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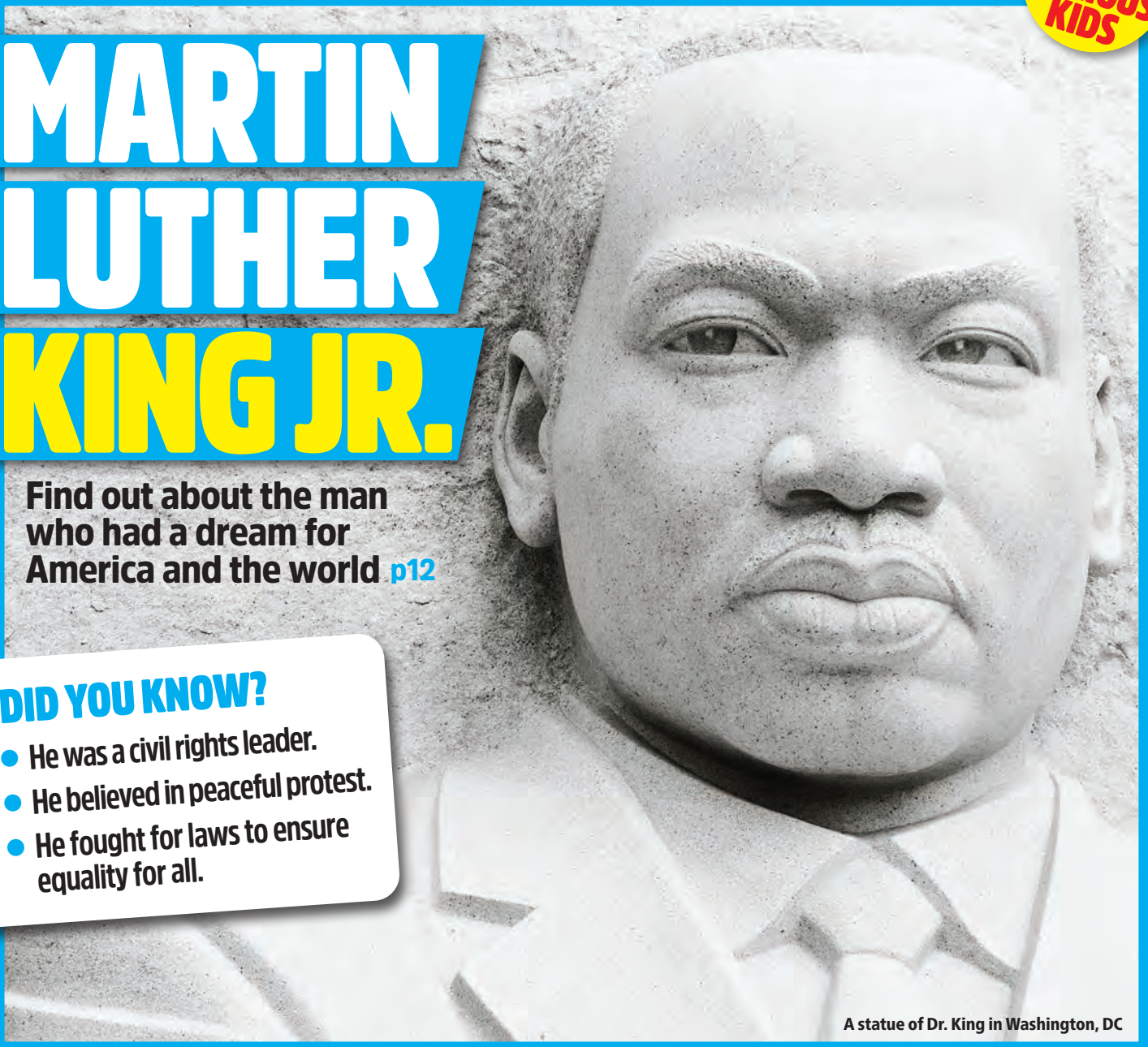
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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Find out about the man who had a dream for America and the world **p12**

### DID YOU KNOW?

- He was a civil rights leader.
- He believed in peaceful protest.
- He fought for laws to ensure equality for all.



A statue of Dr. King in Washington, DC



## DID YOU KNOW?

Construction on the Capitol building began in 1793. It has about 540 rooms and 658 windows.



The scene at the Capitol on January 6

# US Capitol building attacked

On January 6, thousands of supporters of President Donald Trump gathered in Washington, DC, to protest the results of the Presidential election. Some protesters marched to the US Capitol building and used violence to push past police officers and break in. They occupied the building for several hours, resulting in extensive damage, injuries, and deaths.

## What was scheduled for that day?

Members of the US House of Representatives and the Senate (the two parts of Congress, the branch of government that makes laws) had convened at 1 pm at the Capitol building, where they conduct their business and some keep their offices. They had gathered, as the law requires, to formally count the Electoral College votes and certify that Joe Biden won the election on November 3. The process was led by Vice President Mike Pence. (For more about this, see "Presidential results are official" on the next page.)

## What happened?

Earlier in the day, Trump led a rally about a mile from the Capitol, where he repeated a claim he has made many times: that the election was stolen from him through illegal voting. Election officials and judges have found no evidence to

support this. But many Trump supporters are angry and believe Biden did not win and Trump should stay in office. In his speech, Trump encouraged people to march to the Capitol. Many protested peacefully outside, but hundreds invaded the building. They knocked down barricades, broke windows, stole from offices, attacked police, and shouted things like "Arrest Congress!" and "Take the building!" Some used racist language and displayed racist symbols. Capitol security was overwhelmed and backup did not arrive right away, so Congress went into



DC Mayor Muriel Bowser

lockdown. Pence was evacuated, and some members of Congress were taken to safety while others hid. Five people, including one police officer, died, and more than 50 officers were injured.

## How did people react?

Many people across the US and around the globe, including world leaders who watched the events happen on TV, condemned the violence. Members of Congress, their staffs, and Capitol workers said they were deeply upset about the attack. In the days following the riot, many of Trump's Cabinet members (close advisers) and top administration officials resigned. Business leaders also spoke out against the violence. Twitter and Facebook banned Trump from their platforms.

## A hero officer



One quick-thinking Capitol police officer is being praised for risking his life to protect others. Eugene Goodman tried to hold back an angry crowd of rioters who burst into the building. As the crowd pushed further into the Capitol, Goodman can be seen on video bravely luring them away from a room full of senators.

## What is being done about the riot?

Police made more than 100 arrests on multiple charges. Law enforcement is investigating the riot and questioning hundreds of people, including nearly 20 police officers who may not have followed correct procedures during the riot. Two officers have been suspended. Meanwhile, the Capitol building is being repaired, and the city's mayor, Muriel Bowser, asked for increased security there. Members of Congress demanded to know how the building was overtaken so easily. While many police officers displayed strength and courage during the riot, law enforcement has faced some criticism for its response. Many leaders and citizens have said the police used less force during the riot than they did during protests for racial equality last summer.

## What will happen next?

Many officials are calling for Trump to resign or be impeached (when charges are brought against a political leader) for what they believe is his role in encouraging the riot. When *The Week Junior* went to press on January 12, the House was calling on Pence to use the 25th Amendment to the Constitution. This allows a President's Cabinet, including the Vice President, to remove him from office because they believe he is unfit to lead. The House had also taken the first steps of the impeachment process against the President. Both matters were expected to be debated in the days ahead.



# Single-use plastics reduced in China

The first year of China's five-year plan to eliminate single-use plastics has been successful, according to news reports. The first phase of the plan called for the elimination of plastic straws in restaurants and plastic bags in stores, in major Chinese cities, by the end of 2020.

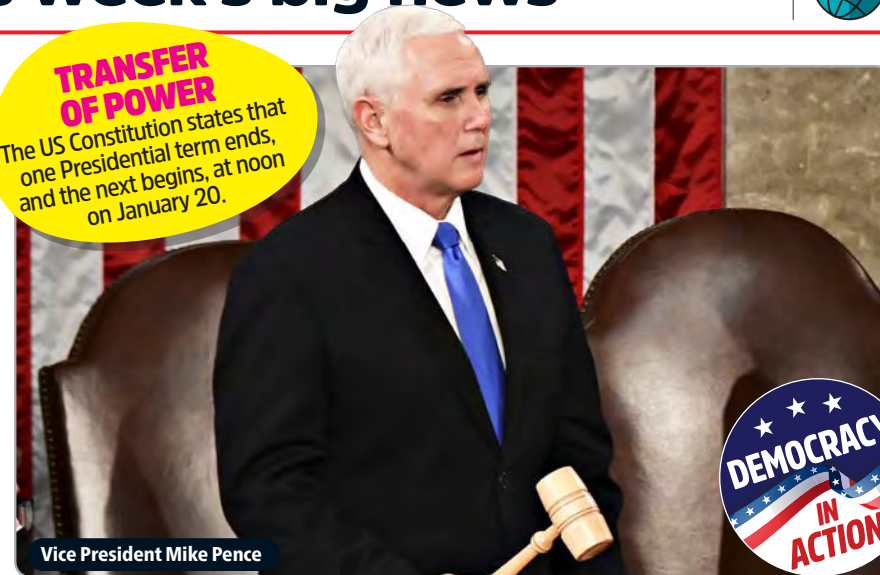
Big cities like Shanghai report that plastic straws have been almost entirely replaced by straws made of biodegradable materials, like paper. These will break down naturally and won't harm the environment. Plastic bags are no longer available at checkout in most supermarkets. (Plastic bags for fresh produce can still be used.) Smaller towns must eliminate these products by 2022. The next stages of the plan include banning plastic items like forks and knives. Non-plastic versions are starting to be produced.

Scientists say single-use plastic is one of the biggest causes of pollution and harm to wildlife and nature. China, which has 1.4 billion citizens, is one of the largest producers and consumers of plastic in the world.



## TRANSFER OF POWER

The US Constitution states that one Presidential term ends, and the next begins, at noon on January 20.



Vice President Mike Pence



# Presidential results are official

On January 6, both parts of the US Congress (the House of Representatives and the Senate) gathered in a joint session. They formalized the results of the Presidential election, making President-elect Joe Biden's win official.

This meeting happens after every Presidential election and is the last step in the Electoral College process (the US system that determines the Presidential election winner). Leaders of each state certify results, then send their certifications to Congress. The sealed documents are placed into special wooden boxes, which are carried into the meeting room and unsealed. The electoral votes for each candidate are counted (it takes 270 to win), and Congress votes to approve the count.

As the Constitution requires, Vice President

Mike Pence was in charge of the process. It started at 1 pm and stopped about an hour later when rioters broke into the building (see the story on p2). Determined to finish voting once it was safe to do so, Congress met again at about 8 pm. Pence said, "Let's get back to work."

The certification of the vote has taken as little as 30 minutes in previous years. But this year, some members of Congress who support President Donald Trump objected to some results. After hearing the objections, Congress voted to accept the counts from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The results became official just after 3:40 am on January 7. Biden won 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232. Biden is set to be sworn in as the nation's 46th President on January 20.



## IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

### AN OLYMPIC-SIZE BIRTHDAY

The world's oldest Olympian celebrated her 100th birthday on January 9 in Hungary. After surviving World War Two, Agnes Keleti won 10 medals in gymnastics in the 1952 and 1956 Games. "I love life," she said.



Agnes Keleti



### EATING VEGGIES

More than 500,000 people signed on for "Veganuary," a yearly challenge to eat a vegan (free of animal products) diet for all of January. The UK-based organizers say a plant-based diet is better for health, animals, and the environment.

### A NEW DOG BREED

The American Kennel Club (AKC), the nation's largest registry of purebred dogs, announced its recognition of a new dog breed, the Biewer Terrier. The Biewer, pronounced like "beaver," has a long, flowing coat and weighs between four and eight pounds. The AKC describes the Biewer, its 197th recognized breed, as a "happy-go-lucky dog with a childlike, whimsical attitude."

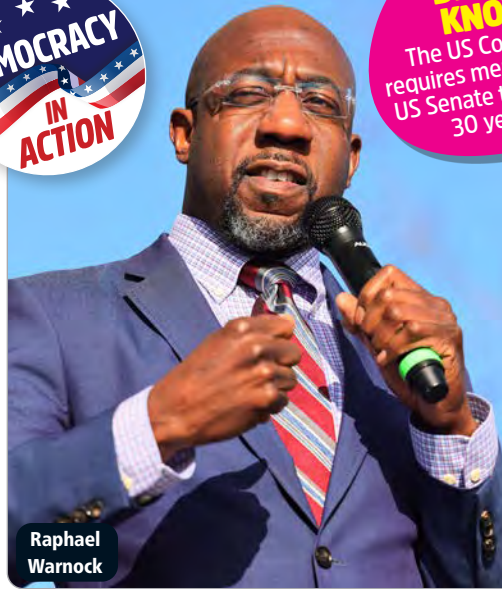


A Biewer Terrier

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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The US Constitution requires members of the US Senate to be at least 30 years old.



Raphael Warnock



Jon Ossoff

### Who is Stacey Abrams?



In 2011, Stacey Abrams became the first woman to lead a political party in the Georgia state government. After losing the governor's race in 2018, she founded the nonpartisan (unbiased) group Fair Fight to encourage voter participation. Together with other groups, it has registered more than 800,000 new voters in Georgia.

## Two new US senators from Georgia are elected

On January 5, special elections were held in Georgia for the state's two US Senate seats. (The Senate is one part of the US Congress, the branch of government that makes laws.) These elections were held because none of the candidates for either seat won more than 50% of the vote on Election Day, November 3. In such cases, Georgia law requires the state to hold a second election, known as a runoff, between the two candidates who received the most votes.

### What happened?

Reverend Raphael Warnock, a Democrat, beat Republican Kelly Loeffler by 51% to 49%. Democrat Jon Ossoff defeated Republican David Perdue, 50.6% to 49.4%. Perdue had been a US senator since 2015, and Loeffler had begun serving in 2020.

### Who are the winners?

Both of the wins are historic. Warnock, age 51, is the first Black person from Georgia to be elected to the US Senate. He is a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Atlanta, where his father, also a pastor, worked with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ossoff, age 33, is the first Jewish person Georgia has elected to the US Senate. When he is sworn in, Ossoff will become the youngest current member of the Senate and the 7th youngest in US history.

### What do the results mean for the Senate?

Before the Georgia runoff, Republicans were in the majority in the US Senate, with 52 seats to the Democrats' 48. The wins by Warnock and Ossoff will create a 50-50 tie between Democrats and Republicans. The Democrats will gain control of the

Senate because Kamala Harris is a Democrat. When she becomes the Vice President of the US on January 20, she will also be the president of the Senate. In that role, she has the power to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. When Democrats take control, Senate leadership positions will change. Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York will be the Majority Leader (the party spokesperson who decides what laws are discussed). He replaces Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who will be the Minority Leader (spokesperson for the party not in control).

### What will happen next?

Warnock and Ossoff will be sworn in when Georgia certifies the election results later in January. Georgia law provides until January 22 to make the numbers official.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### DEMOCRACY

"Democracy" means government by the people or by representatives the people have elected to represent them. At the heart of the word is the Greek *demos*, "the people," combined with *kratia*, meaning "power" or "rule." You can also find *dem* in other words, such as "epidemic," meaning a disease that occurs widely among the people.

## THE WEEK IN HISTORY

### January 22, 1970

#### First 747 jumbo jet enters service

On January 22, 1970, the 747 airplane entered service, taking off in New York City and landing in London, UK. It had 335 passengers and 20 crew members on board. The 747 was called a "jumbo jet" because of its large size. It measured 195 feet from wing to wing—wider than the width of a football field (160 feet). It remained the largest commercial passenger aircraft for more than 30 years.



The 747 was the world's largest aircraft in 1970.



A caribou in Alaska

## Oil companies say no to drilling

Much of the protected land located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska will not be drilled for oil. Large oil companies declined to buy the land there that was for sale. Alaska officials had put the land up for sale to try to bring money to the state. Instead, the lack of interest from oil companies was seen as a victory for the environment. The area is home to caribou, polar bears, and other wildlife.



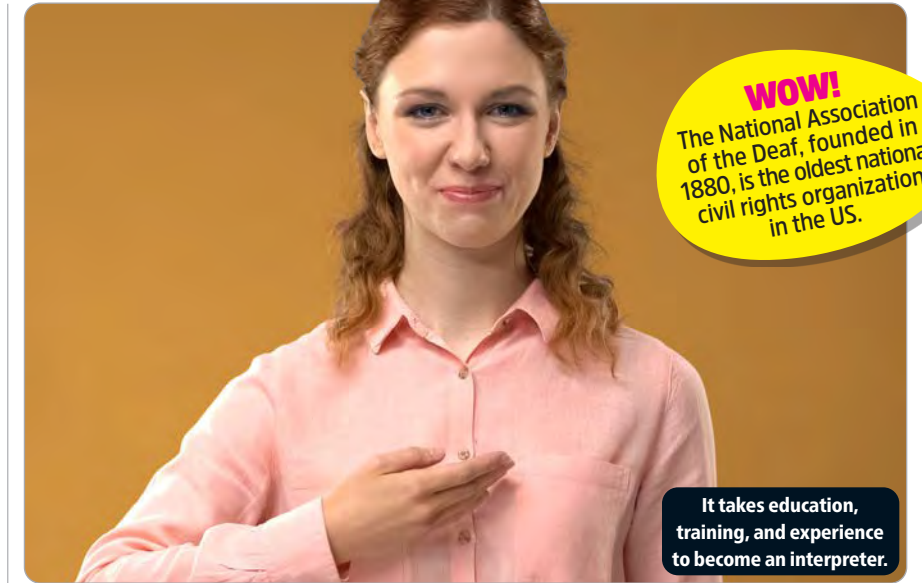
## Book sales skyrocket in 2020

Book sales increased by more than 8% in 2020 compared to 2019, according to a report from BookScan, a data provider for publishing companies. This is the largest increase in print book sales since 2010. Sales of children's fiction books were particularly strong. One of the most popular books was *Dog Man: Grime and Punishment* by Dav Pilkey. It sold more than 1.2 million copies.



## Home bakers donate bread

Community Loaves, an organization based in Seattle, Washington, donated more than 1,300 loaves of bread in one day to local food banks. Katherine Kehrl founded the group in April 2020 because she loved baking and wanted to give bread away during the pandemic. Since then, the group has donated more than 8,300 loaves, and more than 500 volunteer bakers have contributed to the effort.



**WOW!**  
The National Association of the Deaf, founded in 1880, is the oldest national civil rights organization in the US.

It takes education, training, and experience to become an interpreter.

## Interpreters for deaf gain more visibility

More Americans are seeing sign language interpreters do their work due to the coronavirus. Sign language interpreters translate information from spoken English to sign language, which uses hand movements, facial motions, and more. Many interpreters now stand next to government officials at televised news briefings to make sure all people have access to information to stay safe.

About 15% of the US population reports hearing loss. That includes people who are deaf (the physical condition of deafness), Deaf (members of the Deaf community), or hard of hearing. About 1 million Americans use sign language as their main form of communication. There are as many as 300 sign languages in the world. American Sign Language (ASL) is the most common in the US.

Knowing sign language doesn't make a person qualified to be an interpreter. "Interpreters require years of education, training, and experience," Howard A. Rosenblum, chief executive officer of the

National Association of the Deaf (NAD), told *The Week Junior*. Some are trained to interpret in courtrooms, hospitals, or other settings.

There are Deaf interpreters and hearing interpreters. Hearing interpreters may be off-camera. A hearing interpreter signs to the Deaf interpreter to relay what the speaker is saying. The Deaf interpreter then signs to the audience. To clearly convey information, interpreters aim to be expressive, such as by raising an eyebrow.

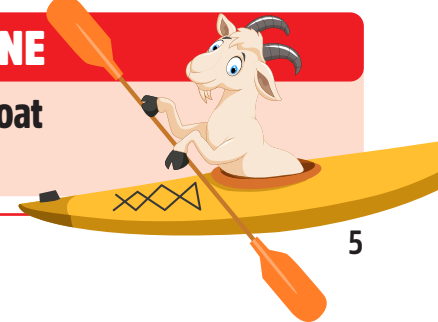
The NAD successfully advocated for state governors to include interpreters during their Covid-19 news briefings. It also won a federal lawsuit (legal dispute) to require sign language interpreters at Covid-19 briefings at the White House. In November, the White House included its first sign language interpreter at a Covid-19 news briefing. The ruling was seen as a step toward providing equal access to information. However, more needs to be done to ensure Covid-19 information is provided by qualified ASL interpreters, Rosenblum said.



This sign indicates that interpretation is provided for an event or program.

## THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Maine kayaker rescues escaped goat that swam into the ocean" *UPI.com*





# Around the world



The redesigned Champs-Élysées

## Paris, France Stunning garden for city street

The mayor of Paris, France's capital, has given permission for one of the city's most famous streets, the Champs-Élysées, to be redesigned. The new plan will increase green areas and space for pedestrians and reduce space for cars by half. Mayor Anne Hidalgo said the 1.2-mile stretch will be an "extraordinary garden." The redesign aims to be completed by 2030, with work beginning after Paris hosts the Summer Olympics in 2024.



The white Bengal tiger cub

## Managua, Nicaragua Rare white Bengal tiger cub is born

A white Bengal tiger has been born at a zoo in Nicaragua. The female cub was named Nieve, which means snow in Spanish. Nieve inherited her white stripes from her grandfather, also a white Bengal tiger. This type of tiger is very rare, and the zoo's director believes Nieve is the first one to be born in the country. Nieve's mother, who is yellow and black, was rescued five years ago from a circus.



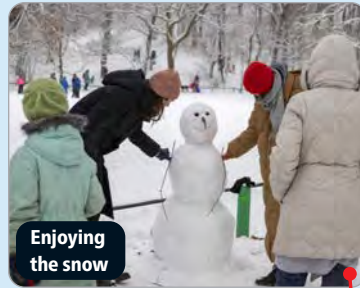
Nana Akufo-Addo

## Ghana President sworn in despite unrest

On January 7, Nana Akufo-Addo was officially sworn in as Ghana's president hours after a fight broke out among politicians. Akufo-Addo had won re-election as Ghana's president in December. Soldiers had to come in to break up the fight. After being sworn in, Akufo-Addo called for unity and said, "All I do will be for the common good."

## Germany New names for storms

In Germany, people can pay to give a weather system (movements of cold and hot air) an official name. When people noticed that weather systems had German names, they decided to use Turkish names, among others, to reflect the country's diverse population. Its first newly named weather system, Ahmet, brought snow on January 5.



Enjoying the snow



A mythical creature

## Istanbul, Turkey Project protects fairy tales

A new project called Masal will collect and preserve more than 10,000 local fairy tales and myths that have mostly been passed down orally (rather than written down). People can submit stories on a website. The tales are organized by topic and region in an online archive. So far, more than 3,300 stories have been gathered.



K2, the world's second-tallest mountain

## Karakoram mountain range, Pakistan Storm stops K2 climbers before summit

A snowstorm prevented four teams of climbers from reaching K2's summit in winter, which would have made history. At 28,251 feet, K2 is the second-highest mountain in the world. It's considered more difficult to climb than the tallest, Mount Everest. The climbers were forced back down to base camp when a strong storm closed in and destroyed their higher camp, which was the last one before the summit.



The tombs of emperors

## Hebei province, China Ancient stone vessel found in tomb

Chinese archaeologists recently discovered an ancient stone vessel they believe is from a tomb where several emperors were buried between 25 and 220 AD. An inscription on the vessel—"Made in the third year of Guanghe"—dates it to 180 AD. Guanghe was a title for the emperor Liu Hong. The archaeologists believe that Liu Hong included the stone vessel in a tomb he was building for the emperor before him, Liu Zhi.



The plane's wreckage

## Java Sea, off the coast of Indonesia Black box of crashed plane is found

On January 9, a plane with 62 people on board crashed into the Java Sea shortly after taking off from Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Divers searching the wreckage located the plane's black box, which is a device that contains flight data and voice recordings of the pilots. When *The Week Junior* went to press, no survivors had been found and the cause of the crash was unclear.



## Kakuma, Kenya Soap maker helps out

When Innocent Havyarimana, a soap maker in a refugee camp, learned that washing hands helps protect against the coronavirus, he gave free soap to some people and reduced his prices so others could afford it. (A refugee is someone who has been forced to leave their home due to war or violence.) He arrived in Kenya's Kakuma refugee camp in 2015. He started making soap and now employs 42 people. "I want to help in any way I can," he said.



Innocent Havyarimana, right

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## Tel Aviv, Israel Covid-19 vaccinations rolled out

Israel plans to have 2 million people vaccinated against the coronavirus within three weeks, putting the country ahead of the rest of the world. About 20% of its population was protected by the vaccine when *The Week Junior* went to press. Among those being vaccinated were the country's medical staff and people over the age of 60. Israel is currently under its third national lockdown.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu



## Should homework be eliminated?

Some say extra work after school makes a difference. Others argue it's a waste of time.

### What you need to know

- US students spend an average of 6.1 hours a week on homework. Kids in Finland, whose education system is ranked higher than ours, have less than half as much homework.
- In elementary school, research hasn't shown that time spent on homework affects achievement. In middle and high school, homework has a slight positive effect on test scores.
- In 2017, a Florida school district banned homework and required 20 minutes of daily reading instead.



Teens are getting more homework than they used to, according to a 2019 Pew Research Center study. Today's teenagers have an average of one hour of homework each night, which is twice as much homework as teens in the mid-1990s had. It's also more homework than students who regularly do better than American kids on standardized tests get in other countries, including Japan and Denmark. The amount of homework US students get varies from one school to another, but some schools have eliminated homework altogether. What do you think about homework? Should schools get rid of it?

### Yes—kids need downtime

You spend a major part of your day doing schoolwork. Why should you have to do homework too? It's tiring and means you have less free time for family activities or hobbies. Homework can be stressful and lead to arguments—your parents may have to nag you to do it, then if you get stuck, they may be too busy to help or could confuse you by using methods that are different from your teacher's. There is little evidence that homework helps children, and in fact, some research shows it actually increases stress in young students. Meanwhile, students in countries who get very little homework still get good test results.

### No—homework actually helps you

Homework allows you to practice what you learned in school, make sure you understand it, and learn more about what you were taught in class. Having homework teaches you how to work on your own and encourages you to be organized because you have to turn it in on time. Homework is also a good way for parents to see what their kids are doing at school. Getting homework prepares you for the homework you'll have in upper grades. Finally, there is research showing that some homework, particularly for math, helps students remember the information and perform better on tests.

### YES 3 reasons why homework should be eliminated

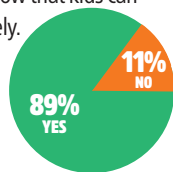
- 1 Kids spend enough time in school—evenings and weekends should be for doing hobbies and relaxing with family.
- 2 Homework can be stressful for families. It can cause arguments and even turn students off to learning.
- 3 Homework does not necessarily improve how much you learn, so it's pointless.

### NO 3 reasons why homework should not be eliminated

- 1 Homework helps you make sure you know what you learned in class and in some cases can improve grades.
- 2 It teaches you to work on your own and to be disciplined and organized, which are important life skills.
- 3 Homework allows your parents to get involved in your education and help you.

### DEBATE RESULTS

In our last debate, we asked if schools should still have snow days now that kids can learn remotely. Most of you voted for the magic of snow days.



The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.

### What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit [theweekjunior.com/polls](http://theweekjunior.com/polls) with a parent or guardian so you can vote in our debate. Vote **YES** if you think homework should be eliminated or **NO** if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.



## Teen cowboy wins big

Nicholas Jackson takes the top prize in a bull-riding championship.

Nicholas Jackson, age 13, made history last month after winning the 2020 Junior World Bull Riding Finals in Fort Worth, Texas. Jackson, who lives in Maryland, became the first person from the Northeast to be named champion. "Winning felt incredible," Jackson told *The Week Junior*. "I worked really hard to prepare, and I was happy that the hard work paid off."



Jackson in competition

Maryland is not well-known for having cowboys, who today are usually associated with the West, but Jackson comes from a family of them. He is a fifth-generation cowboy on his mom's side, meaning his great-great grandparents were cowboys. Cowboys train and ride horses, herd cattle, and compete in rodeos. "My grandfather was a very

good horseman," Jackson said, adding that his father is also skilled at training and raising horses.

In a competition, bull riders must stay on the bull, holding on with only one hand, for at least eight seconds. This is called a qualified ride, which Jackson said is the best part of bull riding. He added that the first time he ever rode a bull, at age 7, he was excited. "I don't get scared, but it is frustrating to buck off, which means not riding for the required eight seconds," Jackson said.

When he's not traveling to compete in rodeos, Jackson enjoys spending time with his horses. He told *The Week Junior* that in the future, he'd like to ride in the Professional Bull Riders and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, continuing his career as a bull rider.



Nicholas Jackson

**WOW!** Nigel Medley from Australia set the world record for longest ride on a mechanical bull, at 2 minutes, 15 seconds, in 2005.

## China's space sensation

Zhou Chengyu, a 24-year-old astronaut, has become an internet sensation for her work on China's Chang'e-5 Moon exploration program. Despite being China's youngest-ever space commander, the other astronauts at Wenchang Spacecraft Launch, where she works, refer to Chengyu as "Big Sister" as a sign of respect. The Chang'e-5 mission, which landed on December 1, is China's third successful Moon landing in seven years. Chengyu's story quickly spread online, with the public calling her a "source of pride" for China.



Zhou Chengyu with her team

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Eddy Goldfarb

## A legendary toy maker

A new documentary film features toy maker Adolph Goldfarb, who is based in California and goes by the nickname Eddy. The film *Eddy's World* explains how Goldfarb began dreaming up toys while on a submarine serving the US in World War Two. Goldfarb first presented his creations in 1949 at the American Toy Fair. He had many successes, but one made him famous: a set of wind-up chattering teeth. Goldfarb has invented more than 800 toys and, at age 98, still creates new ones. When Goldfarb has an idea, he said, "I visualize how I'm going to build it step by step."

## OVERHEARD



**"I never doubted it would work."**

Katalin Karikó, a 65-year-old Hungarian scientist, whose research provided the foundation for the Covid-19 vaccines. She worked for decades developing vaccine technology before achieving a breakthrough.



A kangaroo in Australia

### DID YOU KNOW?

Marsupials get their name from the pouch, called a marsupium, in which their young are carried.

### How dogs communicate

Dogs have had thousands of years of practice communicating with their human owners. One way they've learned to get our attention is by staring at us. In a survey of 1,100 dog owners, two thirds reported their dogs give them "the look"—instead of barking like we might expect—to get what they want.



## Kangaroos can "talk" to us

Kangaroos can communicate with humans, according to a new study. The report is the first research of its kind to be done on marsupials—a type of mammal whose young get carried in pouches on their mothers' bodies. The new study suggests that kangaroos are more clever than previously believed.

Researchers from the University of Roehampton in the UK and the University of Sydney in Australia tested kangaroos at three locations: the Australian Reptile Park, Wildlife Sydney Zoo, and Kangaroo Protection Co-operative. The scientists put food inside a box that the

kangaroos could not open. Then they waited to see what the animals would do.



A man interacts with a kangaroo.

Rather than giving up, 10 out of the 11 kangaroos actively looked at the person who had packed the food and then looked at the box. The researchers said this could be interpreted as the kangaroos requesting help to open the container. Alexandra Green, a co-author of the study, told *The Guardian* newspaper that some of the kangaroos actually approached the person and started scratching and sniffing them, then looked back at the box. "So they were really trying to communicate," she said.

This behavior is not uncommon in animals, but it is something that is usually seen only in domesticated animals, such as dogs and horses. (Domesticated means an animal has been brought under human control.)

The lead author of the study, Alan McElligott, said, "Through this study, we were able to see that communication between animals can be learned and that the behavior of gazing at humans to access food is not related to domestication."

In fact, the kangaroos showed a very similar pattern of behavior that the researchers have seen in dogs, horses, and even goats when put to the same test, McElligott added.

It is hoped the study will give people a more positive view of kangaroos, which are sometimes seen as pests that damage farmers' crops.



A desert bighorn sheep

### PLACE OF THE WEEK

Antelope Canyon, Arizona

Antelope Canyon in Arizona is located on land owned by the Navajo tribe of Native Americans. It is a slot canyon (a narrow channel with steep rock walls on either side) that was formed over millions of years by wind and water flowing through and carving the red sandstone. The site is known for beams of sunlight that shine through narrow openings above. The canyon gets its name from the antelope who once roamed there, but now it's more common to spot black-tailed jackrabbits, desert bighorn sheep, or chuckwalla lizards in the area.



**WOW!** More than 4,000 species of frog and toad catch prey faster than humans can blink.



The Lilliputian frog is less than a half inch long.

## Explorers discover 20 species

Researchers who went on an expedition to the Andes Mountains in South America have discovered 20 new species and found others not seen for decades.

The group of 17 scientists traveled to a remote forest in Bolivia's Zongo Valley, nearly two miles above sea level, in 2017, and recently published their findings.

Among the new discoveries is one of the smallest amphibians in the world, called the Lilliputian frog, which is less than half an inch in length. (Amphibians are animals that can live on land or in water.) Other finds included

two snakes, four butterflies, and four species of orchid, a type of flower. Of the more than 1,200 species recorded during the trip, 770 were new to the valley.

The expedition was co-led by Trond Larsen, from Conservation International, an organization that protects nature. Larsen said the findings show the importance of protecting the area. "This truly beautiful landscape has become a safe haven for amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, and plants that haven't been found anywhere else on Earth," he told *The Guardian*.

### Animal of the Week Painted bunting



A painted bunting was recently spotted in a Maryland park. The rare bird is typically found in Florida. Bird watchers determined the bird was male (like the one shown above), based on its vibrant colors. Females are more green overall.

- **LIFE SPAN:** Up to 12 years
- **HABITAT:** Woodlands, brush, and gardens
- **DIET:** Seeds and insects
- **FUN FACT:** Painted buntings typically live low in bushes and trees, but males sing their songs from the treetops.

### Good week / Bad week



GOOD

**Swinhoe's softshell turtle**  
The discovery of a giant female Swinhoe's softshell turtle in Vietnam has given hope for the species. Researchers previously believed there was only one Swinhoe's softshell turtle left on Earth, a male living at a zoo in China.



BAD

**Platypuses**  
Platypuses are considered one of the rarest mammals, and experts worry they're in danger of becoming extinct due to a shrinking habitat in Australia. Platypuses are one of the very few mammals that lay eggs and are venomous.

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### How do animals keep their teeth clean? Siyona, 9, Oregon

**Dina Bredahl**  
Zookeeper,  
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

In nature, one way animals keep their teeth clean is to eat food that's healthy for them. At the zoo, we have ways to help. The great apes have their teeth brushed. They open their mouths wide to let their keepers brush their teeth. Each ape has a toothbrush with their name on it!



An orangutan

Do you have a question for a zookeeper? Send it to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Find out more about Cheyenne Mountain Zoo at [cmzoo.org](http://cmzoo.org).



# He dreamed of an equal world

The great civil rights leader fought to end racism and inspired generations.

With powerful words and peaceful protest, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the fight for racial equality. In the 1950s and 1960s, America was still largely segregated (unjustly separated by race), particularly in the South. As a preacher and leader in the civil rights movement, Dr. King called on Americans to join the struggle against racism that continues today.

### An early lesson

Born in 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King Jr. was 6 years old when his best friend, who was white, had to stop playing with King because he was Black. It was King's first experience with racism—the widespread, unfair mistreatment of people because of their race or skin color. At the time, Black children had to go to separate schools from white children. Schools for Black students were often in old buildings, with fewer books and supplies. Black people, called "colored" at the time, were denied jobs, houses, and service at restaurants and weren't allowed to sit next to white people on buses and trains.



Black people had to drink from separate fountains.

**EARLY START**  
Dr. King won his first speech-giving contest at the age of 15.



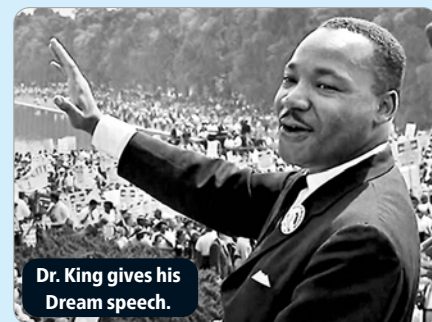
**WISE WORDS**  
"Love is the greatest force in the universe," Dr. King said.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, at age 35. At the time, he was the youngest person to receive it.

From left to right, James Forman, Dr. King, Jesse Douglas, and John Lewis lead a march in 1965.

### The power of peaceful protest

Dr. King believed in protesting without violence. In 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, a woman named Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white person and was arrested. Dr. King organized a bus boycott by Black citizens (meaning they refused to ride buses as a form of protest). The boycott began on December 5, the day of her trial, and lasted more than a year. In 1956, the US Supreme Court made bus segregation illegal.



Dr. King gives his Dream speech.

### Dr. King's dream

Martin Luther King Jr. was famous for his powerful speeches, but he is perhaps best remembered for the words he spoke at the March on Washington, in 1963. With thousands gathered at the Lincoln Memorial and more watching on TV, Dr. King gave what is known as his "I Have a Dream" speech. In a preacher's voice, he told the story of Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves, in 1863. But, he said, 100 years later true freedom had not been achieved.

Dr. King said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" He went on. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. . . that one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." To hear the speech, go to [tinyurl.com/TWJUS-MLKDream](http://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-MLKDream).



Dr. King's wife, Coretta, and children



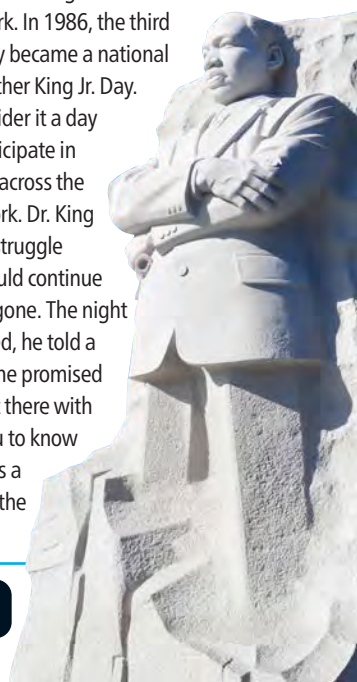
Dr. King accepts the Nobel Peace Prize.

### Working for justice

Dr. King helped create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to organize more nonviolent protests. Members educated and registered voters, held sit-ins (the peaceful occupation of a place as a protest), marched, and supported laws against racism. Protesters faced resistance, arrest, and violent attacks by police and others, but attention to racism began to grow. In April 1963, Dr. King was arrested at a protest in Birmingham, Alabama. While in jail, he wrote a famous letter saying, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." On August 28, 1963, about 250,000 people joined him at the March on Washington in the US capital to call for a national civil rights law. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, making segregation illegal. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act outlawed racial discrimination in voting.

### A lasting legacy

On April 4, 1968, as Dr. King stood on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, he was shot and killed by a white man who opposed his beliefs. After Dr. King's death, his wife, Coretta Scott King, created the King Center in Atlanta to continue his work. In 1986, the third Monday of January became a national holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Many people consider it a day of service and participate in volunteer projects across the US to honor his work. Dr. King himself knew the struggle against racism would continue long after he was gone. The night before he was killed, he told a crowd, "I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land."



The Stone of Hope memorial in Washington, DC, shown on this week's cover

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**WOW!**  
Permafrost covers 8.8 million square miles of ground worldwide and can be nearly 5,000 feet thick.



An illustration of ancient wolves and other extinct species

## Ancient wolf pup found in melting ice

A man looking for gold in the Yukon Territory, a province in northern Canada, found something far more precious: a prehistoric wolf pup that is about 57,000 years old. The small female—which still has much of its fur, soft tissue, and even its tongue—is the oldest and best-preserved wolf ever discovered, according to recent research by scientists.

The local Indigenous people (the first people to have lived in a place), the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, named the pup Zhur, which means wolf in their language. Zhur was found in the Yukon's permafrost (a section of ground that has been consistently frozen for two or more years).

Prehistoric animals are often found in the permafrost in Siberia, Russia. Finding animals in Canada's permafrost is rare, but the warming effects of climate change (the long-term changes to weather patterns, largely caused by human activity) are melting ice there.

Several scientists at labs across the US and Canada studied the wolf pup to learn more about her life. The scientists used different

methods in their research, such as carbon dating, which measures a particular type of carbon (a chemical element found in all living things) in extremely old objects. Another method compared Zhur's DNA (the chemical that carries all the information about a living thing's body and characteristics) to the DNA of other ancient and modern wolves.



The wolf pup Zhur

The scientists also examined X-rays of the wolf. By studying certain leg bones, they estimated that she lived for about six to eight weeks.

Then her den likely collapsed, burying and preserving her body for thousands of years. Researchers also found that Zhur lived during a warmer period in Earth's history, when rivers flowed and fewer glaciers covered the land.

She ate fish, like some modern wolves do.

Zhur comes from the Pleistocene era, which was between 11,700 and 2.6 million years ago. In addition to prehistoric wolves, other now-extinct mammal species roamed the area, including woolly mammoths, Steppe bison, and American lions. Having a nearly intact animal from this time provides scientists with valuable clues that help explain what life was like long ago.

### Woolly rhino in Russia



A woolly rhino

Today, we recognize rhinos by their horn, bulk, and leathery skin. But the prehistoric relatives of modern rhinos had two horns and a thick fur coat. Known as woolly rhinoceroses, they lived throughout Europe, North Africa, and Asia, going extinct at the end of the last Ice Age.

Last summer, people in Siberia, Russia, found a young woolly rhino, which was about 3 or 4 years old when it died between 20,000 and 50,000 years ago. It lived independently of its mother, but it's not yet known whether the animal was a male or female. Scientists hope to be able to analyze the animal's preserved teeth, intestines, and tissue to learn more about its life and why the species went extinct.

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## Vertical farms grow more with less water

For more than 12,000 years, humans have relied on farming to grow food. But farms require great amounts of land, water, and other resources. Over the years, people have tried to develop new farming methods, like growing certain fruits and vegetables indoors. Now indoor farming is going vertical. As this farming method becomes more popular around the globe, many experts are saying it's a more efficient and sustainable way to cultivate fresh food.

In most vertical farms, food is grown in small amounts of water, rather than in soil. The crops require about 70% less water than traditionally farmed plants, and the water is reused, making it a highly efficient system.

Companies are investing billions of dollars in vertical farming. One, in California, says its

two-acre indoor farm can grow the same amount of food

as a traditional farm more than 350 times its size. Europe's largest vertical farm is being built in Denmark. There, robots bring seeds to the farm's 14 levels, and sensors monitor light during a plant's life cycle. Some appliance makers are even working to develop vertical farm systems for home use.

**GROWING BUSINESS**  
It is estimated that the vertical farming market in the US will be worth \$3 billion by 2024.



At a vertical farm, food grows from floor to ceiling.



The biobank is described as a "Noah's ark" for corals.

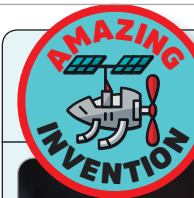
## New sanctuary may save coral reefs

Plans have been unveiled for a sanctuary to protect endangered species of coral from extinction.

Corals are simple animals that often have a hard protective outer skeleton. In large coral colonies, these skeletons merge together to form complex and beautiful reefs that provide a habitat for many other species. But changes to Earth's climate and ocean temperatures are putting many corals in danger.

The Living Coral Biobank is planned for the Australian coastal town of Port Douglas, close to the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system. Tanks with ideal conditions for hundreds of different corals will offer protection and allow the public to see rare species.

The building will be ready within the next few years. It could be an important part of a global network of aquariums and sanctuaries that house rare corals.



## Virtual training for medical workers



A surgeon in the UK has invented a training system called Virti, which teaches health workers vital tasks using virtual reality (computer-generated imagery that is realistic and interactive). People wear a headset to practice surgery or other procedures virtually.

Right now, Virti is helping frontline workers learn how to care for Covid-19 patients and properly wear personal protective equipment. Virti users have been shown to retain more information than people who received more traditional forms of training.





# Photos of the week



**Sky high**  
A ski jumper takes off in a tournament in Austria.



**Tiny dancers**  
Kindergartners in China celebrate the arrival of 2021.



**Birds on a wire**  
Pigeons perch together on a cold day in Turkey.



**Peaceful pond**  
Delaney, age 11, of Oregon, took this photo of her backyard.

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**Friendly fellow**  
A 59-foot-tall snowman overlooks Harbin Music Park in China.



**Majestic mountain**  
Juliette, who is 11 years old and lives in Oregon, took this photo she called *Mirror Gaze*.



# Sports



Josh Allen of the Buffalo Bills

**FUN FACT**  
Wilson Sporting Goods makes nearly 25,000 official footballs for NFL games each season.

## NFL playoffs begin

The first round of the NFL (National Football League) playoffs took place on the weekend of January 9 and 10, known as Super Wild Card Weekend. For the first time in league history, 14 teams made it to the playoffs (as opposed to the usual 12 teams), which meant there were six playoff games.

In an exciting matchup on Saturday, the Buffalo Bills beat the Indianapolis Colts, 27–24. The Colts jumped out to an early 3–0 lead, but the Bills quickly gained control. Despite a fierce comeback attempt from Indianapolis in the fourth quarter, the Bills held on to win. Buffalo quarterback Josh Allen threw for 324 yards and two touchdowns and ran the ball into the end

zone to score a third touchdown. It was Buffalo's first playoff victory since 1995.

Also on Saturday, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Washington Football Team, 31–23. Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady, age 43, became the oldest player in NFL history to throw a touchdown pass in the playoffs. He passed the ball for a total of 381 yards and two touchdowns. In Saturday's other game, the Los Angeles Rams beat the Seattle Seahawks, 30–20. Rams running back Cam Akers rushed (ran with the ball) for 131 yards and scored one touchdown.

On Sunday, the Baltimore Ravens played the Tennessee Titans. The Titans took an early

10–0 lead, but the Ravens dominated the second half and won the game, 20–13.

Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson earned the first playoff victory of his career. He rushed for 136 yards and one touchdown. In the second game on Sunday, the New Orleans Saints beat the Chicago Bears, 21–9.

In the final game of the weekend, the Cleveland Browns defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers, 48–37 at Pittsburgh's home stadium. Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield threw the ball for 263 yards and three touchdowns. This is Cleveland's first playoff win since 1995 and their first playoff victory at an opponent's stadium since 1969.

### Trophy winner



DeVonta Smith

On January 5, DeVonta Smith of the University of Alabama won the 2020 Heisman Trophy, which is awarded to the best player in college football each year. Smith is the first wide receiver to win the Heisman since 1991 (it usually goes to a quarterback). Alabama beat Ohio State, 52–24, to win the college football national championship on January 11. Smith scored three touchdowns.

### THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

On January 8, top-ranked Stanford University beat the University of Oregon, ranked 11th, 70–63. Haley Jones of Stanford scored 18 points.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

On January 3, Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry scored 62 points in a game against the Portland Trail Blazers. This is the most points he has ever scored in an NBA game.



Haley Jones

#### MEN'S HOCKEY

On January 6, the United States junior hockey team defeated Canada by a score of 2–0 to win the World Junior Championship. US goalie Spencer Knight blocked 34 shots on goal.

#### SKIING

American cross-country skier Jessie Diggins won the women's Tour de Ski race in Val di Fiemme, Italy, on January 10. It is the first time an American skier has won the title.

# Sports



Bianca Smith

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The Boston Red Sox have won the World Series four times since 2004.

## Two coaches make sports history

On January 4, Bianca Smith broke a sports barrier when she was hired by the Boston Red Sox to be a minor league coach. She becomes the first African American woman to coach for a professional baseball team. (In baseball, the minor league is where new players train and play before sometimes moving up to play for their franchise's major league team.)

Smith, who is 29 years old, played varsity softball when she was an undergraduate at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. She is currently an assistant coach and hitting coordinator for the men's baseball team at Carroll University in Wisconsin. She also worked as baseball operations director at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and has been an intern for the Cincinnati Reds and the Texas

Rangers. Smith says her goal is to be a Major League Baseball manager someday.

"I'm happy if my story can inspire other women, other women of color, other people of color—really, anybody," Smith told reporters after the Red Sox announced her hire. In her new position, Smith will work mainly at the Red Sox spring training complex in Fort Myers, Florida.

On January 2, another female coach made history, this time in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Becky Hammon, an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs, took over as head coach during a game against the Los Angeles Lakers after the team's usual head coach, Gregg Popovich, was ejected. She was the first woman ever to work as a head coach in the NBA. The Spurs lost the game, 121–107.



### COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Brad Alley**

Team: **Jackson Heights Cobras Junior High and High School Cross Country**

"Brad Alley is one of the most inspirational coaches. He knows how to push us to be the greatest and knows our weaknesses and strengths. He might make our workouts tough, but he is preparing us for what is to come. I have never had such an amazing coach. He helps everyone in any way possible. I know I have learned a lot from him, and I am definitely doing the sport again next year." Brooke, 12, Kansas



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To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

### SPOTLIGHT ON...



## Snowshoeing

### What is it?

Snowshoeing is an outdoor activity that lets you enjoy nature and get aerobic exercise during the winter. Snowshoes are flat, lightweight oval frames that attach to your boots and allow you to walk across snow without sinking. Snowshoes were traditionally used by Indigenous people in snowy regions of North America for travel and hunting.

Today, snowshoeing is a popular recreational activity for all ages and skill levels. Advanced snowshoers can even enter competitive races in many states.

### How does it work?

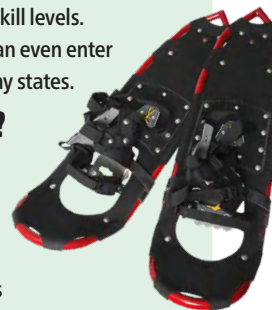
Snowshoeing is a good sport for beginners, since it is simple to learn. You attach the snowshoes to your boots with a binding, then walk across flat, snowy trails or hike up and down hills. Some people like to use poles to help them stay balanced as they walk.

### What equipment do I need?

You'll need snowshoes. You can rent them from a winter sports shop or ski area or buy them at a sporting goods store. Choose a pair that is the right size for your weight (they come in kids' and adult sizes). Flat terrain snowshoes are a good choice for beginners. You will also need a winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, and snow boots.

### How do I get involved?

Try snowshoeing on a hiking trail (such as in a state park), a golf course, or even your own backyard. Many ski areas, state parks, and outdoor-gear stores offer lessons. Search online with an adult to find local options.





## MEGA MILES

In 2018, a car called a Tesla Roadster was sent into space on a Falcon Heavy rocket. It has traveled about 1.3 billion miles so far.



A 2017 Ford GT

# Museum displays cool cars

The Detroit Institute of Arts is celebrating American car design in a new exhibit of autos and artwork.

An exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) celebrates the creativity of American auto companies. *Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950–2020* features 12 cars and original car design sketches, plus paintings and sculptures inspired by cars. Top US automakers Ford, General Motors, and Fiat Chrysler are located in Detroit, Michigan.

Discussions about cars often focus on speed, but this exhibit highlights their looks. "It's about the sculptural form and how designers use a visual

language to create things that are beautiful, useful, and captivate our eyes and imagination," curator Ben Colman told *The Week Junior*. (A curator is a person who selects art.) Some cars on display are models that were sold to the public. Others are concept cars, which are one-of-a-kind

designs used to test ideas. One of them is GM's Firebird III from 1958. It looks like a cross between a car, a plane, and a spaceship. The designers had been challenged to create a car that an astronaut would drive to the launch pad before going into space, Colman said.



A drawing of a Lincoln XL-500 concept car from 1952

The cars were borrowed from the auto companies' historical collections and from private collectors. Getting them into the museum wasn't easy, Colman said. To avoid damaging artwork with exhaust fumes, the cars had to be pushed into the exhibit space instead of driven.

The design sketches on display are rare finds. Companies usually destroyed sketches so outsiders couldn't see them. Colman said they're important because they show how an idea can turn into reality. DIA hopes the exhibit will inspire people to draw concept cars and share them on social media. Some will appear in the exhibition. Visit [dia.org/detroitstyle](http://dia.org/detroitstyle) to find out more.

## 3 classic American cars



### Early hit

The Ford Model T, one of the first mass-produced cars, debuted in 1908. At one time, the car came only in black because that color of paint dried quickly, which sped up production.

### Sporty style

Pony cars, such as the Plymouth Barracuda, were popular among drivers in the 1960s and 1970s. They were designed with short rear sections and long hoods, which brought attention to their loud engines.



### Family cruiser

The minivan was introduced by Chrysler in 1983. It was a major design innovation at the time because it was big enough to hold a family, it fit in a garage, and it had sliding passenger doors for accessing the back seat.

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**WOW!** The State Theater in Washington, Iowa, opened in 1897 and is the oldest continuously operating movie theater in the world.

**Wonder Woman** 1984 was released in theaters and on HBO Max at the same time.

## Movie studios share 2021 plans

As social distancing continues, many movie theaters remain closed, and those that are open have limited seating. As a result, some movie studios have reconsidered how they will release their films this year.

Disney has revealed it will have a mix of theatrical and Disney+ releases. One of its most anticipated animated movies, *Raya and the Last Dragon*, will be shown in both places, starting March 5. Meanwhile, Warner Bros. will release all 17 of its 2021 films in theaters and on the HBO Max app at the same time. Those movies include *Tom & Jerry* and *Space Jam: A New Legacy*. This gives people a chance to see a movie safely at

home while still letting theaters earn money. "We think where theaters are open, and consumers can go, that a lot of people will choose to go to the theater, especially for big movies," said Toby Emmerich, Warner Bros. Pictures Group chairman.

People who manage theaters understand the changes but feel frustrated. Due to the coronavirus, movie ticket sales dropped from \$11.4 billion in 2019 to \$2.3 billion in 2020. Many movies are made for big screens, so some directors are also upset. One of them is Christopher Nolan, but he also thinks this is a temporary problem. "People love going to the movies," he said, "and they're going to get to go again."



## MOVIE NIGHT

Gather your family to watch this action comedy that features well-known characters.

### Rise of the Guardians (2012)

PG

HBO MAX

In this animated fantasy world, a group known as the Guardians have been responsible for keeping children safe for generations. These legendary heroes include Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, and the Sandman. They get their powers because children believe in them. When an evil bogeyman named Pitch Black wants to create worldwide fear and darkness, he plots to erase children's belief in the mythical figures. To help defeat Pitch, Jack Frost, a mischievous winter sprite, is selected to become a new Guardian. But first he must be convinced to join their cause. Will he come around? And will the Guardians be able to stop Pitch before children lose all hope? The film is based on *The Guardians of Childhood* books by William Joyce.



## THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST



### Go-Big Show

(TBS) Thursdays at 9 pm ET

This extreme talent competition series features people doing mind-blowing stunts like fire breathing, monster truck flipping, and alligator wrestling. Celebrity judges, who include Snoop Dogg and Rosario Dawson, decide which daredevil takes home a \$100,000 cash prize.



### The Alps: Winter Fortress

PBS Nature

Travel through the Alps, Europe's highest mountain range, in this two-part documentary. First, meet local species like the Eurasian lynx and griffon vulture in the warm season, then learn how they survive the winter in an ecosystem threatened by extreme snow melt.



### Pixar Popcorn

(Disney+)

If you can't get enough of Pixar film characters, this new series is a collection of mini shorts that expand on their stories. They include "A Day in the Life of the Dead," based on *Coco*, "Cookie Num Num," based on *The Incredibles*, and "Dory Finding," with everyone's most-loved fish.

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## On screen

**WOW!**  
A man in Texas has 20,319 video games, the largest collection in the world.

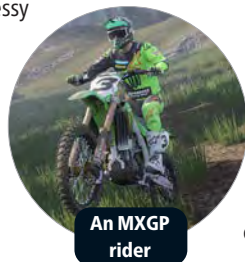


MXGP 2020

# Compete in motocross action

**M**XGP 2020 is a new video game that will be released on PlayStation 5 on January 14. It came out for the Xbox One, PlayStation 4, and computer last month. The game takes players into the wild and muddy world of professional motocross, a real type of motorcycle race that takes place on dirt tracks with big hills and ramps. They get very messy as races go on, making for an exciting competition.

This is the sixth game in the official MXGP series, which started in 2014. This edition has more special features and better graphics than ever. In the game's Career Mode, you get to create your own motocross racer and choose from lots of colorful gear and bike options. There are 10,000 different items you can collect as you make progress in the game.



An MXGP rider

The game features 68 racers from actual pro motocross leagues. You begin playing as a rookie. Learning how to use the motorcycle, navigate different tracks, and beat experienced riders take practice. Once you get better and start winning, you can join a pro team or start your own.

One of the coolest parts of the game is creating your own tracks. Since they're made of mud, they change shapes during each race. That adds a twist for even expert players. Also, no two bikes are alike, so you can be a champ on one and a rookie on another.

MXGP has features for single players, but it's fun to play with friends. Online racing in the multiplayer mode is fast and smooth. You can meet up with friends and hit the most exciting tracks in the world without anyone leaving home.

## APP OF THE WEEK

**DEAR MY CAT**  
iTunes, Google Play

Combine a passion for kitties and creativity by creating a dreamy island paradise for friendly, people-like cats. Soon enough, you'll go from a small, empty island to a building-filled world full of feline friends. Visiting them is a relaxing way to spend a few minutes every day.



## PODCAST OF THE WEEK



**STORY PIRATES**  
storypirates.com

This award winner uses music and comedy to take listeners on audio adventures inspired by short tales written and submitted by kids. The Story Pirates add catchy songs and jokes to make them even more fun. Guest stars have included Kristen Bell (*Frozen*) and Lin-Manuel Miranda (*Hamilton*).

## VIDEO OF THE WEEK

**WHAT'S INSIDE OF THE WHITE HOUSE?**

[tinyurl.com/TWJUS-InsideWhiteHouse](http://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-InsideWhiteHouse)  
This video will give you an up-close look at the most famous house in America. You'll see where the President works, eats, sleeps, and meets with foreign leaders. You'll also learn the location of the movie theater and bowling alley.



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## Book club



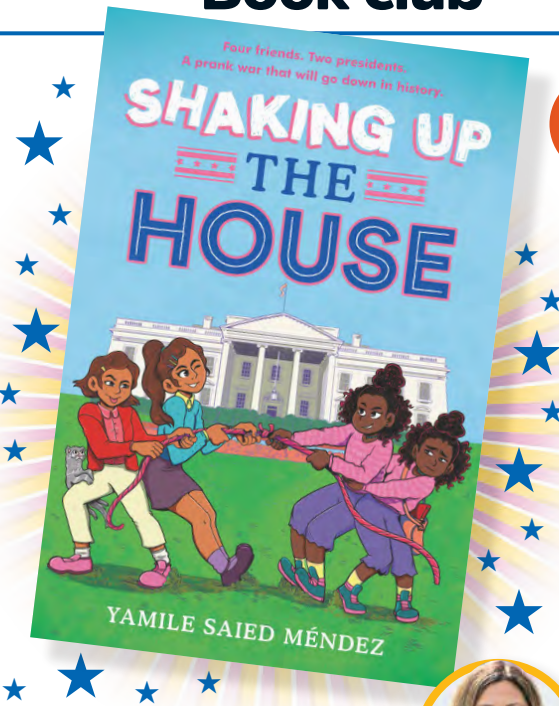
### BOOK OF THE WEEK

# Shaking Up the House

By Yamile Saied Méndez

(HarperCollins)

Winnie and Ingrid López have lived in the White House for eight years while their father served as President of the United States—the first Latino to hold the office. At the end of his term, they become friends with Skylar and Zora Williams, 12-year-old twins whose mother has been elected the first Black female US President. When the twins move in before their mom becomes President, Winnie and Ingrid learn that playing silly jokes on the new First Family is a tradition. Before long, the two sets of siblings are playing all sorts of tricks on each other. But will the fun go too far? With interesting facts sprinkled throughout the story, you'll get a glimpse of what it's really like to live in the historic home.



### ASK THE AUTHOR

## Yamile Saied Méndez

We talk with the author of *Shaking Up the House*.

**What inspired you to write this story?**

I was thinking how wonderful it would be if we could hear from children about life in the White House.



**What's important for people to know about the White House?**

It belongs to all of us—every person in this country.

**Did you learn new facts while writing?**

Yes, I learned that some

people have worked at the White House for decades and have served many Presidents.

**If you could live in any famous house, what would you choose?**

The White House or Buckingham Palace, where the Queen of England lives.

**Have you been to a US inauguration?**

No, but it is a dream of mine to go. In my house, we watch it every time, no matter who is becoming the new President.



## 4 books that are also graphic novels

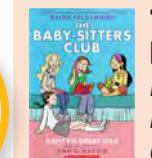
Terrific drawings make these classic stories feel special in a new way.



**Mr. Corbett Is in Orbit!**  
By Dan Gutman, illustrated by Jim Paillot

(HarperAlley)

Fans of the *My Weird School* series should check out this graphic novel, which contains new stories. In the first one, the main character, A.J., accidentally launches his classmates into outer space. The kids must pilot the rocket back to Earth. Ages 6–10



**The Baby-Sitters Club: Kristy's Great Idea**

By Ann M. Martin, illustrated by Raina Telgemeier

(Scholastic)

The creator of *Smile* and *Sisters* turned the first four books of this popular book series by Ann M. Martin into graphic novels. The story in this book is about friends who create their own babysitting business. The personalities of the characters come to life through the drawings.

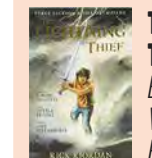


**Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel**

By Mariah Marsden, illustrated by Brenna Thummler

(Andrews McMeel Publishing)

This version condenses the classic story published in 1908 by L.M. Montgomery. Siblings want to adopt an orphan to help with their farm. They think they're getting a boy until they pick up Anne at the train station. Anne aims to win them over. Ages 8–13



**The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel**

By Rick Riordan and Robert Venditti, illustrated by Attila Futaki and Jose Villarrubia

(Disney-Hyperion)

Get swept into the story of Percy Jackson, who is accused of stealing Zeus's master lightning bolt. While this graphic novel isn't a substitute for the novel, because you'll miss out on cool plot twists, it's an enjoyable read. Ages 10–14

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### READER RECOMMENDS

**Wings of Fire Book 7: Winter Turning** By Tui T. Sutherland

"Boom! Dash! There goes Winter, the dragon, in this action-packed, exciting quest! Over the dozens of books that Tui T. Sutherland has written, this one stands out. It is part of the *Wings of Fire* series, and it's about dragons that go to an academy. When Winter leaves with his bloodthirsty evil sister, Icicle, Moon and others follow. Join Winter and his friends on a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" Ben, 8, Arizona

Do you have a book to recommend? Send your review to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com).



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# Your turn

# What democracy means to you

Now that you've read about democracy in the news, tell us what you think.

Democracy is the founding idea of the United States, giving citizens the authority to elect the leaders who govern them. As US President Abraham Lincoln described it in his Gettysburg Address in 1863, democracy is the rule "of the people, by the people, for the people." Elections are a crucial part of our democracy, and we have had only 45 Presidents during our history. The 46th, Joe Biden, will take office on January 20.

As a reader of *The Week Junior*, you may have opinions about America's democratic process. We invite you to use the form at right to write down your thoughts. You can do this for yourself or discuss your ideas with family and friends. We would also enjoy seeing what you have to say! To share your thoughts or a drawing (or both!) with us, ask an adult to email your form to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Extra forms can be found at [theweekjunior.com/activities](http://theweekjunior.com/activities).

**"The test of a democracy is not the magnificence of buildings or... the efficiency of air transportation but rather the care given to the welfare of all the people."**  
—Helen Keller, disability rights advocate (1880-1968)

**"One instance of discrimination is too much in a democracy."**  
—John Lewis, civil rights leader and member of the US Congress (1940-2020)

**"I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong."**  
—Mahatma Gandhi, international civil rights leader (1869-1948)

**"We must prepare our children...with the tools they need to be informed, engaged citizens who care about individual liberty and democracy."**  
—Laura Bush, former First Lady of the US

**"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy."**  
—Thurgood Marshall, Justice of the US Supreme Court (1908-1993)



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# Your turn

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like most about democracy and why?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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If you could describe democracy in only three words, which words would you choose?  
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What is your hope for democracy in the US in 2021?  
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Draw a picture of what democracy looks like to you.

By submitting this form, you give *The Week Junior* consent to print it in the magazine and online. Please get your parent/guardian's permission before sending anything to us.



# Your turn

## Editor's note



The *Week Junior* team was in a video meeting on January 6 when violence broke out at the US Capitol. The last time this building was invaded was during the War of 1812, so it was shocking to watch and we knew immediately that it would become our top news story this week. We hope our article helps you make sense of what happened (p2). When this issue went to press, an investigation was underway and there was uncertainty in our government. I am grateful to everyone who came together to restore order and prevent a greater number of people from being harmed. In every situation, there are always more people who help than people who hurt. In this issue, we also profile Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a leader who believed in nonviolent protest (p12), and we invite you to share your ideas about democracy (p24). As always, we wish for peace in our nation.

Andrea Barbalich  
Editor-in-Chief

## Writing books to help others

“I used to volunteer at Feeding Westchester, our local food bank. I would fill bags of food for families in need. Since March of 2020, we couldn't do it anymore. So my brother and I wanted to support Feeding Westchester in another way.

We love reading and decided to create books to sell. I authored a book called *When Aliens Attack!* It's about SciMan, a superhero who loves science and adventure. My brother authored his book, *Veer & the Grasshopper*, about how different and unknown things may scare us, but bravery lies in sharing.

We sold the books ourselves. We also did a tag sale in our yard, raising \$280 in total

for Feeding Westchester. However, we soon realized we needed help to sell more books. So we reached out to local businesses. Two bookstores helped us, and we are super pumped to have their support! We love meeting all the kindhearted people who are going above and beyond in giving back to the community.”



Niev, 10 (right), with Veer, 8, New York



## CHARITY OF THE WEEK



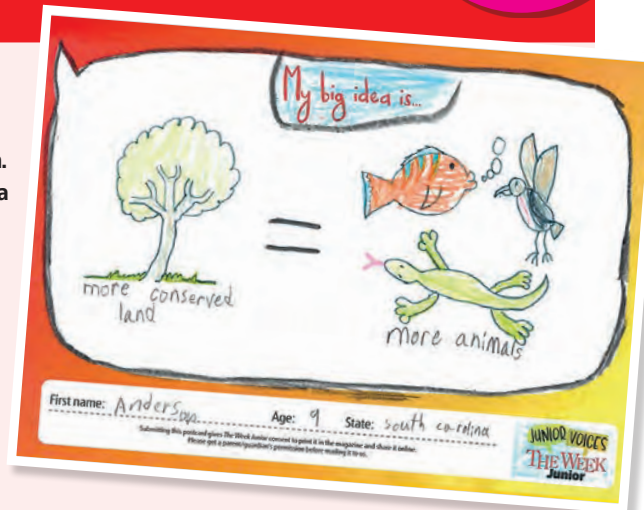
**Ronald McDonald House**  
Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) helps families who have children receiving medical care in hospitals far from home. It aims to cover the costs of travel and lodging for families in need. Each year, it supports about 2.5 million overnight stays. RMHC also provides medical and dental care to communities. It was founded in 1974 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and now operates in 65 countries. Learn more at [rmhc.org](http://rmhc.org).



## JUNIOR VOICES

### Share your idea!

We know you have amazing ideas, and we want to hear them. To take part in Junior Voices, ask a parent or guardian to download a postcard at [theweekjunior.com/juniorvoices](http://theweekjunior.com/juniorvoices). Write or draw your idea for making the world a better place and send it to us at [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Every idea counts! We'll feature more kids' ideas on this page in future issues.



**RIDDLE OF THE WEEK**  
What do you keep after you give it to someone?  
A promise

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# Your turn



## YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Send them to us at [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com), along with anything you'd like to tell us about what's in the photo.

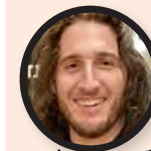


“It's snow much fun to read *The Week Junior* with my snowperson!” Eleanor, 8, Connecticut

“My twin brother and I love reading *The Week Junior* because there are so many new and exciting things to learn in it.” Jaxen (left) and Masen, 9, California



“I made the crispy 2021 treats because I love *The Week Junior* and am excited to start a new year!” Elsa, 10, Illinois



## Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's Name: Mr. Caudle  
School: Valor Public Schools

“Mr. Caudle is my favorite teacher in middle school! Even though we are doing distance learning, he always finds ways to make our activities creative and fun! He takes time during his lunch to help us and is always kind to me and my classmates! Best teacher ever!”  
Chase, 12, Texas

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week! Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com).



## Puzzle answers (from page 28)

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Take five  
Email, click, files, mouse, error

All the same  
juice, biceps, licorice, UNICEF, police officer



## Quiz answers (from page 30)

1 a) 12 2 True 3 b) New York City 4 1908 5 c) Maryland 6 Zhur  
7 Denmark 8 False. There are 10,000. 9 a) 15 10 Eight seconds  
11 33 12 c) South America 13 b) 6.1 14 b) 1863 15 Tom Cruise

## POPJAM

Sign up and follow @theweekjunior on PopJam, a social media platform for kids 7–12. Ask an adult to download the app from iTunes or Google Play.

In Issue 39/40, we asked: What three words describe you best?

“Playful, kind, and active.”

“Hmm... smart, funny, friendly”

“I guess kind, nerdy, and caring.”

“Y'all, I'm a Slytherin, so determined, curious, and funny.”

“Brave at heart, wise, sarcastic.”

“Adventurous, funny, great dancer.”

“I personally feel like I am smart, independent, and easygoing.”

“Goofy, smart, and caring.”

“Artistic, funny, playful.”

“My friends say I'm smart, funny, and kind and I agree with that.”

Now tell us: What does democracy mean to you?



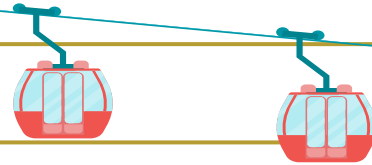
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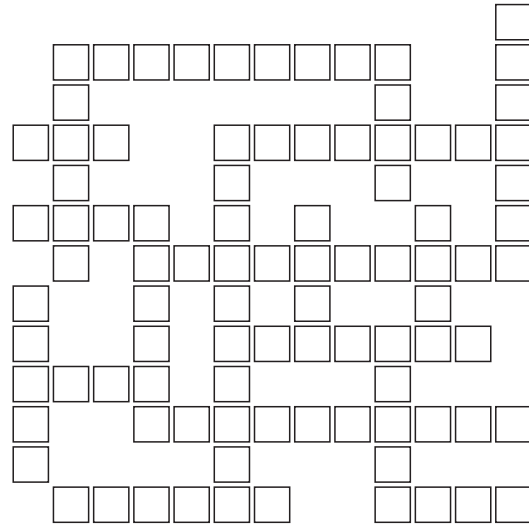
# Puzzles



## Crisscross

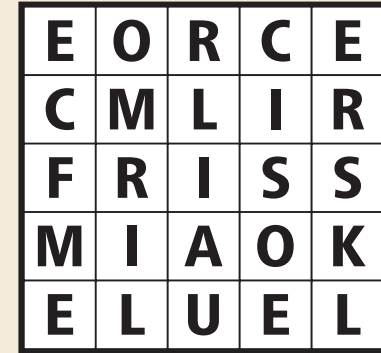
Each of these words about snow sports fits into this grid. Can you find where each one goes to complete the grid?

- 3 letters**  
WAX
- 4 letters**  
FIRE  
LIFT  
POLE  
RUNS  
SKIS  
TOWS
- 5 letters**  
PARKA  
TRAIL
- 6 letters**  
POWDER  
SCHUSS  
SLALOM
- 7 letters**  
LESSONS  
SWEATER
- 8 letters**  
BINDINGS
- 9 letters**  
SNOWSHOES
- 10 letters**  
BUNNY SLOPE  
CONDITIONS  
SNOWBOARDS



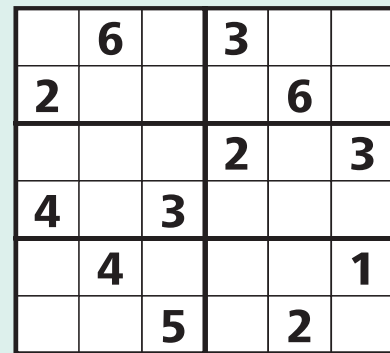
## Take five

Five 5-letter words associated with computers are hidden in this grid. For each one, the first letter is somewhere in the first column, the second is somewhere in the second column, and so on. Can you find all five?



## SUDOKU

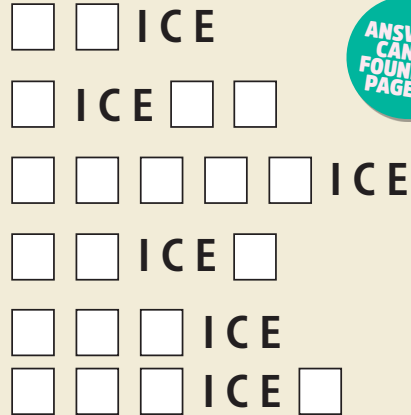
To complete the grid, place the numbers from 1 to 6 exactly once in each row, column, and 2x3 bold-lined box. (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)



## ALL THE SAME

Each answer contains the letters I-C-E. Those letters have been placed for you. Can you figure out the words?

- Fruity drink often served with breakfast
- When you "make a muscle," these are the arm muscles you're flexing
- Strong-flavored candy you can get in chewy black or red ropes
- Global organization benefiting children that kids collect coins for on Halloween
- Law enforcement employee with a badge (2 words)



ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 27.

## Spot the difference

These two pictures of a classic sports car appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?



PUZZLES BY PUZZABILITY

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# That's unbelievable!



Was the hamster craving sweets?

## Hamster finds way to candy store

A hamster in Scotland has made a daring escape. It left its home and traveled the streets of the city of Glasgow, in below-freezing temperatures, before catching a ride by hanging onto an unaware customer who was headed into a candy store. The hamster was rescued and is in good health while the Scottish SPCA, an organization dedicated to the care of animals, looks for its owner. For now, the hamster has been nicknamed Tom Cruise after the actor who performed incredible stunts in the *Mission Impossible* movies.

## Dog becomes deputy

A puppy named Gunner has been named a deputy dog at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He was saved from an alligator attack by his owner, Richard Wilbanks, in October. A video of the rescue was watched by millions of people the following month, making Gunner instantly famous. Luckily, Gunner was not seriously injured in the attack. In his new role, he will help the sheriff's office educate young people about safety.



A deputy dog

NA Beverage Total	\$3.00
Sub Total	\$35.00
Tax, 6.5%	\$41.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269.51</b>
Total Tips	\$2,289.51
Total Tips	\$2,020.00

Thank You Please Come Again!

## A most generous tip

A woman named Dawn, a waiter who works at an Indian restaurant in Florida, was surprised with a \$2,020 tip from a group of customers whose check totaled \$269.51. "We can't stop smiling and feeling happy for Dawn," the restaurant posted on Facebook. The post also said that 2020 had been hard for restaurants because of the coronavirus, but that "this act of kindness made our year."

## Real OR fake?



Did a Canadian answer the call?

## Stranded family gets 1,000-mile lift

Canadians are well known for their friendliness, and that was proven once again when a man named Gary Bath drove a stranded American family 1,000 miles from Canada to Alaska. Lynn Marchessault, her two children, and three pets were traveling from Georgia to see her husband in Alaska. Their journey took them into Canada, where they became stranded in the snow. After a call for help was put out on social media, Bath, who teaches Canadian soldiers how to survive in the Arctic, picked them up and drove them the rest of the way. Is this story fake, or is it something Yukon actually believe?\*



Kwame Cross

## Man wins on 160 lottery tickets

A man from Virginia won \$800,000 on 160 lottery tickets, all with the same combination of numbers. The man, Kwame Cross, said he had "a feeling" about the numbers 7314, which he copied down after seeing them on a TV show. Each of the tickets he bought with this combination won the top prize of \$5,000. "This can't be real," Cross thought when he was informed of his wins. "I had to check like 82 times."

\*Real! Marchessault and her family were stranded in British Columbia, Canada, before Bath came to their rescue. Bath later explained, "As far as I was concerned, they were stranded and needed help. It's the human thing to do to help them out."



# Quiz of the week

## How much of this week's news can you remember?

1 How many cars are featured in the *Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City* exhibit?

a) 12 b) 16 c) 20

a  b  c

2 True or false? One way dogs communicate with humans is by staring at them.

3 From which city did the first 747 jumbo jet take off from in 1970?

a) London b) New York City c) Paris

a  b  c

4 In what year was the original novel *Anne of Green Gables* published?

5 In which US state was a painted bunting recently spotted?

a) Arizona b) Florida c) Maryland

a  b  c

6 What is the name of the 57,000-year-old prehistoric wolf pup found in Canada's Yukon territory?

7 In which country is the world's largest vertical farm being built?

8 True or false? There are 20,000 different items you can collect in the video game MXGP 2020.



9 How old was Martin Luther King Jr. when he won his first speech-giving contest?

a) 15 b) 18 c) 21

a  b  c

10 How many seconds must a person stay on a bull to complete a qualified ride in a rodeo competition?

11 How old is Jon Ossoff, the US Senator-elect from Georgia?

12 On which continent is the Andes Mountains located?

a) Europe

b) North America

c) South America

a  b  c

13 How many hours do US students spend on homework each week, on average?

a) 1.6 b) 6.1 c) 11.6

a  b  c

14 In what year did President Abraham Lincoln deliver the Gettysburg Address?

a) 1862 b) 1863 c) 1864

a  b  c

15 What is the nickname of the hamster that escaped to a candy store in Glasgow, Scotland?

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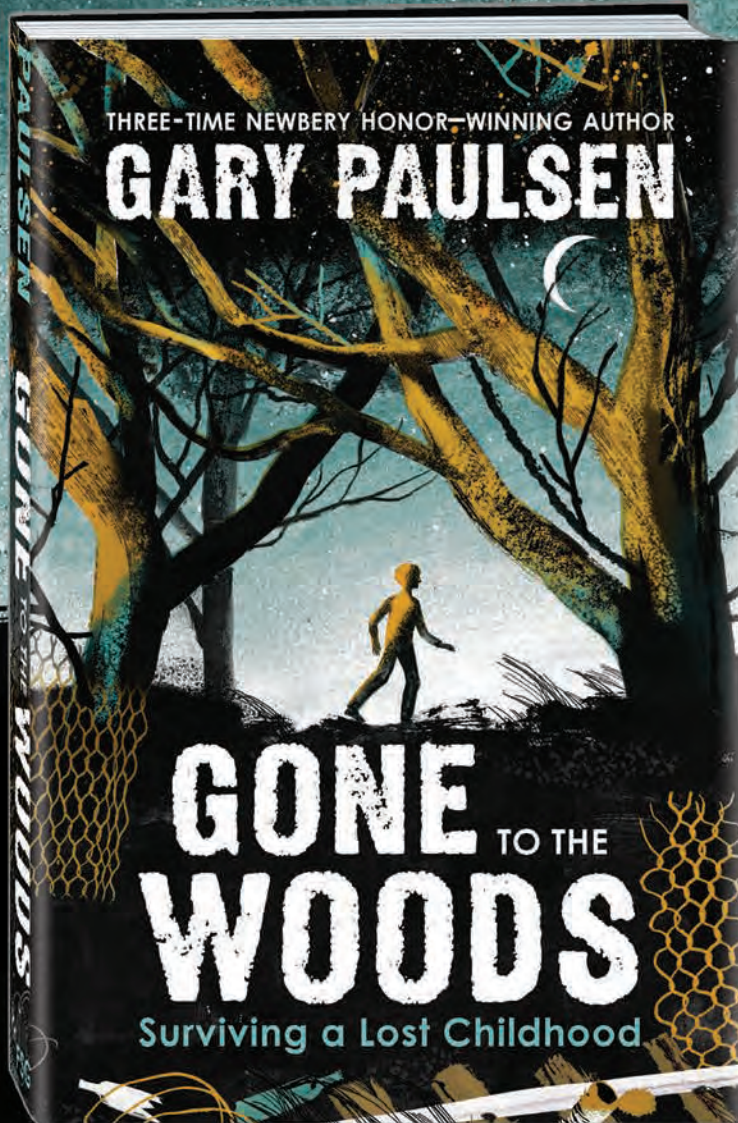
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