. “Also Tikkun Olam, the value of repairing the world. That’s the Jewish side of Rosenwald, and that’s why we think he did what he did so anonymously.”

“I grew up in Chicago, and my mother always told me that the Museum of Science and Industry should have been named the Rosenwald Museum, but he didn’t want his name on any building,” Sage said. “That was my personal introduction to Rosenwald.”

Sage said the inclusion of the Iles House and the Lincoln Cottage into the historic site that already memorializes Lincoln and Rosenwald seems like a natural fit.

“Rosenwald grew up across the street from Lincoln’s home. He drew inspiration from Lincoln,” Sage said. “These new additions would add to our understanding of these great men.” □





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## FOOD

# You can make Bread in a Can

Boston Brown Bread, a New England classic

**FOOD | Peter Glatz**

Throughout the pandemic, I have been binge-baking, dutifully feeding my sourdough starter every day, and feeling pangs of guilt every time I scrape my extra sourdough starter “discard” into the garbage. Having trained under a Michelin-starred chef who is renowned for her perfect sourdough boules, I struggle constantly to live up to her lofty standards in my pursuit of an Instagram-worthy loaf. Realizing that my enthusiasm for bread-baking was darkening into a perfection-seeking obsession, I decided to give my sourdough starter a rest and explore some other baking projects that are less technique-sensitive.

The other day, looking for inspiration, I thumbed through my old copy of Alicia Bay Laurel’s 1971 *Living on the Earth*, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Her book is a guide to off-the-grid sustainable living and has been a frequent source of inspiration throughout my life. When I came across her recipe for Boston Brown Bread, it triggered childhood taste memories that had long been forgotten.

My mother didn’t really cook or bake, a victim of the proliferation of convenience foods that changed the ways we fed ourselves in the 1950s and 60s. Our freezer compartment was always stocked with Swanson’s TV dinners. I didn’t care for much of what she served me, but one dish I really loved was Boston Brown Bread with a schmear of cream cheese. It was more like a cake than a bread, soft and moist, uncrusted... and it came out of a can. The only skill required to enjoy Boston Brown Bread was the ability to use a can opener.

Boston Brown Bread is a New England classic – a mixture of cornmeal, rye and whole wheat, sweetened with molasses, moistened with buttermilk and steamed in a metal container. It arose out of necessity. Early colonists had difficulty transplanting their European bread-baking traditions into the New World. The old wheat varieties grew poorly in the new environment. Yield was low and crop failure was frequent. Wheat flour, when available, was expensive. Rye and corn were easier to grow and their flours were comparatively inexpensive, so the early colonists combined them with the more expensive wheat flour for their bread baking.

In colonial times, ovens were not commonplace and much of the cooking was done over an open fire in the hearth. This made traditional bread baking impractical, so the early colonists would “bake” their bread by steaming it in a metal pudding mold inside a pot over an open fire. This resulted in a moist bread gently cooked at water’s boiling point of 212 degrees F.

This bread-making tradition persisted after wheat

flour became more affordable and homes had ovens. A recipe for Boston Brown Bread appeared in the 1898 edition of *Fannie Farmer’s Boston School of Cooking* cookbook. Maine-based cannery B & M, known for its brick-oven Boston Baked Beans, started selling a canned and pre-steamed version of Boston Brown Bread back in the 1920s.

For breakfast, Boston Brown Bread is eaten with butter, cream cheese or jam. On Saturday nights, it’s a common New England tradition to top slices of Boston Brown Bread with baked beans and hot dogs.

It’s easy and fun to make your own Boston Brown Bread. The only special “equipment” required are an empty 28-ounce can, aluminum foil and some kitchen string. I use a tomato can. Be sure to look for cans that are BPA-free. It will say so on the label. BPA is a controversial chemical used in some can linings. Exposure to BPA is a concern because it has a similar chemical structure to the hormone estrogen and can negatively affect many bodily functions. BPA has a melting point of 316° F and heating the can could result in BPA leaching into the bread.

Making Boston Brown Bread is a simple process. You grease the inside of the can, hand mix a simple batter, partially fill the can, cover the can with foil and secure with a piece of string. The covered can goes into an oven-proof pot and boiling water is added until it reaches halfway up the cans. The pot is covered and placed in a 325-degree F oven to steam for a couple of hours.

## Boston Brown Bread

Makes one loaf

### Ingredients

½ cup whole wheat flour  
½ cup rye flour  
½ cup fine cornmeal  
½ t. ground allspice  
½ t. kosher salt  
½ t. baking soda  
½ t. baking powder  
1 cup buttermilk  
½ cup molasses  
½ cup raisins  
1 T. unsalted butter for greasing the can

### Equipment

1 28-oz BPA-free can  
Foil  
Kitchen string



**Boston Brown Bread after steaming 2 hours.**

PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

### Preparation

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

With the butter, grease the inside of the can. Place a round piece of baking parchment in the bottom of each can.

Combine the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl.

Whisk in the buttermilk and molasses until smooth.

Fold in the raisins.

Pour the batter into the can, filling no more than ¾ full to allow for expansion.

Cover the can with a piece of buttered foil and tie securely with a piece of string.

Place the can upright in a deep baking pan or Dutch oven and fill with boiling water until water level reaches halfway up the can.

Place the pot in the pre-heated oven and steam for 2 hours. Check water level periodically and replenish with additional boiling water as needed.

Test for doneness by inserting a toothpick or skewer into the center of the loaf. It should come out clean or with minimal crumb when done. If not, re-cover the can and continue to cook, retesting every 15 minutes.

Remove the string and foil and allow to cool for 30 minutes before unmolding. Run a knife along the inside of the can to loosen, then turn the can upside down and tap on the countertop to remove the loaf.

Boston Brown Bread can be plastic-wrapped and kept at room temperature up to three days, or can be refrigerated for up to five days or frozen for up to three months. □



# Music charges

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Welcome to our world as we are into the second issue of 2021 with a slight thaw in the live music freeze about to happen. Here come our first live gigs of the year with the promise and hope of more to come as the COVID vaccinations continue, our infection rates drop and, most importantly, folks consistently and without reservation, follow the necessary pandemic protocols helping to curb the spread of this virulent virus.

In this past year of very little in-person music, we've adapted to online live performances as seen from the screens of our electronic devices as our most frequent way of participating in this long-time human experience of casting out sound waves in a harmonic form created on instruments or through voices for the entertainment and enjoyment of a listening audience. It's not like it's a really new thing if we add television or even sneak in radio as a similar concept of broadcasting live music to be a purposefully experienced replacement of in-person performances, but still, the thrill of seeing, hearing and feeling music performed live gets your senses working overtime and makes you feel good like nothing else in the known universe can do in quite the same way.

According to a research paper published in 1983 (available online in *Music Therapy Volume 3 Issue 1*) called "The Effects of Live Music vs. Tape-Recorded Music on Hospitalized Cancer Patients" by Lucanne Magill Bailey, a graduate of New York University who developed the music therapy program at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, live music truly makes a difference. She claims, "The live form of music presentation has an energizing element; it provides for a flow of energy from the source, the nearby human body, human voice, and guitar, to the listener... there is an automatic interchange of energy." She goes on to explain how singing and playing instruments allows musicians to become "charged" and when others come into contact with persons who are "charged" and are "emitting energized sounds through music," these "others" are likely to "become stimulated and their listening bodies respond by becoming energized as well."

So the fist-pumping fella who screams, "Dude, you guys are awesome!" or that young woman dancing who squeals, "OMG I love this song!" or even the ubiquitous and phonetic, "Woo-hoo!" shouted by an ecstatic



Tulo + Eads plays the Boars Nest in Athens this Saturday night. PHOTO BY TED BREWER

music fan with a balanced bottle in his hand, surely must all be signs that live music is having an impact on their listening bodies while we're all getting "charged" together and loving every second of it. With that being said, we do have a few happenings this weekend for your charging pleasure.

For solo/duo acoustic-based gigs, The 70s Show, featuring the talents of Rickey Allen Meredith, rolls into the Springfield Carriage House on Friday (6 p.m.) and Saturday gives us Tulo+Eads at the Boars Nest in Athens (7:30 p.m.) and Black Velvet at Maddie's Tavern in Diveron (8 p.m.). The Curve Inn kicks off live music again, and with all regulations in order including limited seating, I am both happy and sad to report they are sold out for this weekend. But it's so wonderful to write about bands again and with the possibility of a waiting list, I must tell you, on Friday night Lick Creek rushes in and Saturday shoots us The Damned Torpedoes, plus next week brings us JackAsh on Friday and Hat Trick on Saturday (all shows are 6:30-9:30 p.m.).

Enjoy the live music carefully and safely, knowing we are winding our way through this stuff and will be back to regular business soon. Take good care until we can get "charged" again. □

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## THE CALENDAR

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 46TH ANNUAL Virtual BREAKFAST

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Mon., Jan. 18,  
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## THE CALENDAR

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### ■ Special Music Events

**Traditional blues guitar master Scott Ainslie**  
Sat., Jan. 16, 7pm. An internationally recognized traditional musician with expertise in Piedmont and Delta blues as well as Southern Appalachian fiddle and banjo traditions. Hosted by Hickory Ridge Concerts. Find the event on the Hickory Ridge Facebook page or the Chris Vallillo YouTube channel. 309-224-8210.

### ■ Books & Authors

**The Little Village That Could: The Untold Story of Devereux Heights**  
Tue., Jan. 26, 7pm. Ken Mitchell will discuss his book on Devereux Heights and his new title *Eight Tomatoes: Letters from the Heart That Heal, Fulfill & Forgive*. Part of the Lincoln Library Behind the Book series. Via Zoom. Visit the website for more information. [lincolnlibrary.info](http://lincolnlibrary.info). 217-753-4900.

### ■ Spoken Word

**it Springfield Poets and Writers open mic**  
Third Wednesday of every month, 6-8pm. Read some poetry, prose or nonfiction, whether your original work or the work of a favorite author. You can also just relax and listen. Get the Zoom link at [springfieldpoetsandwriters.com](http://springfieldpoetsandwriters.com). Free. 217-725-9058.

### ■ History

**A Conversation with Frederick Douglass**  
Wed., Jan. 27, 7pm. Frederick

Douglass, portrayed by Bob Davis, will discuss advocating for the creation of the U.S. Colored Troops to fight in the Civil War for the abolishment of slavery. Watch on the Looking for Lincoln Facebook page or YouTube channel. [lookingforlincoln.org](http://lookingforlincoln.org). 217-782-6817.

**In the Beginning: A look at Sangamon County 200 years ago**  
Tue., Jan. 19, 10am. Hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society. Curtis Mann will look at the people, landscape, transportation and government in the area around 1821. The video will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and [sangamonhistory.org](http://sangamonhistory.org). Free. 217-525-1961.

**Lost Songs of the Civil War**  
Wed., Jan. 20, 7pm. Award-winning folk musician and folklorist Chris Vallillo takes us deep into the journals and letters of the Civil War troops bringing these rare and unheard gems back to life. Find it on the Looking for Lincoln Facebook page. 217-782-6817.

### ■ Children's Corner

**Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Feelings**  
Tue., Jan. 26, 10-11am. Education staff will lead this virtual interactive story time. At-home arts and crafts activities will be provided at the conclusion of the event. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### ■ Nature, Science & Environment

**Friends of Sangamon County workday**  
Sat., Jan. 16, 10am. Volunteer to help clean up the natural area. Masks and reservations required. Call for more information. Free. 217-525-1410.

### ■ Lectures & Meetings

**Springfield Philatelic Society (Postal Stamp Club)**  
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### ■ Bulletin Board

**it Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Virtual Breakfast**  
Mon., Jan. 18, 10am. Frontiers International hosts the 46th annual event with morning speaker Rev. Dr. Melvin Charles Smith of the Mt. Moriah-East Baptist Church, Memphis, TN. Available on Access 4, Channel 18 and the ILSpringfield channel on YouTube. Free.

**Virtual Policy Breakfast**  
Fri., Jan. 22, 8am. Looking at 2020, with Jim Leach, Bruce Rushton and Bernie Schoenberg. Live on Comcast Cable TV Channel 18, the City of Springfield's website and the Citizens Club of Springfield Facebook page.

**it Wreath clean up**  
Thu., Jan. 21, 8:30am. We all appreciate the sacrifices that they made. Now volunteers are needed to help remove the holiday wreaths from their headstones. Camp Butler National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Road. 217-492-4070.

### ■ Health

**Savvy Caregiver**  
Mon., Jan. 18 and Wed., Jan. 20, 1-2:15pm. Individuals caring for a loved one who is experiencing dementia-related issues are invited to join Senior Services of Central Illinois via Zoom for a five-week course. Call for more information. [centralillinois.org](http://centralillinois.org). 217-528-4035.

## LIVE MUSIC

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## Friday Jan 15

**TULO + EADS**  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 7:30-10:30pm

**Lick Creek**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Tom Irwin's Friday Frolic**  
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:37-10:53pm

**70s Solo Show**  
Springfield Carriage Company, 6pm

## Saturday Jan 16

**The Damned Torpedoes**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Black Velvet**  
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8pm

## Tuesday Jan 19

**Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays**  
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm



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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
Dana C. Baker; et. al., DEFENDANTS  
2020CH000159  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/02/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 26, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-03621.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Margaret A. Parker, Deceased  
Case No. 2020-P-334  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Margaret A. Parker. Letters Testamentary were issued to Rosemary Johnson, 18 Lambert Lane, Springfield IL 62704, as Executor. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or before, July 14, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
JACKIE DEMMON GUIMARD, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-7  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Jackie Demmon Guimard of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 6, 2021, to Debby Jean Guimard, 3047 Buena Vista Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brittany Kink Toigo, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before July 13, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of January, 2021.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[bk@barberlaw.com](mailto:bk@barberlaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
GEORGE L. SWEAT, Deceased.  
NO. 2020-P-681  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of George L. Sweat of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 17, 2020, to Lawrence A. Sweat, 4709 Bears Paw, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before June 24, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representa-

tive and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 17th day of December, 2020.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
JERRY D. COX, Deceased.  
NO. 2020-P-682  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Jerry D. Cox of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 21, 2020, to Chad A. Cox, 505 Charter Oak Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62684, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before June 28, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 21st day of December, 2020.  
Randy S. Paswater - 06283705  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[paswater@barberlaw.com](mailto:paswater@barberlaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
ROSEMARY SUE HILL, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-9  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Rosemary Sue Hill of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 7, 2021, to Elisha Fourie, 2161 E. Reservoir Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before July 14, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of January, 2021.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL D. PIERCE, DECEASED

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Case No. 2020-P-691  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given of the death of MICHAEL D. PIERCE. Letters Testamentary were issued on December 23, 2020, appointing TINA PIERCE, 78 W. Fairview Lane, Springfield, IL 62711, as Administrator, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated: December 23, 2020

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF Christina Renee Maggio, Deceased Case No. 2020 P 658 **CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Christina Renee Maggio. Letters of Office were issued on December 31, 2020 to JAMES J. MAGGIO, whose post office address is 2217 Dickens Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 and FRANCES IRENE YOUNG, whose post office address is 2122 S. Park Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATORS, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 1118 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative of the estate, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative

and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
January 14, 2021  
David Patrick Hall  
Attorney for Co-Administrators  
1118 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
217-544-7370  
davehall@motion.net  
Registration No. 6225105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JACK CLAY WILSON, Deceased Case No. 2020P690 **CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of JACK CLAY WILSON Letters of Office were issued on December 18, 2020 to ROBERT BART-NICK, 1036 W Elliott Ave., Springfield, IL as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
/s/ Donald M. Craven  
Donald M. Craven (#6180492)  
Attorney for Independent Executor  
Donald M. Craven, P.C.  
1005 North Seventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Telephone: (217) 544-1777  
Facsimile: (217) 544-0713

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In re the Estate of KATHRYN J. LOVELESS, Deceased. Case No. 2020-P-666 **DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Kathryn J. Loveless. Letters of office have been issued to Kathryn E. Edmiston, 7405 Barclay Rd., Sherman, IL 62684, as Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney

at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before July 7, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. Toe-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
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1129 S. Seventh St.  
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ARDC No. 2300478

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA COREEN COLLIER, Deceased NO. 2020-P-0307 **DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Anna Coreen Collier, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 25, 2020 to Robert C. Steskal, 1306 E. Cottonwood, Springfield, IL 62703 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 22nd day of July, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2021  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNIE R. MILLER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2020-P-695  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES**  
Notice is given of the death of VERNIE R. MILLER, of Sherman, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 22, 2020, to LORI HAGGARD of 3237 Luthin Road, Sherman, IL 62684, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 14th day of January, 2020, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. Dated this 30th day of December, 2020. LORI HAGGARD, Executor of the Estate of VERNIE R. MILLER, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH LEE BARRETT, Deceased. Case No: 2020-P- 000637 **CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of KENNETH LEE BARRETT. Letters of Office were issued on the 7th day of December, 2020, to KATHLEEN MARY BARRETT, whose address is 109 N. 4th Street, Illiopolis, IL as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are KNUPPPEL & LINDNER, 124 West Market Street, Havana, Illinois 62644. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Suite 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate,

or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within Ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 7th day of January, 2021.  
KNUPPPEL & LINDNER  
Attorneys at Law  
124 West Market Street Havana, Illinois 62644  
Telephone: (309) 543-2291  
Facsimile: (309) 543-6819

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Gretchen Dale. Petitioner and Michael Dale, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-562  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
Notice is given you Michael Dale, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 4th of February, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of BRENDAN ROY WATSON For change of name to KRISSY B WATSON Case NO.: 2020-MR-668 **PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from BRENDAN ROY WATSON to KRISSY B WATSON pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: December 31, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of TYLOR NASIR DESHAUN HENDRICKS For change of name to NASIR.ANTOINE.SINCERE (N.A.S) RONALD HEARD Case NO.: 2020-MR-1076 **PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from TYLOR NASIR DESHAUN HENDRICKS to NASIR.ANTOINE.SINCERE (N.A.S) RONALD HEARD pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: December 31, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Marine Bank f/k/a Marine Bank, Springfield  
**PLAINTIFF**

Vs. Dana C. Baker; et. al., DEFENDANTS 2020CH000159  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/02/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 26, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2412 Lindbergh Boulevard Springfield, IL 62704  
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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,



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Unit #07-037 James Sherwin  
Unit #07-028 Michelle Holtz  
Location- 3012 Great Northern Drive  
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To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held January 23,2021 at 9:00 AM at Capitol Storage LLC. 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois. For more information regarding the sale please call 217-522-0300.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Maurice Render. Petitioner and  
Kaypria Lofton, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-F-448  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Kaypria Lofton, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a children custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, i200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 29th day of January, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the interest of CIARA BLACK AND KYREE BLACK, minors  
Case No: 19-JA-146-147  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on October 14, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on FEBRUARY 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minors declared to be wards of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINORS. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

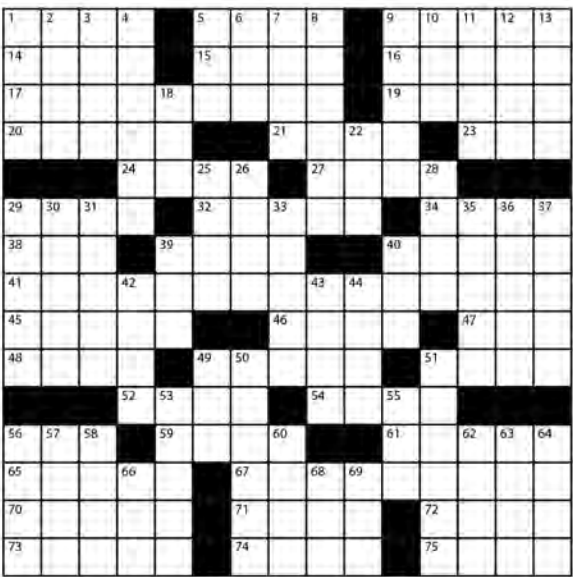
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the interest of BRAYLEN BARKER, a minor  
Case No: 20-JA-242  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN AARON BARKER AND UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on September 4, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on JANUARY 27, 2021 at 11:00 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Mary Tyus, Petitioner vs.  
Nancy Taylor, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1985  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Nancy Taylor, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before February 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: January 14, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Talessia Simmons, Petitioner vs.  
Jessica Carter, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2033  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Jessica Carter, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before February 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: January 14, 2020

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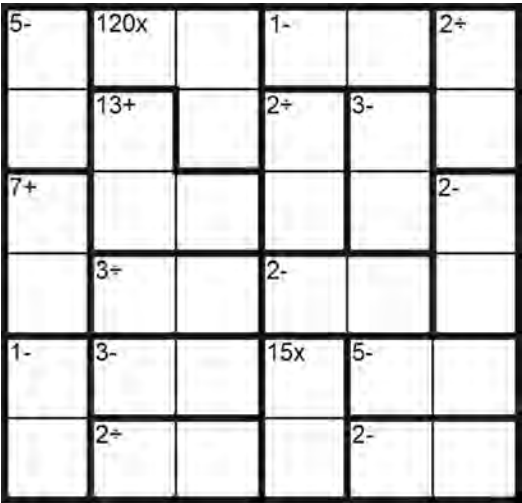
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23. Ave. crossers  
24. Equipment  
27. Face-off  
29. Gen. Robert  
32. Flirt with  
34. Convenience  
38. Costa del \_\_\_\_  
39. Breakfast, lunch or dinner  
40. Magic Johnson was one  
41. Shortly after quitting time, for many  
45. Minneapolis-to-Fargo hwy.  
46. Places for holsters  
47. "Wait a \_\_\_\_!"  
48. Checked out  
49. Arcade name  
51. "\_\_\_\_ that special?!"  
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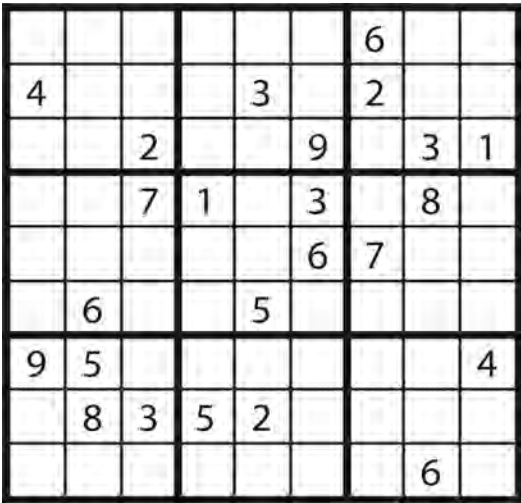
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70. Mob scenes  
71. Black-and-white treat  
72. Flatten, in a way  
73. Takes out  
74. Preschoolers  
75. Street fleet  
9. Hindu social division  
10. Gallery display  
11. Modernists  
12. "Sometimes you feel like \_\_\_\_"  
13. Back muscles, for short  
18. "What'd I tell ya?"  
22. Seek damages  
25. Suit to \_\_\_\_  
26. Bring up  
28. Fall faller  
29. Suffix with Roman  
30. Rotten  
31. Fill with joy  
33. Primary  
35. "Sealed with \_\_\_\_"  
36. Brad Pitt thriller  
37. Not slouching  
39. Atlas abbr.  
40. Capt.'s inferiors  
42. Cincinnati team  
43. Broadcasts  
44. Rod at a pig roast  
49. I love: Lat.  
50. Bag holder  
51. Slanted  
53. "Don't make \_\_\_\_!"  
55. One of Alcott's "Little Women"  
56. King or queen  
57. Soprano's song, maybe  
58. Plunder  
60. Claudius's successor  
62. Irene of "Fame"  
63. Door opener  
64. D.C. figures  
66. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.  
68. Court divider  
69. Rejections

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 671

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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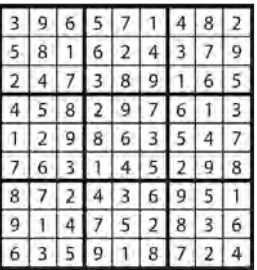


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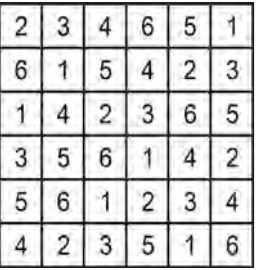
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