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Witnesses describe injuries

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

She told police she didn't know how her son died so fast.

The prosecution shared more evidence Tuesday and Wednesday to attempt to prove otherwise.

Jay Circuit Court proceedings for the murder trial of Chelsea L. Crossland of Portland continued Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Crossland, 28, is on trial for the March 24, 2022, death of her 5-year-old son, Christian. She's charged with murder as well as a

Boy described as being extremely malnourished

Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death.

Matthew Teusch of Indiana State Police explained Tuesday afternoon he responded to the scene after being informed of a

"deceased child with suspicious circumstances." Teusch later served a search warrant on Crossland's home at 689 S. Western Ave., Portland, to find a black and blue notebook — it said, "I

hate Trevor," the partner to a friend of Crossland's who served as Christian's caretaker for a while — as well as a checkered blanket, which he said smelled of urine. They also found a trash bag that one of Crossland's children said Chelsea placed Christian inside. (Her 8-year-old and 10-year-old daughters both testified Tuesday.)

Teusch confirmed there was no DNA analysis done for the case, saying there was no need.

Teusch interviewed Crossland after Christian's death. As seen in video footage of the interview,

Teusch repeatedly informed Crossland she could leave at any time. He recalled seeing her other children, who he said looked fine and well-fed.

During the interview, Crossland explained she works as a certified nurse's assistant (CNA). She became hesitant to share certain details with Teusch, such as about her other children, who she said were "absolutely OK." She also didn't have her mother or sister's phone numbers and said she contacts them through social media. See **Injuries** page 2

U.S. says soldier fled following expulsion

By TONY CAPACCIO and JON HERSKOVITZ
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

North Korea detained a U.S. soldier who intentionally crossed the border from South Korea in an apparent effort to escape being sent home after being charged with assault, according to an American official.

The Army identified the soldier as Private Second Class Travis King, 23, a cavalry scout in the Army since January 2021 who had received a number of awards. But a U.S. official familiar with the case, who asked not to be identified, said there was more to the story.

King, who is from Wisconsin, had been released from South Korean detention where he had been held on charges of assaulting two Koreans and was facing formal separation from the military for a foreign conviction, the official said. He was escorted through security and customs at an airport and was then left alone for a flight to Fort Bliss, Texas, to receive the separation notice, according to the official.

Instead, King left the airport and joined a private company's tour of the Korean border village of Panmunjom before bolting across the border, the official said. King's disciplinary record was reported earlier by the Associated Press.

"A service member on an orientation tour willfully and without authorization crossed the Military Demarcation Line into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," Colonel Isaac Taylor, an Army spokesman, said in a statement Tuesday. "We believe he is currently in DPRK custody." He said the U.S. military was working with its North Korean counterparts "to resolve this incident."

It was unclear how King made his way from the airport to the tour, which usually requires reservations made in advance. A person who was on the Panmunjom tour told CBS News that a man in the group gave out a loud laugh and then ran between some buildings that straddle the border.

Apart from the assault, the suspected border-crosser also kicked and broke the door of a police car in Seoul last October.



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Big bite

Steve Dues of Fort Recovery takes a big bite out of a piece of watermelon Wednesday evening during the Randolph County Fair. The watermelon was provided for free at the FFA barn.



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Midway toss

Manuel Fuentes, Valerie Mata and Dulce Roque play a ball toss game Friday at the Jay County Fair.

Plan would help 19,000 Hoosiers

By CASEY SMITH and ARIANA FIGUEROA
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

More than 19,000 Hoosiers who borrowed federal student loans will have their remaining debt wiped out under the White House's \$39 billion debt relief plan.

That's according to new U.S. Department of Education data released Tuesday, which showed the number of borrowers who are eligible for automatic loan relief. The move is part of a fix to mismanagement of the agency's income-driven repayment (IDR) plans.

Many long-time borrowers, including those who had been making payments for 20 years or more, were denied relief they

were eligible for under the repayment plans. Qualified payments that were made were not accounted for.

In Indiana, the total debt eligible to be forgiven amounts to more than \$932 million, according to federal officials.

The education department and the White House announced last week that more than 800,000 borrowers nationwide will see debt relief within the next 30 days.

The announcement followed the Supreme Court's decision in late June to strike down the Biden administration's student debt relief program that would have canceled up to \$20,000 in student loan debt for some borrowers.

Deaths

Treva Stultz, 100, rural Portland
Henry Watson, 57, Hartford City
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Tuesday. The low was 61.
Tonight's low will be in the lower 60s with showers and thunderstorms likely. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with the high again in the upper 70s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Lions Band Contest is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Centerville High School's Blue Regiment will kick off the competition at 7 p.m. and the Jay County Marching Patriots are scheduled to take to the track at 8:50 p.m.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Continued coverage of the Chelsea Crossland murder trial.



Obituaries

Treva Stultz

Aug. 26, 1922-July 18, 2023
Treva "Betty" Stultz, age 100, a resident of rural Pennville, passed away on Tuesday July 18, 2023, at The Waters in Dunkirk, Indiana.



Stultz

She was a member of the Cornerstone Church of Pennville formerly known as Pennville United Methodist Church, Pennville Legion Auxiliary, and Eastern Star. She and her husband Carl owned and operated Stultz Plumbing and Heating Company in Pennville, Indiana, and helped farm in Greene Township. She graduated from Portland High School in 1940.

Treva was born Aug. 26, 1922, in Jay County, Indiana, the daughter of Paul and Juanita (Hodge) Myers. She was mar-

ried to Carl Stultz on Nov. 7, 1942, and he passed away on Oct. 22, 2003.

Survivors include: Two daughters — Diana Kay DeHoff (husband: Harvey), Pennville, Indiana, and Marcia Stockton (husband: Ron), Portland, Indiana

Two sons — Allen Stultz (wife: Sharon), Apollo Beach, Florida, and Larry Stultz (wife: Annette), Portland, Indiana

Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren

Visitation for Treva Stultz will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Cornerstone Church of Pennville, 190 W. Main St., Pennville, Indiana. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Church of Pennville in Pennville, Indiana. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Twin Hill Cemetery, in Pennville, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed

to the Cornerstone Church of Pennville.

Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Henry Watson

July 19, 1965-July 16, 2023
Henry Dale Watson, 57, of Hartford City, Indiana, passed peacefully away Sunday, July 16, 2023, while in the company of family members at his residence.



Watson

A son of the late Linda Sue (Ashburn) Lowe, Dale was born in Jamestown, Tennessee, on July 19, 1965, in the back of a taxicab and his life has continued to be one wild ride. He was a 1984 graduate of Jay County High School and formerly employed by YRC as a truck driver.

Dale was the loving husband

of Lisa Gail (Burks) Watson, who he happily married on Dec. 25, 2018. He was a member of Kingsley Full Gospel Church and the NRA, and enjoyed listening to the oldies, riding on his motorcycle, being outside in nature, landscaping and working with his hands, and had a real appreciation for guitars, antiques and collectibles.

A regular "Mr. Fix It," Dale had created an oasis and personal sanctuary for he, Lisa, their two precious pups and countless other furry critters over the years. From rough beginnings to the blood of Jesus, Dale devoted his later years to his Lord and Savior, spending time with his family, volunteering at church, Bible studies with his mother in law, helping others with anything they needed and animal rescue and rehabilitation.

Dale is survived by his wife Lisa; one son, Anthony Dale Watson; one daughter, Chelsi

Nichole Hill (husband: T.J.); four siblings, Jimmy, Mary, Sheila and Tonya; and five grandchildren, Aubree, Jesse, Tommy, Emrie and Alya.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Brenda.

Services are private at the convenience of the family. Burial will be held in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Kingsley Full Gospel Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 7/21	Saturday 7/22	Sunday 7/23	Monday 7/24	Tuesday 7/25
77/58	80/58	82/63	83/64	85/66
Expect mostly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 70s.	Skies will be sunny with a high of 80. Mostly clear at night.	The forecast calls for sunny skies with a high of 82. There is a 30% chance of showers.	Expect a high of 83 with a slight chance of showers and storms.	Tuesday also has a slight chance of thunderstorms under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$1 billion

Mega Millions
19-22-31-37-54
Mega Ball: 18
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$720 million

Hoosier
Tuesday
Midday
Daily Three: 1-7-3
Daily Four: 1-8-6-3
Quick Draw: 1-6-13-18-22-33-35-37-45-46-47-50-52-58-59-63-66-67-69-75

Evening
Daily Three: 7-5-1
Daily Four: 5-9-1-4
Quick Draw: 4-6-8-18-20-21-30-36-42-47-48-50-52-56-64-70-73-74-75-76

Ohio
Tuesday
Midday
Pick 3: 6-1-7
Pick 4: 0-8-2-2
Pick 5: 4-2-7-5-4
Evening
Pick 3: 5-2-8
Pick 4: 9-3-4-4
Pick 5: 2-7-8-9-9
Rolling Cash: 2-10-11-25-36

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.10
Oct. corn5.30
Wheat6.84

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.37
Aug. corn6.02
Oct./Nov. corn5.34

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn5.93
Aug. corn5.25
Beans15.19

Aug. beans.....15.19
Wheat 6.87

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....5.91
Aug. corn5.86
Beans14.98
Aug. beans.....14.88
Wheat6.81

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.76
Aug. corn5.71
Beans14.83
Aug. beans.....14.78
Wheat6.72

Today in history

In 1881, Chief Sitting Bull of the Sioux tribe surrendered to U.S. federal troops.

In 1968, the first Special Olympics that involved about 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities began at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 2009, Jay County Commissioners selected Weigand Construction as general contractor for the expansion of Jay County Jail. Weigand, Fort Wayne, was the low bidder for the \$7.3 million project.

In 2012, a gunman killed 12 and injured 58 during a shooting at the premier of the Batman movie "Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colorado.

In 2015, Jay County Commissioners created a committee to address flooding issues in the county and in downtown Portland specifically. The city's downtown area had flooded three times since June 1.

In 2022, Portland Board of Aviation approved an addition to the Sonrise Aviation hangar at Portland Municipal Airport.

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Citizen's calendar

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Injuries ...

Continued from page 1
Crossland said she didn't know if Christian had a medical condition but said his head was bigger than usual. She told Teusch she was looking at places to take him for treatment but did not mention recent doctor visits.

"I thought honestly (he may have) a brain tumor," she said.

During the interview, she said she thought Christian had knocked himself out and put himself in a coma. She told Teusch her son was an "easy bruiser" when he asked about the marks all along Christian's body, referencing times he had fallen off his bike and one instance when he fell down the stairs. She suggested Christian was healthy, saying he ate whole meals and played outside regularly leading up to the day of his death.

"That's why it just shocked me," she said.

The night Christian died, Crossland said he fell in the bedroom. She took him into the bathroom, she said, and when he wasn't responding, she tried to get him to eat or drink.

"I did everything I could," she said in the interview, noting she hit his back, pushed his chest and tried spilling water on him to wake him up. Her phone battery was dead, she said, and she wasn't able to immediately call for help. When she was able, she called her mother, Gladys Crossland, who told her to check for a pulse. She wasn't able to find one.

Gladys Crossland and Destynie Willis, Chelsea Crossland's sister, picked up her other four children before she called emergency services.

At the end of the interview, Crossland asked Teusch what officers were thinking about her. She also said she was still in a state of shock.

"I don't understand how somebody can go just like that," she said.

During the trial Wednesday morning, chief deputy prosecutor Zechariah Landers introduced Crossland's phone as evidence.

Justin Snyder of Indiana State Police, who took evidence from Crossland's phone, confirmed a series of text messages printed and handed to the jury were sent by Crossland. Those texts were primarily about Christian. The jury spent close to an hour reviewing the texts, which were sent to Crossland's mother and sister.

Despite Crossland's statement that her phone was dead around the time her son became unresponsive, Snyder confirmed her phone was active from 8 p.m. to midnight, noting texts and calls she had received and background app activity.

Kent Harshbarger, the coroner for Montgomery County, Ohio, and a forensic pathologist, shared his findings Wednesday morning from the autopsy done on Christian's body by Thomas Sozio.

Landers displayed a picture of Christian from sometime before his death, appearing to have a healthy amount of fat and muscle.

Referencing photos the prosecution displayed on a TV screen from the autopsy, Harshbarger noted Christian's hair thinning and missing in patches, multiple bruises and scratches all over his body, damage to his mouth as well as his emaciated and dehydrated state. He pointed out Christian's sunken in face, along with his visible ribcage, shoulder blades, joints and other parts of the body.

"So there's a clear loss of body fat and muscle mass," he said.

In reference to a picture of Christian's chest, Harshbarger said he didn't see any signs of lifesaving measures such as chest compressions. The bruises must have happened at different points in time because of their varying colors, he added. He also pointed to a few parallel marks on his thighs, which he said indicated something small and narrow must have struck the skin.

John Petro, a crime scene investigator with Indiana State Police, also oversaw the autopsy at IU Health Jay. Petro recalled while testifying

Tuesday afternoon "numerous areas" of trauma, with different-colored bruises all over Christian's body and a loss of hair. Answering a question from prosecutor Wes Schemenaur, he confirmed there were scratches and bruises on Christian's genitals. He also noted Christian appeared to be underdeveloped.

Christian's cause of death was attributed in the autopsy to blunt force trauma injuries, starvation and dehydration.

Answering questions from chief public defender Brandon Murphy, Harshbarger confirmed that because of his emaciated state Christian likely had brittle bones and injuries would be more damaging to him than a healthy person.

"When (the) structure of skin is not intact normally, it can destruct easily," he said.

Harshbarger noted critical hemorrhaging in Christian's head and mouth, along with a high volume of hemorrhaging in his thighs.

Harshbarger also said a sample of Christian's urine appeared cloudy, indicating a possible urinary tract infection. However, the urine was not tested.

Murphy indicated Christian could have had sepsis as a result of a urinary tract infection or from any of the injuries he had sustained. Harshbarger noted autopsies cannot find blood infections and that sepsis in Christian could have been possible. Murphy also suggested other possible health issues, such as electrolyte imbalances, arrhythmia and a nutritional deficiency.

Landers again had Harshbarger clarify that there were "no natural conditions that would mimic" Christian's state.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years. A Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death carries a sentence of 20 to 40 years with an advisory sentence of 30 years.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland teen lost control of his vehicle, causing him to drive off the county road 800 West about 6:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Kamon L. Grubbs, 17, was driving his 1994 Ford Ranger north on the road just south of county road

150 North

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Grubbs appeared to be driving at a high speed, causing him to lose control of his truck and drive off the west side of the road and roll his truck.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for drug possession.

Joseph O. Cochran, 30, 5357 E. 300 North, is preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was released on a \$4,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Drunk driving

A Portland woman was arrested Tuesday for drunk driving.

Peggy J. Roush, 52, 1237 N. U.S. 27, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today
Myron, Carol: 1 p.m., Davids Community Mausoleum Chapel, 4600 Mad River Road, Kettering, Ohio.

Friday
Keen-Jenkins, Amber: 3 p.m., The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Koenig, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., the Church of the Most Holy Trinity 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.
Stultz, Treva: 2 p.m., Cornerstone Church of Pennville, 109 W. Main St., Pennville.

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Memory trees

Portland Rotary Club recently dedicated trees in memory of fellow rotarians John Goodrich, John Young, Sandy Bulp and Jack Ronald. Pictured above, Rotarians stand in front of a tree dedicated to Goodrich.

Medication can degrade with heat

By DEB BALZER

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Finding ways to keep your body cool during extremely high temperatures is important, and so is ensuring your medications aren't exposed to extreme heat.

Scott Hall, a Mayo Clinic pharmacist, said medications can become degraded during temperature changes. He said some medications also can cause heat intolerance.

Temperature can impact any medication a person is taking, but some are more prone to problems than others.

"Insulin is definitely going to be one of those medications. So patients with diabetes should try not to store their insulin in a place where the temperature will get too high," said Hall.

Store your medications in a cool, dry place. If you

keep them in a bathroom where you shower, leave the medicine in the original container.

"Keeping it in those bottles where they can remain sealed is really going to help prevent any negative effects of heat."

Some medicines can cause heat intolerance:

- Blood pressure medications
- Antihistamines
- Psychiatric medications

If you have questions about your medication, it's important to ask, said Hall.

"If you have questions about your medications and how you should store them, or how they could affect you in the heat, that's a great time to talk with your pharmacist," said Hall.

"They can provide that information that you need to really understand what the possibilities are."

Family stretches finances to fund studies

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is attending a pricey college. She will be taking out the maximum of student loans, and we will slowly but surely eat through our entire savings to pay for it.

Her college hires resident assistants (RAs) to help freshmen adjust to college life. In return, the RAs receive free room and board. This would be a tremendous financial help to our family and might also allow us to pay off some of her unsubsidized loans next year.

My daughter has agreed to apply to be an RA for her junior year, but since then, she has become despondent. She says all her friends are moving off-campus and she'll be "stuck" in a freshman dorm. I am sympathetic to her concerns since the social

Dear Abby



a job that could be rewarding. Am I wrong to ask my daughter to apply for this position? If we were a wealthy family, I would never ask, but we are not. I'm afraid she will face greater sacrifices down the road if she enters the work world with substantial debt. — NOT MADE OF MONEY IN NEW YORK

DEAR NOT MADE OF MONEY: Although your daughter is enrolled in a pricey college, she appears to be lacking in financial acumen. If she were more mature, she would recognize that this job would benefit your entire family. Because she isn't, it is up to you and her father to impress that fact upon her.

Of course socializing in college is important, but taking

the RA position won't entirely preclude that. Being an RA would give her valuable leadership experience, which could help her in the future. Many graduates remember with great fondness the resident assistants they had in college and the guidance they provided.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law constantly calls my husband and is always reminding him not to forget her. If we don't answer the phone, she'll leave a message asking, "Where is my son?" Then she'll add, "Don't forget about your mother."

I'm tired of it, and my husband won't put a stop to it. He says she's his mother and he needs to respect her. I feel like even after

all these years she hasn't cut the cord, and he is still attached. Any advice? — ANNOYED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ANNOYED: Your mother-in-law appears to be insecure and to crave more attention from her son. This has nothing to do with you, so my advice is to ignore any message that isn't meant for you, and try to be less critical. If being told not to forget his mother bothered your husband, he would deal with it. Trust me on that.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will

meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. July 20 at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at

10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

Sudoku

		4	1					2
9		8		2				5
	6			4				
	1		9					
		6		8				3
					2	5	6	7
	2							4
	3							7
7						1		

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

8	3	1	2	4	9	6	5	7
6	4	5	7	1	3	8	9	2
2	7	9	6	5	8	4	1	3
7	6	4	3	9	1	2	8	5
1	2	8	5	7	6	3	4	9
9	5	3	8	2	4	7	6	1
5	9	7	4	6	2	1	3	8
3	1	6	9	8	7	5	2	4
4	8	2	1	3	5	9	7	6

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Take pride in another champion

By MORTON J. MARCUS

I finally broke down and hired the best newspaper consultant in the business, Priscilla Prune.

"Ms. Prune, how can I get more newspapers to print my column?" I asked.

"Hah," she hah-ed in a powerful voice. "Don't say print. That's a leftover word from another era. Today, your work is seen on screens. You want to be read, be discussed on chat sites and, foremost, be appreciated.

"What about being paid, Ms. Prune?" I asked.

"Don't be vulgar. Economists don't reveal a pecuniary interest. They are to be wrapped in the robes as public intellectuals," she said. "And please call me Prissy. Prunes have wrinkles."

Eye on the Pie



"What should I do?" I asked softly.

"Write about sex, that's what builds interest," she was enthusiastic. "People want to know more about other people's sexual behavior. Sex gathers more attention, no matter how gruesome. Way more than even sports".

"OK, how's this?" And I quickly put some recent Census data on the screen in front of us.

"Oh," Prissy turned icy cold. "Numbers? I don't do numbers. Tell me the story."

"Well, there isn't much of a story. Of married persons ages 16 to 64 in the U.S., 1.3% are in same-sex marriages. The percentages for the two leading minority groups are only a tiny bit higher: 1.4% for Hispanics (of any race) and 1.5% for African-Americans. Indiana, at 1.2%, is 28th among the 50 states.

"Of those same-sex marriages nationally, 47.7% are between males and 52.3% females."

"Two things leap out to me," she declared. "Ages 16 to 64, leaves out older folks who have the greatest interest in the sex lives of others. We could accuse the Census Bureau of ageism by

dismissing the raunchy Romeos and Juliets.

"Then," she continued, "our headline is, 'Minorities lead in same-sex marriages! Jailed men force women into same-sex relationships.'"

"But," I started to say. "Do you or do you not want attention?" she scolded.

"The differences are probably of little statistical significance," I protested.

"Statistical significance plays no part in sexual fantasy," she declared. Then asked, "What do you have in sports?"

"There's a wonderful little-known story," I said, pleased to get away from her perversion of truth. "The Trine University Thunder, a fast-pitch softball

team, up at Angola, in Steuben County, won the NCAA Division III national championship."

"Ah," Prissy gasped and left, delivering this tirade as she handed me her invoice: "A women's team from a Division III institution in a place that's as remote for Hoosiers as the African country of Angola! And you want more readers? How droll!"

"All Hoosiers," I said to an empty room, "should be proud to have another national championship. Proud of the talent and endurance it takes to be the best of your competitors."

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It's unpatriotic to block promotions

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville misses few chances to tout both his career as a college football coach and his love for the military. It's all the more reprehensible, then, that Tuberville is single-handedly blocking the Pentagon from putting its best team on the field — and harming the country's security in the process.

Since February, Tuberville has placed a blanket hold on the promotion or reassignment of more than 250 U.S. generals and flag officers.

He objects to a Pentagon policy, announced after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, that covers the travel costs of service members who cross state lines for abortions. Tuberville insists that because Congress hasn't enshrined the travel policy into law, the Pentagon needs to scrap it. He's vowed to block all top military promotions until that happens.

Due to Tuberville's intransigence, the Marine Corps lacks a Senate-confirmed commandant for the first time in 164 years.

Two more service chiefs are due to retire next month: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley, the top military adviser to President Joe Biden, will step down on Oct. 1.

As seven former defense secretaries noted in a May letter, the commanders of the Navy's Fifth and Seventh Fleets — covering the Middle East and Indo-Pacific — as well as the next US military representative to NATO and US Cyber Command's director of intelligence are also in limbo.

More than 600 senior officers may be affected by the end of the year.

This leadership void is already damaging military readiness.

Officers serving in an acting capacity don't have the same authority they would if Senate-confirmed. Incoming Marine commandant General Eric Smith, for instance, can't issue crucial planning guidance for the service.

Uncertainty takes a toll on military families, who can't relocate or receive new salaries until

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appointments are official.

Air Force General C.Q. Brown, Biden's nominee to replace Milley, told lawmakers this week that the promotion backlog will make it harder to persuade junior officers to remain in uniform — something the US can ill afford amid recruiting shortfalls.

It could also slow efforts to retool the military to deter China and roll back Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Perhaps most unforgivably, by targeting uniformed officers rather than political appointees, Tuberville risks dragging the US military into the country's partisan muck.

Tuberville maintains that the Senate can break the logjam by holding votes on each promotion, rather than accepting them by unanimous consent, as has traditionally been done.

That would make a bad situation worse: It would occupy most of the legislative calendar, needlessly politicize the military-promotion process and only encourage more partisan gamesmanship, as has happened with judges and ambassadors, among other positions.

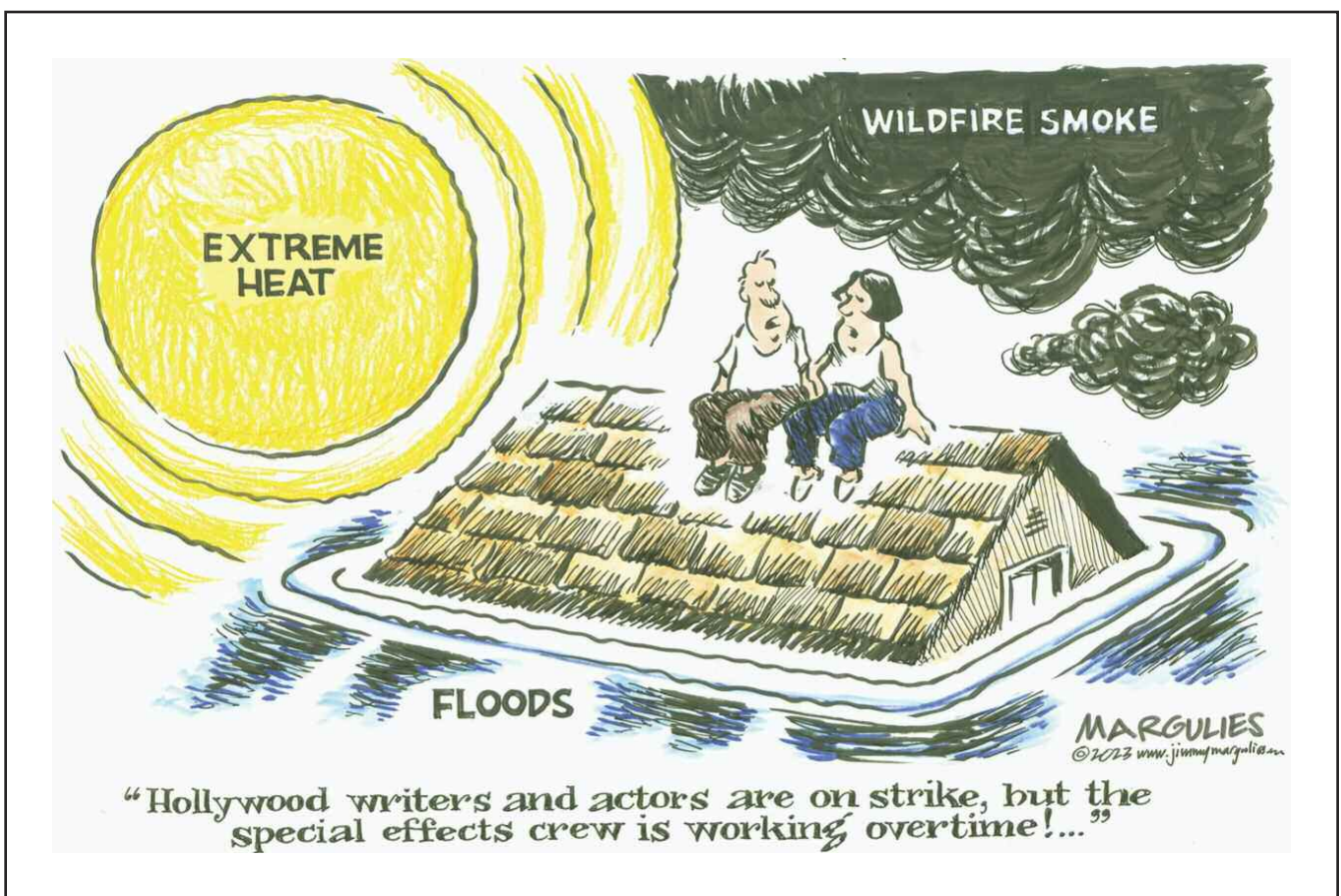
If Tuberville thinks that the Pentagon's abortion policies are better determined by Congress, he should be focused on the hard work of legislating, not obstructing.

A vote on the House version of the annual defense spending bill, which now includes an amendment rescinding the policy, will test how much support there is for his position.

This is a problem for Republicans, not the Pentagon, to solve. Thus far, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has only chided Tuberville obliquely. He needs to go further.

He should insist, in private and public if necessary, that the Alabama senator back down and lift his holds without delay.

Tuberville may know football, but he has no right to play with the nation's security.



We need nuanced discussion

By DAVE ANDERSON
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

Two of the most widely discussed concepts in social theory, psychology and political philosophy are independence and interdependence. Each concept can be defined in a broadly positive way, but however the concepts are defined they can also be the target of criticism.

Independence can be defined as a condition where someone or some institution or some political entity is capable of existing on its own without having to rely on others to sustain itself. With interdependence, two people, organizations or countries are mutually dependent on each other for their survival.

A country which declares its independence from a colonial ruler is therefore thought to be better off for having separated from the country which has dominated it. At the same time, a person who pursues independence to the point that he or she fails to rely on others who wish to have a more intimate relationship may be the cause of a failed interdependent relationship.

Many relationships, be they personal, professional or political, have some dimensions which involve healthy interdependence and some which involve excessive independence that thwarts healthy interdependence. Two partners in a marriage may have a relationship with healthy financial interdependence but unhealthy emotional interdependence. Or, indeed, the relationship may have both unhealthy financial interdependence and unhealthy emotional interdependence as in the case where a wife is financially dependent on her husband, he physically abuses her, and she cannot leave him because she becomes emotionally dependent on him. Psychologists also refer to the concept of co-dependency to explain relationships with these unhealthy, even dangerous, patterns.

The meaning of life may in the end come down to seeking a balance between independence and interde-

Dave Anderson



pendence, yet recognizing that it will be impossible to ever achieve this balance as one will always be striving to become more independent or more interdependent. Still, we should always analyze our personal, professional and political relationships to try to determine when we have instances of either excessive independence, excessive dependence or lack of interdependence.

In the United States today it would appear that we have at least two major camps with respect to the independence/interdependence tension. On the one hand, we have citizens which identify with the Republican Party and the value of independence. Republicans, as a rule, believe that the federal government as well as state governments should promote laws and regulations which promote the value of independence — the liberty and autonomy of persons.

This amounts to celebrating the value of independence, whether it concerns guns, higher taxes or reducing environmental legislation and regulations. Republicans stand for a society in which the government does not restrict individual independence or liberty, recognizing that some restrictions are necessary. Libertarians go much further.

Republicans may also be more inclined to promote a foreign policy that stands for an America that has fewer moral commitments to other countries (with the exception of countries like Israel). Ideally we would be as independent from other countries as possible. Certainly, Trump's America First philosophy took that approach.

Democrats, in contrast, are more inclined to promote the value of interdependence when articulating a

vision of the relationship between citizens and government, since everything from health care to transportation and national defense requires government support. Medicare, Medicaid, the 1956 Interstate Highway Act and our \$600 billion plus annual defense budget all rest on a concept of interdependence. Democrats believe that the federal government and state governments have a moral responsibility to provide citizens with the support they need to pursue educational and employment opportunities to realize their potential and provide for their families.

Democrats are also more inclined to promote a vision of foreign policy that accepts the need for economic, political, and military interdependence with our allies in North America, Europe, the Far East, Australia and South America.

The struggle to unite well-formulated, inspiring concepts of independence and interdependence is endless. Moreover, the debates over balancing freedom and equality, individualism and community, and economic growth and economic efficiency, though valuable, have become tiresome. We need some new concepts at the highest level of political and social debate. Certainly the concept of interdependence is not as widely discussed as the concept of independence.

Politicians, political consultants, the media, think tanks and academia would do well to elevate both concepts. These concepts can also incorporate concepts like freedom, equality, individualism, community, economic growth and economic efficiency. If we are going to wrestle with ongoing challenges over guns, climate change, race, gender and sexual orientation, and different ways to improve capitalism and push for peace in the world, we must transcend much of our current vocabulary.

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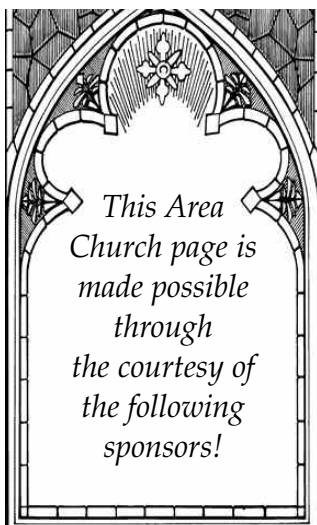
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

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(260) 251-5254
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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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fccftrecovery.org

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(419) 375-4680
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frnaz@frontier.com

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(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
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Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

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Fr. Martin Sandhage
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Stuart Phillips
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(260) 726-4786
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4017 W. 200 South
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nbholiness.com

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New Life Ministries
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(260) 755-6354
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drkayfairchild.com

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(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
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Aaron Huey
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Oak Grove United Methodist
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Neil Butcher
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templebaptistin.com

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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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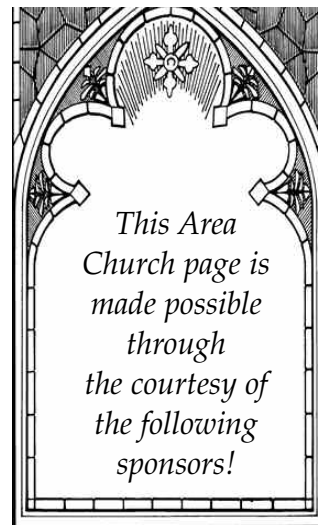
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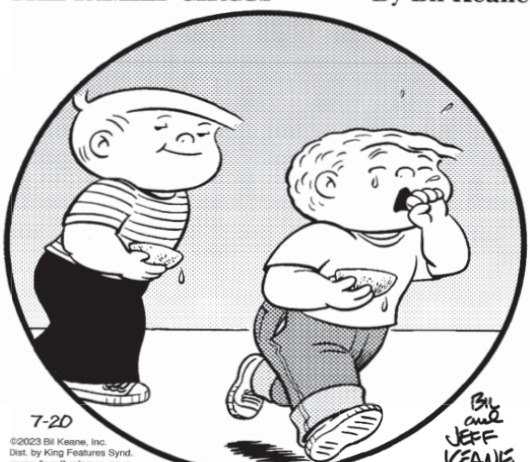
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The proper order of plays

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North-South vulnerable.
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♠ A 8 3
♥ J 4
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A Q J 10 9

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 10 9 7 5
♦ J 3
♣ K 3 2

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 8 6 3 2
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 5 4 2
♥ A K
♦ A K 8
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 5♠ Pass
6♠

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

trump suit or tackle trumps and then take the club finesse. It might seem like a case of six of one or a half-dozen of the other, but actually the proper order of plays is to take the club finesse first. The reason is that before you tackle the trump suit, you must find out whether you can afford to lose a trump trick.

When the club finesse wins in the actual deal, the slam becomes a certainty, since the only problem that remains is to protect against a 4-0 trump division. This can be done by cashing the king of spades first to guard against four trumps in either opponent's hand.

As it happens, East shows out on the king, and it is then a simple matter to restrict your trump suit to one trump loser by next leading a spade toward dummy's A-8. Had West shown out instead, you would have assured losing only one trump trick by next leading a low trump to the ace and another back toward the jack.

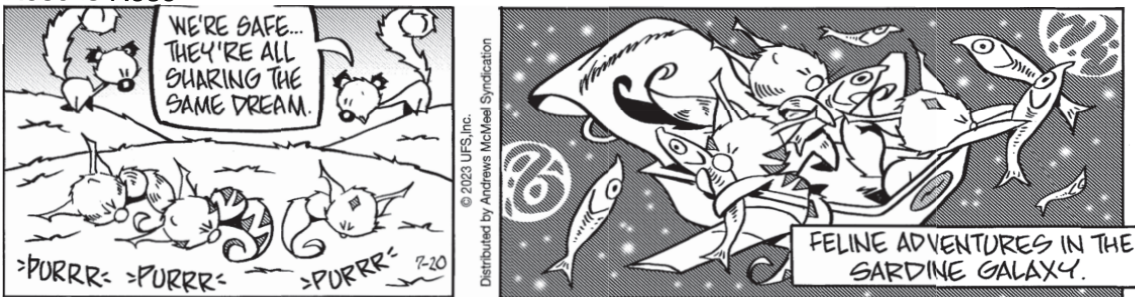
Now let's assume you had decided to broach the trump suit before attempting the club finesse. In that case, you would no doubt have followed the normal procedure of leading a low trump to the ace, and a short time later you would have found yourself down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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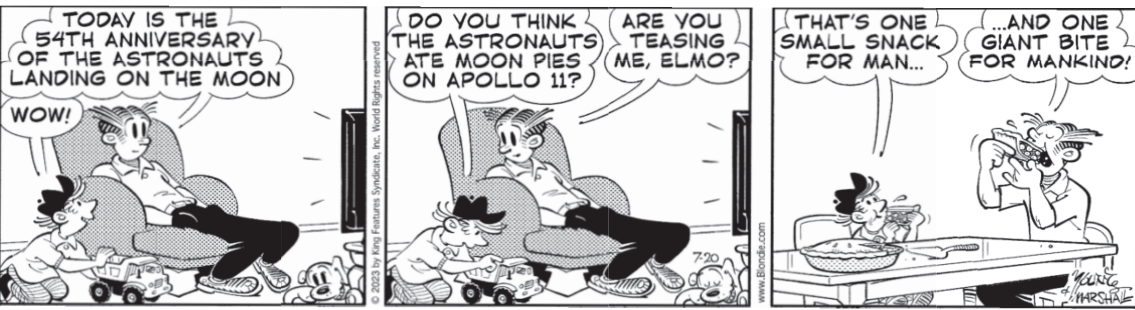
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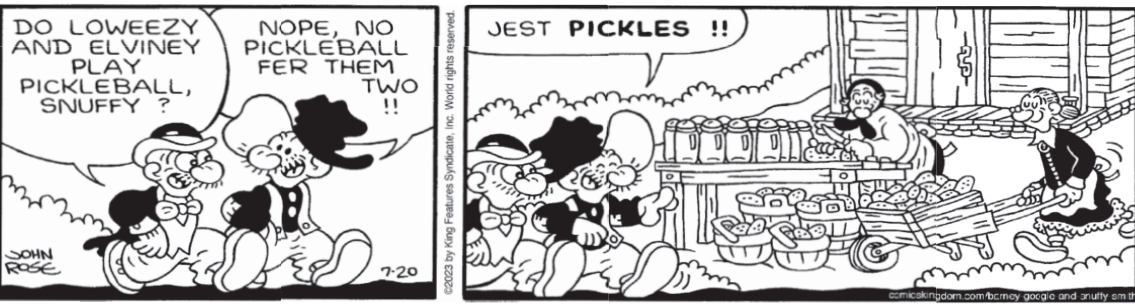
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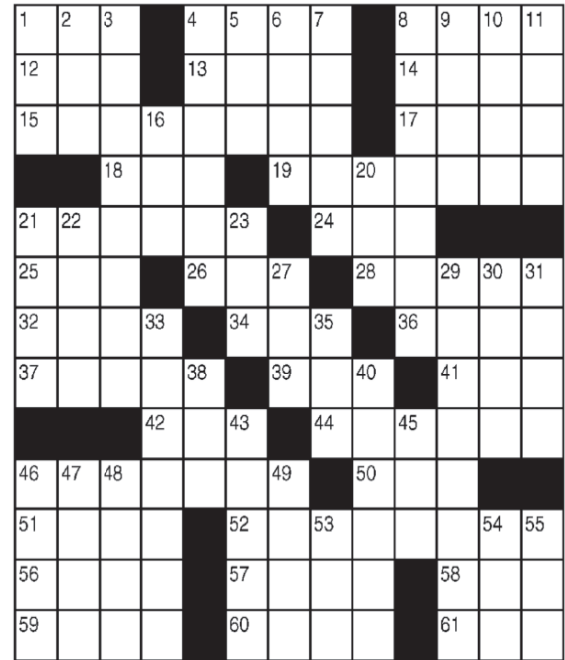
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Pacers' Brown speaks on Pistons

By KORY WOODS

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Tribune News Service
Since arriving in June 2020, Detroit Pistons general manager Troy Weaver has endeared himself to the fanbase by making concerted efforts to restore the franchise to its renowned and historic greatness.

Despite his efforts, however, there is one particular move that still draws criticism: the decision to trade Bruce Brown. In November 2020, the Pistons traded Brown to the Brooklyn Nets for Dzanan Musa and a 2021 second-round draft pick.

Brown, who recently signed a two-year, \$45 million deal with the Indiana

Pacers, appeared on the Run Your Race podcast with former NBA guard Theo Pinson to discuss what led to his departure from Detroit.

"It was during COVID, and we didn't go to the bubble. So we had two weeks on, two weeks off in the city where we played, but it wasn't mandatory," Brown told Pinson. "So it's August, and Troy Weaver comes in as the new GM or whatever his position is. And it's around my birthday in August, and I'm like, 'I've been there every day. All the other times, I'm there. This one time, I'm like, 'Listen, it's my birthday. I'm just gonna stay home for these two weeks,

but I'll come back right after.'"

"Before I tell him this, they're calling me like, 'Hey, you want to get together? You want to do dinner? Go golf?' or whatever. I'm like, 'Cool. That's fine.' I tell them that I'll come back after the two weeks, and they don't say anything to me."

Brown continues the story by describing his interaction with the Pistons' training staff not long after, sensing that the team was prepared to part ways with him.

"They're not talking to me. They're not saying 'What's up?' or anything," Brown said.

Brown then shared that when he returned, pre-

sumably to the Pistons' practice facility the next day for his workout, he learned that the team had traded him to the Nets. The 6-foot-4 guard had an inkling it could happen after a morning conversation with his agent Ty Sullivan, who informed him of the Nets' interest. But Brown didn't think much of it.

Later that day, Brown received a call from Weaver, whose number he had yet to save, confirming that his time in Detroit was over.

"Troy said, 'Hey, we're going in a different direction. You're going to Brooklyn,'" Brown said. "Straight like that. I said, 'Alright.' I walked in, said

'Bye,' and walked out."

After Brown's first two NBA seasons in Detroit, many within the Pistons fanbase viewed him as an up-and-coming guard with untapped potential, especially with his commitment to playing hard on both ends of the court.

During his rookie season, he averaged 4.3 points while shooting 40% from the field, 2.5 rebounds, and 1.2 assists. He also shot a woeful 26% from three-point range. He significantly improved the following season, averaging nine points per game on 44% shooting from the field, 4.7 rebounds, four assists, and just over one steal per game. Brown also

improved his long-distance shooting, raising his three-point percentage to 34%.

Following his two seasons with the Nets, Brown signed a two-year, \$13 million deal with the Denver Nuggets last July. Playing in a reserve role, Brown played a crucial part in helping the Nuggets capture their first NBA championship last season, averaging 12 points, four rebounds, two assists, and one steal in the 2023 playoffs.

Also during the podcast, Brown shared several other stories about his time with the Pistons, such as playing with Andre Drummond and Blake Griffin, and more.

D-line ...

Continued from page 8
Samson Ebukam, a 28-year-old free agent signed from the San Francisco 49ers, likely will get the first crack. He had five sacks last year playing opposite wrecking ball Nick Bosa and has 23.5 career sacks over six seasons with the Niners and Los Angeles Rams.

That makes him the most productive of any of the pass rushers in what is another young and inexperienced position room on this roster.

Dayo Odeyingbo, a second-round pick in 2021 behind Paye who battled a torn Achilles' tendon as a rookie, figures to also get a long look.

The 23-year-old finished last season in impressive fashion with nine tackles, 3.5 sacks and three tackles for loss over the final four weeks. Those numbers represented more than half of Odeyingbo's season totals of 18 tackles, five sacks and five tackles for loss.

There's a sense the athletic big man is finally fully recovered from the Achilles' injury, and he could be poised to begin forming the ferocious tandem with Paye that Indianapolis envisioned on draft day two years ago.

In any event, the Colts want to bring defenders in waves to keep their legs fresh and ideally

keep consistent pressure on opposing passers.

Tyquan Lewis, entering his sixth season out of Ohio State, can play a significant role in that rotation if he remains healthy.

Lewis has seen each of the last two seasons end with a knee injury in late October, but he has been productive when he's been on the field. In just 15 games over the past two years, he's tallied 3.5 sacks, five tackles for loss and 10 quarterback hits while displaying the versatility to play both inside and out.

The depth chart on the interior of the defensive line is far more defined.

DeForest Buckner and Grover Stewart hold down the starting tackle positions and form the most dependable duo on the roster.

Buckner posted 74 tackles, eight sacks, 11 tackles for loss and 22 quarterback hits while facing constant double teams and playing through injuries last season. Stewart had 70 tackles, four sacks, nine tackles for loss and seven quarterback hits despite routinely coming off the field in obvious passing situations.

The pair both had a case to make the Pro Bowl in 2022, and they again figure to cause more than a few sleepless nights for

offensive coordinators this year.

Veteran Taven Bryan — a former first-round pick for the Jacksonville Jaguars — was signed to provide depth at tackle. Other interior options include former Denver Broncos third-rounder McTelvin Agim, returning 2022 draft pick Eric Johnson and undrafted rookies Caleb Sampson and Jamal Woods.

On the edge, fourth-round pick Adetomiwa Adebawore will battle for a roster spot with free-agent additions Genard Avery and Khalid Kareem and seventh-round rookie Titus Leo.

Like Lewis, Adebawore has the added benefit of inside-out versatility.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
JPortland Rockets at Fort Wayne Jackers - 7:15 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Norway vs. New Zealand (FOX)
6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Ireland vs. Australia (FOX)

12:35 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Motorsports: Camping World SRX Series (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — Women's World Cup: Canada vs. Nigeria (FOX)

Friday
1 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Switzerland vs. Philippines (FS1)

3:30 a.m. — PGA Tour: Barracuda Championship (GOLF)
5 p.m. — Women's World Cup: Norway vs. New Zealand (FOX)
7 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Washington Mystics (Ion)
9 p.m. — Women's World Cup: Vietnam vs. United States (FOX)

Local notes

Hunt applications open
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for reserved hunts.

Applications can be made for dove, deer, squirrel, teal and goose hunts. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing.

To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The deadline is Aug. 6.

Flag football registration open
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now open.

The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

Swiss Days race set
Registration is open for the 50th annual Swiss Days Race.

The event is scheduled for July 29 with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at 9:15 a.m.

Awards will be presented to the top 10 in each age group and there will be refreshments for all participants.

To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com.

5K circuit continues July 22
The next race in the Jay County 5K Circuit is scheduled for July 22.

The Bonus 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. July 22. The race will be at the IU Health Jay trail.

Registration is \$20. The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions. For more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

Chamber outing scheduled
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf outing July 21.

The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration is \$250 per team and

is open now by emailing tabby@jay-countychamber.com or visiting the chamber office at 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The event is limited to 20 teams and the deadline is July 10.

For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

Soccer sign-ups available now
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now open.

The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

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Season tickets are available for the

2023-24 Jay County high school season. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45.

A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be purchased for \$50 as well.

Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Farmers Building/Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland IN

Saturday Morning
JULY 22, 2023
9:30 A.M.

MODERN HOUSE-HOLD GOODS -OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, August 5, 2023

TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 9660 W 300 S Dunkirk, IN

Open House Sunday, July 23rd from 1-3 pm or for private showing contact the auctioneers.

REAL ESTATE
40 acre farm located in section 35 Knox township, Jay County Indiana. Offered in two tracts and entirety. Tract 1- 2/3 bedroom home containing 1988 sq ft. 80'x44ft pole barn, utility shed nicely situated on 2.1 acres. Tract 2- 38 acres with 27 acres tillable balance being wooded, frontage on county rd 300 S.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, July 29, 2023

TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 211 Belgian Lane, Bryant, IN

REAL ESTATE
1.43 Acres located in the town of Bryant. Bearcreek Township. With 30'x40' and 18'x34' pole buildings. 14'x21' utility shed. With access off of Belgian Lane. Great opportunity to purchase large lot with an abundance of potential.

Phone auctioneers for private showing. **BOATS - TRAILERS - ANTIQUES - MISC.**
1993 Bayliner Classic 22 ft cabin cruiser with inboard/outboard motor and 1993 tandem axel boat trailer.

2 hay wagon running gears. Cycle bar motor. David Bradley garden tractor. IH rear weights. IH fast hitch. Tractor seat. Pot belly stoves. Feed cart. Vise. 5 gallon milk can.

Lard press. Rocking chairs. School desks. Indian Buses. Large lot of 2x4 and other lumber. Several items not mentioned.

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Sports

Colts D-line gets healthy

By **GEORGE BREMER**
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
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INDIANAPOLIS — Is this the year Kwity Paye puts it all together and the football gods smile upon him with a healthy season?

The Indianapolis Colts are counting on it.

There is little question about Paye's talent. A first-round pick out of Michigan in 2021, he's shown consistent ability to disrupt opposing offenses during his two seasons in the NFL.

But he's missed seven games to injury, including five last season due to a pulled hamstring and a sprained ankle. Those ailments join a knee injury last summer and another sprained ankle during his rookie campaign on his NFL medical record.

Even through the physical battles, Paye has consistently improved on the field.

Despite playing in

three fewer games, the 24-year-old improved his numbers nearly across the board from his rookie season last year.

Paye set career highs with 45 tackles, six sacks and 10 tackles for loss. He also matched the 10 quarterback hits he recorded as a rookie and forced the third fumble of his brief career.

Playing the "big" defensive end position in first-year coordinator Gus Bradley's scheme, Paye used his top-level fluidity and athleticism to wreak havoc in opposing backfields.

One of the biggest questions for him this summer will be whether he stays in his previous role or moves to the "Wide 9" pass-rushing role vacated when the Colts chose not to re-sign veteran Yannick Ngakue.

There are several candidates to play opposite Paye in either role.

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Special awards

The Jay County Summer Swim Team handed out special awards to swimmers at Sunday's banquet. Pictured are those awarded. In the back from left are Rookie of the Year Grady Warvel, Jacqui Baxter Sportsmanship and Team Leadership Award winner Mara Bader, and Most Improved Swimmer Alex Rivers. Front row from left to right are Rookie of the Year Henry Warvel and Most Improved Swimmer Jaley Knapschafer.

Rockets drop sixth straight game

FORT WAYNE — In most baseball games, 13 runs would be more than enough to win the game.

That many runs would have won 26 of the Rockets' 30 games so far this season. It wasn't enough on Tuesday.

The Portland Rockets fell in a high scoring affair to the Fort Wayne Renegades 15-13 on Tuesday, extending their losing streak to six games.

Things fell apart quickly for

Local roundup

the Rockets as they gave up 11 runs in the first four innings when the Renegades pushed four runs home in the third and five more in the fourth.

Starting pitcher Sam Dunlavy surrendered 10 runs through three innings before being removed in the fourth without recording an out. The runs were scored on four doubles and six singles.

Nick Bailey gave up five runs in relief during three innings of work as well.

Joel Kennedy's three hits and four RBIs — including a three-run home run — lifted the Rocket's offense, but it was-

n't enough to mount a comeback.

Jared Holley was the only other player to drive in multiple runs for the Rockets. Holley and Jacob Barr were the only other players to earn multiple hits in the game smacking a double and a single.

Ty Layson earned the win for the Renegades, giving up six runs over seven innings.

The Renegades' relief pitcher started to falter in the

eighth inning, allowing four walks and a single to let the Rockets mount a comeback. Portland only scored three runs coming up short of a tie before Donovan Massing shut the door in the ninth.

Michael Berwick led the offensive charge for Fort Wayne, driving in four runs off of two hits including a double. Three more players had a pair of RBIs for the Renegades as well.



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