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Focused on an inviting atmosphere

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Mary Adair isn't afraid to talk to new people.

In fact, she enjoys picking up conversations.

"I'm one of those people that I really don't see a stranger I talk to just about anybody," she said.

Adair started as the new director of Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau last month. She trained with former director Gyneth Augsburger for about three weeks before her retirement June 3. A life-long Jay County resident, Adair believes she can make her office more accessible, and she wants the community to know she's here to help.

"People don't realize that

Adair is new leader Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau

(this position) is here," she said. "I want to make them more aware ... make it more friendly, more approachable."

Adair's role is to promote local festivals, such as the ongoing Vintage Motor Bike Club meet, as well as upcoming Redkey Gas Boom Days, Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and

Tractor Show and Pennville Pumpkin Festival.

"We're just trying to help get some of the little festivals, and with the gas prices like (they are), to help really promote those little ones so you don't have to travel quite as far to go to some of these things," she said.

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Mary Adair is the new director of Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau. She worked for about a month with retiring director Gyneth Augsburger before stepping into the role full time in early June.



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Reflecting on robotics

Fifth grader Gavin Willmann of Fort Recovery looks through parts while building his robot this morning at John Jay Center for Learning. Jay County Robotics wrapped up its annual summer camp for third through eighth graders today. The two-week camp led by Jay County High School technology education teacher Kyle Love sold out of spots this year, offering lessons to 24 children about robot programming.

Roe decision is overturned

Court ruling eliminates federal right to abortion

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — In a historic reversal, the Supreme Court on Friday overturned the landmark 1973 Roe Wade decision and ruled states may again outlaw abortion.

The court's conservative majority said the Constitution does not protect the rights of women to choose abortion, and instead leaves these decisions in the hands of state lawmakers.

The 5-4 ruling marks the most significant curtailing of an established constitutional right in the court's history.

The opinion written by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. closely tracks a draft which was leaked by Politico in May.

"We hold that Roe and [the 1992 Planned Parenthood v.] Casey must be overruled," Alito wrote. "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is

implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment."

The opinion was joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. concurred, but did not join the majority opinion, saying he would have only upheld a Mississippi 15-week ban on abortion and stopped short of overturning Roe.

"The court's decision to overrule Roe and Casey is a serious jolt to the legal system," Roberts wrote.

The court's three liberal justices — Justice Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — dissented.

"Today, the court ... says that from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of," their dissent read. "A state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs."

The dissenting justices concluded, "Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens."

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Holcomb calls special session

By ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

Post-Tribune (Merrillville)
Tribune News Service

Legislators support a special session on July 6 to take action on returning more than \$1 billion of state reserves to taxpayers — and abortion restrictions will likely be discussed during the special session as well.

On Wednesday, Governor Eric Holcomb signed a proclamation calling for a special session to return \$1 billion — \$225 per taxpayer — through the state's automatic taxpayer refund. With Hoosier's currently receiving \$125 through the automatic taxpayer refund, taxpayers will receive \$350.

"This is the fastest, fairest and most efficient way to return taxpayers' hard-earned money during a time of economic strain," Holcomb said. "Indiana's economy is growing and

with more than \$1 billion of revenue over current projections, Hoosier taxpayers deserve to have their money responsibly returned. I'm happy to be able to take this first step and look forward to signing this plan into law as soon as possible."

As the Supreme Court decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization was announced today, it gave anti-abortion state lawmakers the green light to severely impede abortion access in the state.

On Thursday, Erin Wittern, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, said the rules for the special session have not been finalized.

"(Huston) has been clear in his support for taking action to protect unborn babies and mothers," Wittern said.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Thursday. The low was 56.

Tonight's low will be 63. Expect sunny skies Saturday

with the high climbing back into the low 90s. There is a chance of showers late Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's Portland Rockets game against Fort Wayne.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Survey aims to track resources

By DARIAN BENSON
Side Effects Public Media
HSPA Infonet

State leaders hope Hoosiers will participate in a survey aimed at measuring people's wellbeing and assessing the overall availability of addiction recovery resources across the state.

The Recovery Capital Index survey from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction will help state leaders

make future decisions on how and where to fund resources for addiction recovery.

Recovery capital is the overall measure of resources available to someone with substance use disorder, like access to healthcare, transportation and education. For a person living with a substance use disorder, greater recovery capital increases the likelihood that person will stay in recovery.

The RCI will measure the resources needed for a person to start and stay in recovery

from addiction and to help track the overall recovery capital of the state.

In a news release, DMHA Director Jay Chaudhary said there is more to recovery than sobriety.

"A well-rounded, fulfilling life is the key to a thriving recovery," Chaudhary said. "The Recovery Capital Index will help the state measure the quality of life for Hoosiers in recovery and ensure that Indiana remains a great place to recover."

The Recovery Capital Index uses an online survey that aims to measure an individual's overall wellbeing from a holistic perspective.

In order to complete the Recovery Capital Index survey, text RECOVERY to (833) 638-3784.

All Hoosiers are encouraged to complete the survey, not just those with substance use disorder, because broad participation will help the agency better understand the recovery capital of the state.

Participants can choose to stay anonymous.

To help encourage participation in the survey, the non-profit Overdose Lifeline, Inc., will place stickers on more than 200 NaloxoBox units and 19 naloxone vending machines across Indiana.

The stickers will have QR codes and the numbers needed to access the survey. The stickers will also have additional information and training videos about naloxone — the opioid overdose reversal medication.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Saturday 6/25, Sunday 6/26, Monday 6/27, Tuesday 6/28, Wednesday 6/29. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (e.g., 92/72, 88/59).

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$335 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$312 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-9-8
Daily Four: 9-6-4-5
Quick Draw: 2-3-6-17-25-26-30-31-32-33-38-45-47-48-51-65-69-73-75-80

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Wheat 8.91
July wheat 8.96
Central States Montpelier
Corn 7.51
July corn 7.51
Beans 16.07
July beans 16.02
Wheat 8.93

Today in history

In 1497, John Cabot claimed eastern Canada for England.
In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.
In 1812, Napoleon and his Grand Army invaded Russia with 600,000 troops.
In 1821, Simon Bolivar led a group of South American patriots to victory over Spanish royalists in the Battle of Carabobo near Caracas, Venezuela.
In 1853, President Franklin Pierce signed the Gadsden Purchase, buying a chunk of land from Mexico for \$10 million.
In 1895, boxer Jack Dempsey was born in Manassa, Colorado.
He held the world heavyweight title for more than seven years, finally dropping it in a 10-round decision to Gene Tunney on Sept. 23, 1926.
In 1901, artist Pablo Picasso opened his first exhibition in Paris at the age of 19.
In 1972, Greg Harrod of Portland placed fourth in the 880-yard run Class B competition at the Carmel Classic open track meet.
In 1979, actress Mindy Kaling was born. She was a lead writer and actress on "The Office" and later created, wrote for and starred in "The Mindy Project."
In 2021, The Dave Bennett Quartet performed at the Hudson Family Park amphitheatre in Portland as part of Arts Place's summer concert series.

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 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.
7:30 p.m. — Portland City Council special meeting, Sheller-Globe south building, 510 S. Bridge St.

Inviting ...

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Born and raised on a farm in rural Jay County, Adair is a former 10-year 4-H member. She showed sheep and hogs at Jay County Fair with her late father, Dale.

A 1989 Jay County High School graduate, Adair attended Ivy Tech Community College in Muncie. She put her classes on hold following the death of her father in 1992. She spent time working for Pak-a-Sak in Portland, CTS in Berne and House of White Birches in Berne.

Near the turn of the century, her brother, Brian Adair, opened Adair Processing in Pennville. She helped with plant operations for a few years before graduating in 2005 from Ivy Tech with her associate's degree in applied science. Later

that year, she took on a role at Jay County Public Library, where she stayed for 16 years.

Since starting the position at Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau, Adair has been planning how to advertise events and learning how to use design programs. She's utilizing the bureau's social media pages and would like to post more clips online.

"I'd like to go out and shoot some videos," she said, noting she'd like capture places like trails at Hudson Family Park or areas in Redkey or Dunkirk. "I feel like when you see a video on your social media, you're more prone to pay attention to it than what you would just a picture."

Her office is also redesigning its

website in the near future, with a goal to make it easier to navigate.

Adair emphasized being a Jay County native as a strength in her role. One example, she said, was recognizing an old friend of her father's Wednesday at the Vintage Motor Bike Club meet.

"I think that helps people be more inviting to you," she said. "I'm from the area, and I want to make it as great as it can be."

"I know the history, and I would love to make more people aware of the county," she added. "The town has changed, and if my little part of being in tourism can help bring some of that back to help people come to the area, to know this is a little community, but it's a friendly — it's an inviting community."

Session ...

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"Our goal is to take action to provide inflation relief to Hoosier taxpayers as our state and nation continue to see the price of gas, and everyday goods and services climb to record heights. The state's strong fiscal health positions us to responsibly use the state's reserves to quickly return money back to taxpayers,"

Huston said about the special session.

Rep. Michael Aylesworth, R-Hebron, said he supports the special session to approve a refund to taxpayers because the state has billions in surplus.

"Our budget has been budgeted closely and tightly. We should give that money back," Aylesworth said.

Felony arrests

Common nuisance

A Ridgeville woman was arrested Thursday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Rhegan R. Shimp, 21, 8653 S. 400 West, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for paraphernalia.

She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Probation violation

A Portland man was arrested Thursday for violating his probation.

Edgar J. Serna, 20, 4200 S. 100 West, pleaded guilty in Sept. 2021 to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and placed on probation for 305 days.

He was released on a \$200 bond from Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of the car a Portland woman was driving on Indiana 67 in Jay County, causing a collision about 10:37 p.m. Thursday.

Allison D. Groog, 26, Portland, was driving north on the highway near county road 700 West when a deer ran in front of the 2010 Volkswagen Beetle she was driving. Groog wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

The vehicle is registered to Kristine Alexander of Portland.

Lost control

A Portland man lost control of the truck he was driving on Indiana 1, causing it to strike a guardrail along the road about 7:27 a.m. Wednesday.

Alan W. Shawver, 39, was driving south on the highway when he lost control of the 2001 Ford F-350 he was driving. The truck went off the east side of the road, and Shawver overcorrected, causing him to swerve into the other side of the road and strike a guardrail.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The truck is registered to Bechtol Electric and Cons of Portland.

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Reunion celebrated 70 years

Portland High School's Class of 1952 celebrated its 70th anniversary June 18 at Jay County High School. Pictured are 1952 graduates who attended. In the front row are Cletes Glentzer Rines, Marilyn Pitzer Velten, Hazel Barger Stoner, Jeanne McKinley Christen and Betty White Williamson. In the back row are Hugh Priest, Everett Funk, David Peters, Wayne Stout and Gerald Arnold. (Not pictured is Rodney Putterbaugh.)

FSA committee seeks nominations

Nominations are being accepted for Jay County Farm Service Agency Committee.

The United State Department of Agriculture is accepting nominations for agricultural producers living and participating or cooperating in a USDA program in Penn, Jackson, Bearcreek or Wabash Townships.

According to a press release from the farm service agency, a cooperating producer is defined as "someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits." To be considered the farmer or rancher must be registered and sign a nomination form.

Nationwide, committees are made up of three to 11 members serving three-year terms.

The nomination deadline is Aug. 1. To fill out a form and for more infor-

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mation, check out fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Suicide prevention

A local organization will host a course for suicide prevention at the end of June.

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is offering a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) to teach attendees how to recognize the signs of suicide, provide an intervention and develop a safety plan to keep someone alive. The class is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 30 and July 1 at The Rock Church. Lunch is provided.

To register, visit bit.ly/suicideintervention2022.

Golden years look increasingly dark

DEAR ABBY: My husband, who is 81 and in excellent health, has just suggested that when we feel we can no longer live independent lives (I am 72), we should move closer to his daughter in another state so she and her husband can help us.

Abby, I don't LIKE her husband, and I don't want to be reliant on him, beholden to him or even socialize with him. In the 15 years I have known him, we have never had a conversation. In the beginning, I tried, but he cannot relate to older women. Apparently, he didn't have a good relationship with his mother. His only topics of conversation are his dogs, guns or sports. I have no interest in any of those things.

It breaks my heart that my husband and I may not be spending the last years of our lives together.

I'm sure my husband would tell me to "get over" my dislike of his daughter's husband. Do I have to agree to be around someone I have nothing in common with? I don't like the part of the country they live in either. — NERVOUS IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR NERVOUS: My late mother once told me that parents who count on their adult children "taking care of them" in their old age are often in for a rude awakening.

Dear Abby



You and your husband are supposed to be equal partners in this marriage. If you dislike not only the man his daughter is married to but also the area of the country in which they live, no law says you are obligated to relocate. I recommend you have that difficult discussion with your spouse soon, preferably in the office of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in an on-and-off relationship with a woman for three years. We live about two hours apart. In the beginning, our relationship was wonderful. We would see each other on a regular basis and would text and video chat almost daily. We even talked about marriage.

But as time went on, she became more and more distant. She would either take forever to respond back to me or not respond at all. Her excuse was work. She was always working and always had something going on. I then found out she was dealing with a couple of personal things. When I explained to her that relationships are all about communication, she kind of disagreed.

At one point, I was so upset, angry and frustrated that I said some horrible things to her. I even used foul language because of her not communicating. Also, she didn't even bother to take two minutes out of her time to wish me a happy birthday. I always remember her on her birthday.

She is making me out to be the bad guy. I'm so hurt and angry at

her because of her refusal to communicate. Abby, what else can I do? Am I really the bad person here? — UNCERTAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Although you refuse to recognize it, this woman HAS been communicating with you. Her behavior indicates that she is nowhere as interested in you as you are in her, which should have become apparent as she became more and more distant.

You are not a bad person, and neither is she. She's just afraid to give you the bad news verbally. In cases like this, there is nothing you can do besides tell her it's apparent she isn't as invested in the relationship as you are and make a graceful exit.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at its headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridi-

an St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

Sudoku

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			7		6			
3								4
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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Let's learn basics about Indiana

By **MORTON J. MARCUS**

Many elected officials and official wannabes may not know basic facts about the Hoosier state.

This is a perfect time to step away from toxic news and partisan fermentation to scan reality.

How many people live in Indiana?

The latest number from the Census Bureau is 6,805,985. That's an estimate for July 1, 2021. It's an estimate, not a count of persons. It's best to say 6.8 million.

Where do we stand compared to other states?

Indiana's is the 17th most populous state.

In 2009, we were 15th, but Arizona and Tennessee have been

Eye on the Pie



growing faster than we have and jumped ahead.

Nationally, the population grew at a 0.74% annual rate from 2009 to 2019 but slowed to a 0.25% annual rate between '19 and '21 because COVID took so many lives.

Indiana had a similar experience. Our annual population growth rate at 0.46% for the '09 to '19 decade was 31st in the nation. Then we slowed down in the COVID years to 0.33%, faster

than the U.S. as a whole and ranked 22nd among the 50 states.

Is that good or bad?

We're dealing with facts, not value judgements.

More people can mean more productive minds and hands but also more mouths to feed. If the goal is to increase productive power, Real GDP (that's Gross Domestic Product adjusted for inflation), and consumer opportunities, look at both the output side (Real GDP) and the people side.

Take California as an example; between 2009 and 2019, the Golden State saw Real GDP rise by 3.2%, a full percentage point above the national rate of growth. Both California and the nation had the same 0.7% annu-

al population growth rate. That left the home of the Warriors and the Dodgers with a 2.5% growth in Real per capita GDP.

Indiana, in the same period, had a slower rate of Real GDP growth (1.9%) as well as an even slower rate of population growth (0.5%).

The upshot? Both the nation and Indiana had a 1.5% increase in GDP.

Isn't California in a mess?

Perhaps. It did have a population decline of 310,000 from 2019 to 2021. That makes good stories for Midwestern media, while representing only 0.4% of 39 million who live there.

During that two-year COVID-dominated era, California's Real GDP per capita rose by 2.8%, a full percentage point higher

than Indiana and two such points ahead of the entire nation.

Where does Indiana stand on per capita Real GDP?

About where you'd think, 27th among the states in 2021. That's a substantial improvement from 2009 when we ranked 35th.

Indiana, in 2021, was 11% below nation's Real per capita GDP, an improvement from 13% below in 2009.

If you liked this week's data, you'll love next week's column where we'll feature individual industries.

Ya'll come back now!

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Young voices add urgency

The Republic (Columbus)

Children and adults who gathered for the March for Our Lives rally in Columbus might have had more pleasurable things to do on a nice Saturday morning, but it's doubtful they could have done anything more meaningful for our community and nation's future.

Gun violence had mobilized them to do something, anything, to try to stop it. Mobilized people not just in Columbus, but in more than 450 other cities across the country. People of all ages, but especially young people, are mobilized by the horrific mass murders in Buffalo and Uvalde. These are the latest communities whose mention now is instantly associated with senseless carnage carried out with weapons of war.

At least one young person at the Columbus rally mentioned that while she's too young to vote, she's not too young to speak. And if it takes our nation's youth shaming immovable, entrenched politicians by holding up a mirror to our abject failure to confront this national menace, they are prepared to do so.

"With unmistakable urgency and anger in her voice, 12-year-old Claudia Thomas issued a cry for help Saturday morning in front of about 200 people at the City Hall plaza in downtown Columbus," The Republic's Brian Blair reported.

"I am terrified," Thomas said. "But there is nothing I can do about it. I can't vote. ... (But) you go out and vote. Vote for the people who care more about my life than their (gun sales) money."

Consider for a moment Thomas' life experience as a young American in 2022. Put your 12-year-old self in her shoes. She recounted to Blair that she participated in active shooter drills in school at age 6. This is the world they know, the world we are leaving to our children, our grandchildren.

Meanwhile, a bipartisan compromise bill in Congress is making headway, offering for the first time in more than a generation realistic hope that something, anything, might be done. The measure would, among other things, strengthen background checks before people age 18-21 can buy a gun, entice

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states to pass red-flag laws that could remove guns from dangerous people, and provide billions of dollars for mental health services.

These proposed steps are tiny, even for baby steps, but they are something. And at this point, anything is better than the intolerable status quo.

Our Congress owes it to our nation, especially our young people, to pass this legislation as soon as possible. Furthermore, our representatives and senators also must realize that the vast majority of Americans support much tougher gun restrictions.

But Claudia put it better than we can, recalling the horrific school shooting last month in Uvalde, Texas, where 19 children younger than her and two teachers were massacred by a gunman with an AR-15-style rifle designed for military combat.

"There shouldn't be a little girl who had to cover herself in her friend's blood" and play dead, Thomas said, "just to stay alive. But until we have leaders who care more about children than gun lobby blood money, that is reality."

Perhaps a child shall lead them.



Weapons will help push truce

By **ANASTASSIA FEDYK**

Los Angeles Times
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As an economist and business school professor, I teach about markets, valuations and the fundamental principles of negotiations. In any negotiation, strong positioning is the most important factor.

A key concept taught in bargaining courses is BATNA (best alternative to a negotiated agreement) — which means the most optimal option each party would have without a negotiated outcome. Success in negotiations depends on the ability to accurately assess the other party's BATNA and, crucially, on the strength of your own. The stronger your nonnegotiated option, the more leverage you have in the negotiation.

Why is this relevant to thinking about the Russia-Ukraine war?

There have been various calls for a diplomatic solution to the war, and they tend to be accompanied by the suggestion that negotiating a settlement runs counter to providing weapons to Ukraine. This is erroneous. Military aid and diplomacy are not mutually exclusive because both are needed in negotiating an outcome. They are, in fact, complementary.

Assistance from the United States, Britain, the European Union and Ukraine's other allies would strengthen Ukraine's negotiating position. Far from undermining negotiations, this gives Ukraine, the victim, more bargaining power to reach an outcome that might be acceptable, instead of immediate subjugation. Those who focus on Ukraine making territorial concessions or blame the United States for expanding the war only weaken Ukraine's bargaining position.

Will poor negotiation tactics lead to lasting peace? That's extremely unlikely, for the following reasons.

Next to bargaining power, the other crucial factor to a successful negotiation is trust. Here, two conditions are necessary: 1) both parties need to be willing to reach an agreement (i.e., negotiate in good

Anastassia Fedyk



faith), and 2) both parties need to respect this agreement.

Neither of these conditions would be met with appeasement of Vladimir Putin. First, Russia's only current proposal is the subjugation of Ukraine. Russia has openly mocked a diplomatic proposal put forth by Italy, confirming the absence of Russia's good-faith negotiations. Second, there is no sign that Russia intends to respect any commitments it might make in a "winning" position.

Russia broke all international agreements that ensured respect for Ukraine's borders, including the 1994 Budapest Memorandum and the 1997 Treaty on Friendship, Partnership and Cooperation. Throughout negotiation attempts during the current war, Russia never reduced the intensity of its shelling of Ukrainian territory. And potentially trust-building outcomes, such as a prisoner exchange for the Azovstal steelworks defenders, have yet to be achieved.

Of course, wars do end in treaties and settlement agreements, but history has taught that not all settlement agreements end wars. Think about the Munich Agreement of 1938. Did ceding Czechoslovakian lands to Germany end the war? No, it facilitated the unfolding of the worst war in human history. Why would ceding Ukrainian lands to Russia work out any better? We need the kind of agreement that will actually hold long term, without Russia resuming its aggression, whether in Ukraine or elsewhere, in a few years.

In other words, the question we should be asking is not whether the war will end in a negotiated outcome (it will). But rather what kind of outcome is acceptable, and how can we get there?

The answer to the first of these questions necessarily lies with Ukrainians, citizens of a sovereign nation. They are interested in a diplomatic solution, but they plead for more weapons, because this war is existential, and they will fight, with the support of allies or without.

On Feb. 24, the first day of Russia's full-scale invasion, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy summed up the sentiment of his people: "We have been left alone to defend our state." Three months later, 80% of Ukrainians are still against concessions or appeasement. At this point, standing with the Ukrainian people means buttressing that nation's bargaining position enough to negotiate an outcome that leaves it free and territorially undivided.

So how can we get there? The suggestion that more help from the United States and other allies is prolonging the war or causing more Ukrainian deaths is akin to saying that arming an assault victim with a knife would prolong her suffering. That would be true if the assistance is deliberately insufficient. In Ukraine's case, a salient point of debate is whether limiting the kind of military assistance supplied is the right policy.

Instead of promoting nebulous concepts of "diplomacy," we should turn to the principles of negotiations and focus on concrete questions. What type of weapons does Ukraine need to reverse Russian advances and actually draw Putin to the negotiating table? How can we strengthen Ukraine's BATNA position sufficiently to arrive at an acceptable settlement? In the absence of trust, how do we make sure that there is no resumption of aggression going forward? And finally, how can the international community help ensure that negotiations are structured so that the important phrase "never again" will hold true?

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Pro-life activists react to the Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling which overturns the landmark abortion Roe v. Wade case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday in Washington, D.C.

Overtaken ...

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The ruling figures to set off a fierce political fight nationwide and state-by-state as politicians and voters weigh in on whether abortion should be restricted or prohibited entirely.

Opinion polls show most Americans support access to abortion, at least in the early months of a pregnancy. Nevertheless half the states are expected to seek to quickly enforce laws that make most abortions illegal.

The decision is the high court's most far-reaching reversal on a matter of constitutional rights since 1954, when the justices reversed six decades of precedent and struck down laws authorizing racial segregation.

But that unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education expanded the rights of individuals and rejected conservative state laws, while today's does the

opposite. It empowers states and reverses what had been the most significant women's rights ruling in the court's history.

For the U.S. Catholic bishops as well as evangelical Christians who believe abortion ends a human life and is immoral, the ruling is a triumph decades in the making. They had refused to accept the idea the Constitution protected abortion as a fundamental right.

The decision also reflects a profound change within the court and the Republican Party.

When court handed down the Roe v. Wade ruling in 1973 and voided the abortion bans that were in effect in nearly all the states, the 7-2 majority included five Republican appointees. In 1992, when a divided court upheld the right to abortion, the five justices in the majority were Republican appointees.

But in recent decades, Republican presidents promised to select new justices who would overturn Roe v. Wade.

With the help of Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, President Trump appointed three new justices who made the difference. The death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in September of 2020 cleared the way for McConnell and his Republican ally Amy Coney Barrett a week before Trump was defeated in the November election. Her vote proved crucial to the outcome.

It is rare for the court to make such an abrupt turn so quickly and on such a great constitutional question. The prospect for a major change on abortion first became apparent in the summer of 2018.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, a likely swing vote on abortion,

announced his retirement at age 82, clearing the way for Trump to appoint Kennedy's former clerk, Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh. After a fierce fight in the Senate, Kavanaugh was confirmed on a party-line vote.

Republican state attorneys saw an opening to change the law. In June 2020, Mississippi's Attorney General Lynn Fitch urged the court to review a proposed state law that limited abortions to 15 weeks of a pregnancy.

The justices were set to consider the appeal in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization at their first conference of the new term on September 29, 2020. But on Sept. 18, Ginsburg, the court's senior liberal, died after a long battle with cancer.

Four days later, the Mississippi appeal was "rescheduled" for a future conference and on May 17, 2021, they announced they

would hear the case and decide "whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions were unconstitutional."

When the high court heard arguments in December, only Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. focused on the 15-week limit, the question the court had agreed to decide.

The five on his right—Justices Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Barrett—were ready to go further and repeal the right to abortion.

As impactful as it was, the Roe ruling was always built on a shaky legal foundation that left it vulnerable to reversal. Even the liberal lion Ginsburg, before she joined the court, had complained the sweeping decision attempted to move the nation too far, too fast, and should have had a clearer grounding in the Constitution.

Ukrainian troops retreat

By NABIH BULOS
Los Angeles Times
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BEIRUT — A months-long defense that saw Ukrainian troops endure relentless bombardment and ferocious street skirmishes against their Russian adversaries ended Friday when military authorities ordered a retreat from the besieged city of Severodonetsk.

Though not strategically significant, the fall of Severodonetsk brings Russia to almost complete control of Luhansk, one of two disputed provinces that, along with Donetsk, make up the eastern region known as the Donbas.

After a stalled campaign to take Kyiv, Moscow reoriented its invasion plans for a full takeover of the Donbas in support of Russian-backed separatists who already controlled sections of the region since 2014.

"Our defenders have already received the order: Ukrainian armed forces

will leave the city and move to new, more fortified positions," Luhansk governor Serhiy Hadai said in a Friday post on the Telegram messaging app. "Remaining in positions that have been relentlessly shelled for months just doesn't make sense."

It was unclear how a large-scale withdrawal could happen. Russian troops had previously knocked out bridges linking Severodonetsk across the Severskiy Donets River to its twin city Lysychansk, forcing the Ukrainians to use boats to resupply and medevac for its defenders. The Ukrainian army still holds Lysychansk, which sits on higher ground and is therefore more defensible in a direct attack.

But recent Russian gains on the city's northern and southern flank — not to mention advances that leave the Ukrainians' escape route to the west under withering artillery barrages — raise the

specter of a full encirclement that would trap thousands of soldiers and civilians.

"We stand. We had (deaths) yesterday, but we are still here," said a special-forces police instructor in Lysychansk who went by the name Alexander.

He didn't know when the order to withdraw would come but said he expected it soon. According to an army lawyer, some forces from his group had already left without waiting for an order from their commanders.

The battle for Severodonetsk, the Ukrainian government's seat of power in Luhansk and the easternmost point of its control, follows the blueprint that both sides have adopted in this phase of the war: For Moscow, unceasing artillery and air bombardment to literally pulverize Ukrainian positions, then troops slowly moving forward to take what remains.

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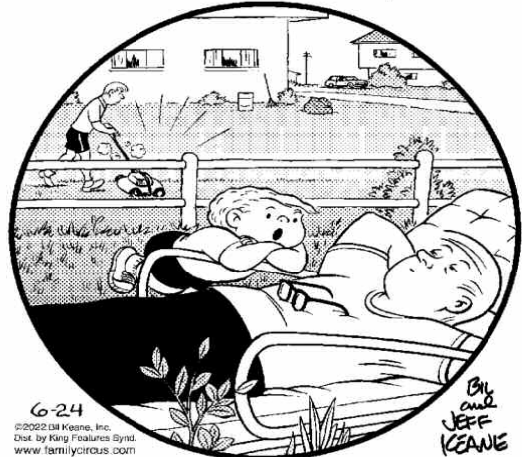
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Answer to No. 1: Ruff the heart jack with the four and overruff it with dummy's five. Then trump a club with the six and lead the four of spades.

West's remaining three cards are the J-10-8 of trump. If he ruffs with the eight, you overruff with the nine. If he ruffs with the ten, you discard dummy's last club and

again have West over a barrel. Either way, your mission is accomplished.

2. You are South, declarer at Seven Spades, and have no losers in hearts, diamonds or clubs. Your only problem is that you have the K-J-9-8-6-5 of trump facing dummy's A-10-7. When you lead the five of trump to the ace, West produces the deuce and East the three. When you next lead dummy's ten, East produces the four. Do you play the king or finesse?

Answer to No. 2: In the absence of any clues indicating otherwise, you should play the king. With the opponents holding Q-x-x in the suit, East will be dealt x-x in 20.35 deals out of 100 and Q-x-x in 18.65 deals out of 100.

The proper percentage play, therefore, is to go up with the king because it is slightly more likely to be the winning play. This is simply another way of expressing the oft-quoted adage "eight ever, nine never."

However, as noted above, the theoretical advantage of playing to drop the queen rather than finesse is only very slight. Any clue that might indicate that West is somewhat more likely to have been dealt a singleton than a doubleton should induce you to finesse rather than play for the queen to fall.

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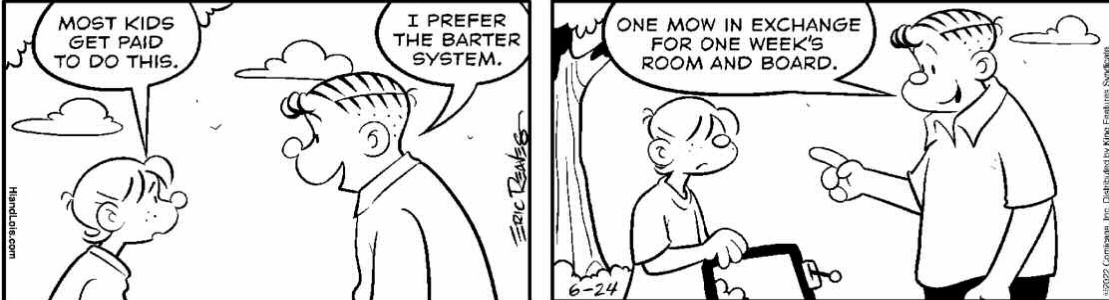
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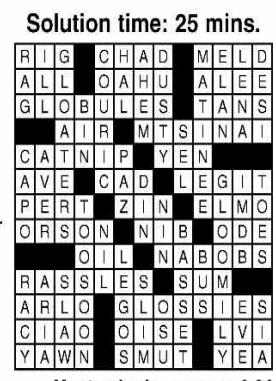
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Format ...

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JCHS girls basketball coach Kirk Comer said he was a fan of the previous format.
“I’m a traditionalist, so I like the two-game regional and the one-game semi-state,” he said. “But if this is how it is now, the good thing about it is you’ve only got to prepare for one team (in the regional). You’re now one win away to get to semi-state. It gives the kids a chance to play longer.”

Patriot athletics director Steve Boozier and Comer indicated that Jay County boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt was in favor of the change. (Bomholt could not be reached for comment.)

Comer noted that the tournament has had a one-game regional previously — the game was held mid-week —

Arizona's Benedict Mathurin (0) reacts after a dunk during the second half against TCU in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Viejas Arena at San Diego State University on March 20 in San Diego.



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Pacers ...

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Mathurin said he felt good about his visits with the Pacers organization.
“The staff was really good to me when I went there for my team work out,” he said. “I feel like they really believe in me.”

Indiana selected Andrew Nembhard of Gonzaga with the first pick of the second round (31st overall). It then traded the final pick of the draft (58th overall) to the Milwaukee Bucks, who chose Hugo Besson of the New Zealand Breakers.
Nembhard, a 6-foot, 5-inch guard

from Aurora, Ontario, Canada, played his first two college seasons at Florida before transferring to Gonzaga. He averaged 11.8 points, 5.8 assists and 3.4 rebounds in his final season with the Bulldogs.
The Pacers finished 25-57 last season.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jaspers - 7:15 p.m.
Saturday
Fort Recovery Eels at Celina Pen-tathlon - 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Stanley Cup Finals - Tampa Bay Lightning at Colorado Avalanche (ABC)
8 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series - Rackley Roofing 200 (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — Canadian Football

League: Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Professional Fighting League (ESPN)
10:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)

Saturday
1 p.m. — LPGA golf: Women's PGA Championship (NBC)
1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Tri-State vs. 3&'s Company (CBS)
1 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Louisville City at Hartford Athletic (ESPN)
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

3 p.m. — PGA golf: Travelers Championship (CBS)
3 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Sporting Kansas City at Seattle Sounders (ABC)
3 p.m. — USFL football: New Jersey Generals at Philadelphia Stars (FOX)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series - Tennessee Lottery 250 (USA)
5 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Nashville SC at D.C. United (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College baseball: World Series championship game 1 - Oklahoma vs. Mississippi (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: BC Lions at Toronto Argonauts (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at Minnesota Twins (FOX)

7:30 p.m. — Women's soccer: Colombia vs. United States (FS1)
8 p.m. — Auto racing: Camping World SRX Series - Stafford Motor Speedway (CBS)
8 p.m. — USFL football: Birmingham Stallions at New Orleans Breakers (NBC)
10 p.m. — UFC Fight Night (ESPN, ESPN2)
10:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)

Local notes

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Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing July 8 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.
The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up.
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Chamber outing set

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The event will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.
Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St.,

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Susan Marie Ellis, Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Susan Marie Ellis, whose mailing address is: 4088 E 400 N, Portland, Indiana 47371, in Jay County, Indiana hereby gives notice that Susan Marie Ellis has filed a petition in the Jay Court requesting that her name be changed to Susan Marie Knotts. Notice is hereby given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on August 17, 2022 at 8:30 AM. Susan Marie Ellis, Petitioner 6/13/2022 6-17-24, 7-1-2022-HSPXPLP

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Myers smacks walk-off winner

Andrew Myers kept the Flamespray bats quiet.

Then he delivered the hit his team needed.

Myers' single in the bottom of the fifth inning gave PG-14 a 12-11 walk-off win over Flamespray on Thursday in Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball.

In other games, Matt's Garage rolled over Pak-a-Sak 17-4 in Rookie baseball and Loy Real Estate and Auction blasted Portland Forge 22-4 in Sandy Koufax baseball.

Myers tossed two hitless innings of PG-14, striking out six batters. His two-hit night included the game-winning RBI.

Memphis Torre powered the PG-14 offense overall, smacking two doubles and driving in six runs. Koltyn Garringer had a triple and three RBIs.

For Matt's Garage, Ethan Peterson had a triple, a double, a single and three RBIs and Lexten Dakin finished with three doubles and three RBIs. Luke Jellison, Josiah Sager and Braxton Gardner were all 3-for-3.

Oliver Jackson went 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI for Pak-a-Sak.

Austin Curtis led the Loy win by going 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs. Isaac Scott dove in six runs with a double and two singles.

Portland Forge got a double and two RBIs from Landon Blowers.

Flipping format

IHSAA shifts to single-game regional, two-round, one-day semi-state for basketball

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

When the Jay County High School boys basketball team advanced to the Class 3A semi-state in 2006, it did so with two regional wins in a single day at Blackford.

That format is gone. Indiana High School Athletic Association announced Thursday that its executive committee has approved a change to the boys and girls basketball tournaments, which will now feature a one-game regional and a two-round, single-day semi-state.

"We really like the potential of a high-energy atmosphere at the semi-state level with a chance to advance to the state championship games the following week at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the home of the Pacers and Fever," IHSAA commissioner Paul Neidig said in a press release. "This new format will double the number of teams who play a week longer in the tournament and should create a lot of excitement in those communities and will be financially beneficial for those communities that serve as host sites."

The release noted that 73.4% of principals, athletics directors and coaches who responded to a survey about the proposal were in favor.

The new plan calls for regional pairings to be drawn and announced at the same time as the traditional sectional draw. A second draw will be held the day after regional games to set semi-state pairings.

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The IHSAA announced Thursday that its executive committee has voted to change the boys and girls basketball tournament to create a one-game regional and two-game semi-state. Pictured, Randy Evans (23), John Retter (13) and Tyler Rigby (5) of Jay County High School celebrate while Zac Green holds up the the regional championship placard after the Patriots won their only regional title with victories over Tippecanoe Valley and Wawasee on March 11, 2006.

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Pacers go Pac-12 again

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
INDIANAPOLIS — Selecting the Pac-12 Player of the Year worked out for the Indiana Pacers last year.

They decided to do it again.

With the sixth overall pick in Thursday's NBA Draft, Indiana selected 2022-23 Pac-12 Player of the Year Ben Mathurin out of Arizona.

"It's great," said Mathurin via a Zoom press conference with Indiana media following his selection. "Hearing my name being called by the Pacers is really great for me. I feel like we have a pretty good team ... and I'm looking forward to having an impact right away."

Mathurin, a 6-foot, 6-inch guard from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, averaged 17.7 points per game as a sophomore with the Wildcats as he won the Pac-12 Player of the Year Award. He led them to the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament championships as

well as a No. 1 seed in the 2022 NCAA Tournament, in which they advanced to the Sweet 16 before falling to fifth-seeded Houston. He also averaged 5.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists last season while shooting 45% from the field and 76% from the free-throw line.

As a freshman, he started 12 of 26 games for Arizona and averaged 10.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.2 assists.

His selection follows Indiana taking Chris Duarte with the 13th pick in the first round of the 2021 NBA Draft. Duarte, that season's Pac-12 Player of the Year, averaged 13.1 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists during his rookie season with the Pacers.

"We're going to have to figure out between me and Chris who's the real Big 12 Player of the Year," joked Mathurin.

His NBA Draft profile describes him as "a dangerous jump shooter with impressive leaping ability."

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Ivey goes to Pistons

By ANSAR KHAN

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Tribune News Service

The Detroit Pistons might have set their starting backcourt for the foreseeable future Thursday by selecting Jaden Ivey of Purdue with the fifth pick in the draft.

General manager Troy Weaver then landed another lottery pick, acquiring 6-11 center Jalen Duren, the 13th selection by the Charlotte Hornets, for the 2025 first-round pick he acquired from the Portland Trail Blazers (owned by Milwaukee) Wednesday for Jerami Grant.

"So far, so good," Weaver said after the moves.

The 6-4 Ivey joins Cade Cunningham, last year's first overall selection, to form a dynamic, athletic tandem for a team that finished with the third-worst record in the NBA (23-59).

"Dream come true, coming from my back-ground with Detroit ties," Ivey said. "It felt like home when I went there for my workout. It was a special place. Everybody was so genuine. It felt like a family."

Ivey's father is Javin Hunter, a former receiver for the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers who played at Birmingham-Detroit Country Day. His late grandfather, James Hunter, was a defensive back for the Detroit Lions. His mother, Niele, is the head coach for the Notre Dame women's basketball team and a former WNBA player for the Detroit Shock.

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