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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

## Latin Kings' business of violence is hit

### Feds nab dozens in 3-year probe

By **JASON MEISNER**  
Chicago Tribune

They operate with the efficiency and structure of a large corporation, with orders flowing down from the top, an employee handbook of rules to follow and a disciplinary system for those who violate the organization's standards.

But the real business of the Almighty Latin Kings is violence, federal authorities say.

In announcing sweeping federal indictments against some of the street gang's top regional leaders Tuesday, prosecutors alleged the gang employs brutal means to protect its turf, including beatings, murder, arson and even the attempted murder of a suburban cop who was suspected of working for the FBI.

The charges, which name more than four dozen alleged gang members in Indiana and the Chicago area, also detail how the Latin Kings organization enforces discipline within its own ranks and retaliates against rivals and former members to

prevent cooperation with law enforcement.

"Gang violence, gun violence, senseless violence, the type of violence that plagues our communities, our neighborhoods, in Chicago and beyond," U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon told reporters at a news conference at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. "The scope is breathtaking."

The indictments unsealed Tuesday in Chicago charged 34 alleged members of the Latin Kings with racketeering conspiracy, including several "regional enforcers" responsible for keeping gang members in line, as well as high-ranking members known as "Incas," who oversee members, and their seconds in command, called "Caciques."

Another two alleged members were charged with lesser weapons charges. In addition, superseding charges brought in federal court in Hammond accuse an additional 17 alleged Latin King members of every-

thing from racketeering to murder. Turn to **Charged, Page 6**



Fardon

## Cigna aims to join Obamacare market

### Other health insurers exiting Illinois

By **AMEET SACHDEV**  
Chicago Tribune

One of the nation's largest health insurance companies plans to enter the Obamacare marketplace in the Chicago area for the first time, bringing new competition as other insurers exit or go out of business.

The Tribune has confirmed that Cigna, based in Bloomfield, Conn., has filed plans to sell health policies to individuals and families who purchase their own coverage in the individual market. If the plans are approved by Illinois regulators, Cigna will start selling policies Nov. 1, when enrollment for 2017 Obamacare coverage opens.

Cigna spokesman Joe Mondy said the company is focusing on the Chicago

area and not the entire state. He said it was premature to provide details about proposed provider networks, benefits and the cost of insurance until the company's rate filings are approved and the health plans are ready for sale.

Cigna's arrival is some welcome news for consumers who face uncertainty over their 2017 Obamacare medical plans on the Illinois health insurance exchange.

Insurers have struggled with rising medical costs under President Barack Obama's landmark health law, the Affordable Care Act. At least two companies will not be back on the Illinois exchange next year, and others could reveal double-digit rate hikes next week.

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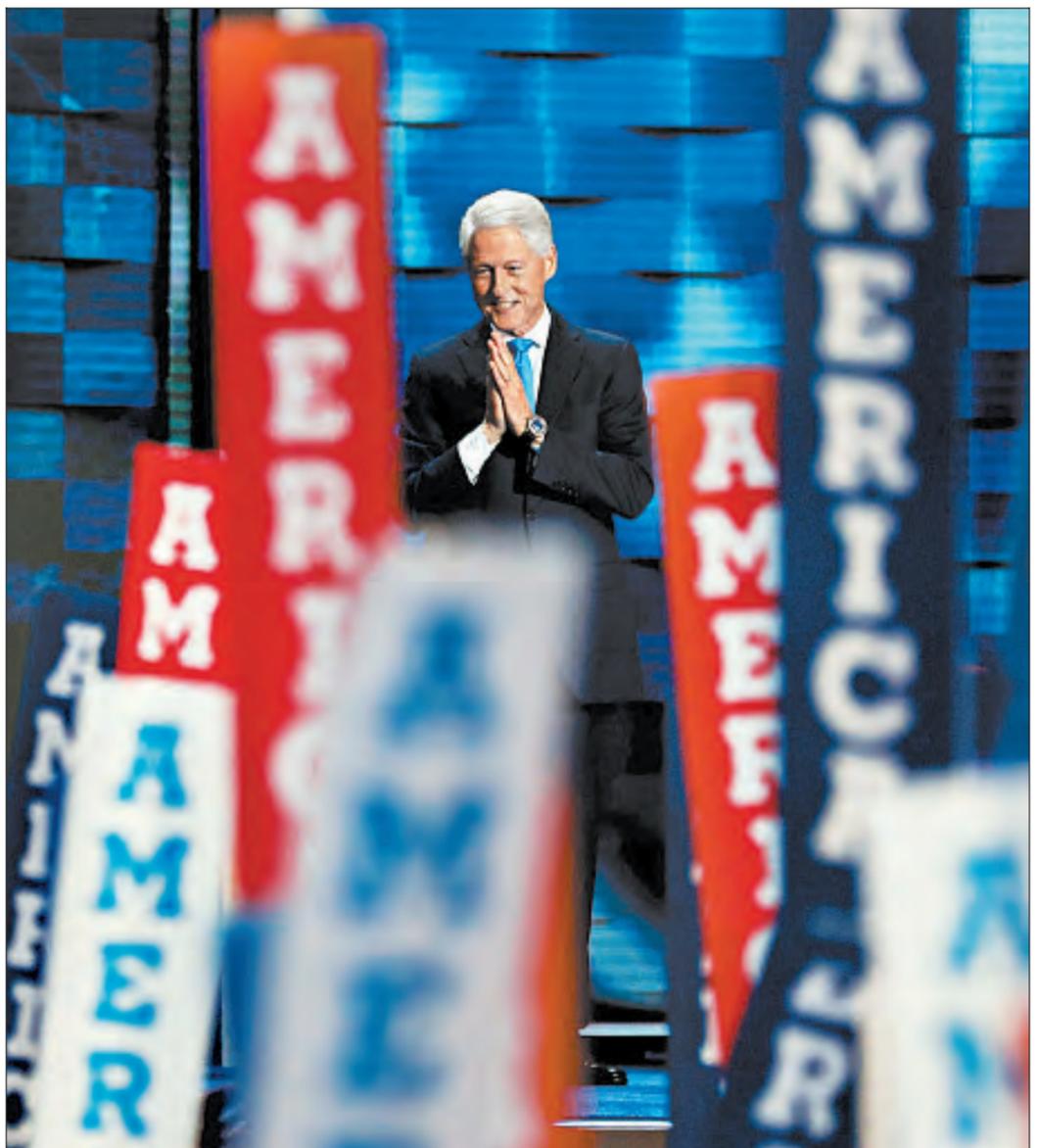
Two attackers backing the Islamic State targeted a church in Normandy, slitting the throat of an elderly priest celebrating Mass and using hostages as human shields before being shot by police. **Nation & World, Page 14**

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

# Clinton claims nomination

## Becomes first woman atop major party's presidential ticket

### Historic roll call capped by Sanders' urging for unity



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Former President Bill Clinton takes the stage in Philadelphia to make the case for his wife, nominee Hillary Clinton.

## Bill Clinton says nominee 'best darn change-maker I've met'

By **MARK Z. BARABAK AND CHRIS MEGERIAN**  
Los Angeles Times

PHILADELPHIA — On a night where Hillary Clinton made history, her friends, family and old political allies took turns extolling the Democratic presidential nominee Tuesday as a leader with the experience to keep the country safe and the heart to help those who have been forgotten.

"I give you a leader who can unite us as a nation, a leader who can break down barriers and build a better future for every American," said Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, a civil rights hero, as he helped formally place Clinton's name in nomination for the White House. "She will fight for us all with her heart, soul, and mind."

The longest and most lavish testimonial was delivered by Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, who offered a tribute that began, "In the spring of 1971, I met a girl."

"We've been walking and talking together ever since," he said. "Hillary opened my eyes to a

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Lezley McSpadden, from top, Wanda Johnson and Cleopatra Cowley-Pendleton represented the Mothers of the Movement at the convention. **Story, Page 10**

whole new world of public service by private citizens."

The former president's speech included details on their years together at Yale and on their first trip to the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge to meet Hillary Clinton's family. There, he said, he met people who were "always extolling the virtues of rooting for the Bears and the Cubs."

"They even told me what 'waiting for next year' meant," he said, a reference to the Cubs' long drought without a World Series title.

Pivoting to the election, Bill Clinton addressed one of greatest challenges facing his wife: overcoming the image of a candidate who's been around forever when so many voters want something new. "People say, 'Well, we need to change, she's been around a long time.'"

"She sure has," he said, wagging a finger in emphasis, "and she's sure been worth every single year she's put into making people's lives better."

His wife, he said, was the "best

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National labor leaders rally Illinois Democrats to take out Gov. Bruce Rauner in the 2018 election. **Page 10**  
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