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Hardin County crash now classified as murder-suicide

BY THE KENTON TIMES STAFF

The death of a man and his daughter that originally was reported to be a traffic accident on March 17 has now been classified as a murder-suicide, according to a report from Hardin

County Sheriff Keith Everhart

The vehicle's occupants have been identified as 8-year-old Elliot Nabarette and her father, Alcario Nabarette.

According to the report from the sheriff's office, deputies received a report at 5:38 p.m.

March 17 of a vehicle off the road and fully engulfed in flames in a field on County Road 75 at County Road 30 in Liberty Township.

When emergency responders arrived, they were unable to gain access to the vehicle due to the intensity of the flames. Once the

fire was extinguished, they discovered two occupants had perished in the vehicle.

The Hardin County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Ohio Bureau of Investigation and the Hardin County Coroner's Office and determined the incident was

a murder-suicide, Everhart said.

The investigation has concluded, although additional information continues to be gathered, he said.

Elliot Nabarette was a second-grader at Hardin Northern Elementary.

IT'S MUSICAL SEASON

BELLE'S DINNER REQUEST

The Beast, played by James Buffington, asks Belle, played by Ezrah McGue, to join him for dinner during a rehearsal this week for Benjamin Logan Middle School and High School's production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast: The Broadway Musical" at the BLHS auditorium. Also pictured are: Madame, played by Emma Gradias; Mrs. Potts, played by Hannah Phillips; Cogsworth, played by Zander Thompson; and Lumiere, played by Tyler Barnes. Showtimes are: 7 p.m. today, Friday, March 25; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26. Tickets are now available for purchase through the online BLHS box office.
(EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



CHITTY CHITTY PICNIC

From the left, Jemima Potts, played by Jillian Kearns; Truly Scrumptious, played by Whitney Bailey; Caractacus Potts, played by Kevin Eckstein; and Jeremy Potts, played by Brenden Eckstein, take a break for a picnic together in the midst of their adventures in the fictional land of Vulgaria during a dress rehearsal for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," presented by Ridgemont Schools this weekend at the Ridgeway Activity Campus Gymnasium. Performance times are at 7 p.m. today, Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are can be purchased at www.ridgemont.k12.oh.us Limited tickets will be available at the door.
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FORMER LOGAN COUNTY JFS BUILDING RAZED



Crews razed the former Logan County Jobs & Family Services building, located at 211 E. Columbus Ave, this week. The building had sustained winter storm damage in 2021, which was deemed too costly to repair, Logan County Commissioner Paul Benedetti said. Logan County Jobs & Family Services was moved to a new location at 1 Hunter Place, Suite B, in the fall. Community Health and Wellness Partners now owns the 211 E. Columbus Ave. property, after purchasing it for \$295,000 in November, according to Logan County Auditor's Office records. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

McConnell says he'll vote against Jackson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell announced Thursday that he will vote against confirming Ketanji Brown Jackson, saying he "cannot and will not" support the groundbreaking nominee for a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court.

While McConnell's opposition was not unexpected and Jackson's confirmation is still on track, his declaration coming only hours after the Senate Judiciary Committee wrapped up four days of hearings probably will lead

many fellow Republicans to follow suit.

Democrats can confirm Jackson, the first Black woman nominated for the nation's highest court, without any GOP support in the 50-50 Senate, where Vice President Kamala Harris can cast the tiebreaking vote.

McConnell slammed the liberal groups that have supported Jackson, and he criticized her for refusing to take a position on the size of the nine-member court, even though that decision is ultimately up to Congress. Some

advocacy have pushed for enlarging the court after three of President Donald Trump's nominees cemented a conservative majority.

"Judge Jackson was the court packers' pick and she testified like it," McConnell, R-Ky. said in a floor speech.

Over two days of committee questioning this week. Legal experts praised Jackson in the final day of hearings Thursday, with a top lawyers' group saying its review found she is well qualified to sit on the Supreme Court.

BHS DECA shines at state



Five students qualify for nationals

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Seventeen Bellefontaine High School students recently attended the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference at the Columbus Convention Center.

Five students qualified for nationals in Atlanta on April 23-26: Dainela Salcedo Hernandez, Ellise St. Clair, and Avery Plikerd, second in the state, Start Up Business Plan; Zach Horvath, third in the state, Business Growth Plan; and Emma Middaugh, fourth in the state, Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling.

Chloe Lloyd, Marco Martinez, and Seth Taylor will represent BHS at the Aspire and Elevate Leadership Academies.

Other Chiefs competing at the state conference included: Austin Hammond and Jordan Butler, Independent Business Plan; Raelynn Kirkpatrick, Professional Selling; Chloe Lloyd – Business Operations Research;

Marco Martinez and Seth Taylor, Entrepreneurship Teams; and Layci Salyer and Maddie Williams, Hospitality and Tourism Teams

Lily Palmer, Keagon Overton-Story, Mia Oppy and Ashton Carey participated as voting delegates.

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LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Criminal trespass complaint filed at business

Cole M. White, 27, of South Charleston, was charged with criminal trespass Wednesday after he reportedly refused to leave Midwest Express, 11590 Township Road 298, East Liberty.

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office responded to the business about 4:15 p.m. regarding a trespassing complaint. The caller advised that White

had been suspended from the business, pending an investigation. However, he was now in the conference room and refused to leave or talk to anyone.

Deputies said White would not answer their questions and he again was asked to leave the property. When he refused, he was placed under arrest and lodged in the Logan County Jail.

Ukraine says Moscow is forcibly taking civilians to Russia

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine accused Moscow on Thursday of forcibly taking hundreds of thousands of civilians from shattered Ukrainian cities to Russia, where some may be used as "hostages" to pressure Kyiv to give up.

Lyudmyla Denisova, Ukraine's ombudsperson, said 402,000 people, including 84,000 children, have been taken against their will.

The Kremlin gave nearly identical numbers for those who have been relocated, but said they wanted to go to Russia. Ukraine's rebel-controlled eastern regions are predominantly Russian-speaking, and many people there have supported close

ties to Moscow.

A month into the invasion, meanwhile, the two sides traded heavy blows in what has become a devastating war of attrition. Ukraine's navy said it sank a large Russian landing ship near the port city of Berdyansk that had been used to bring in armored vehicles. Russia claimed to have taken the eastern town of Izyum after fierce fighting.

At an emergency NATO summit in Brussels, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with the Western allies via video for planes, tanks, rockets, air defense systems and other weapons, saying his country is "defending our

common values."

U.S. President Joe Biden, in Europe for the summit and other high-level meetings, gave assurances more aid is on its way, though it appeared unlikely the West would give Zelenskyy everything he wanted, for fear of triggering a much wider war.

Around the capital, Kyiv, and other areas, Ukrainian defenders have fought Moscow's ground troops to a near-stalemate, raising fears that a frustrated Russian President Vladimir Putin will resort to chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

In other developments

Thursday:

—Ukraine and Russia exchanged a total of 50 mili-

tary and civilian prisoners, the largest swap reported yet, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said.

—The pro-Moscow leader of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, warned that Poland's proposal to deploy a Western peacekeeping force in Ukraine "will mean World War III."

—In Chernihiv, where an airstrike this week destroyed a crucial bridge, a city official, Olexander Lomako, said a "humanitarian catastrophe" is unfolding as Russian forces target food storage places. He said about 130,000 people are left in the besieged city, about half its prewar population.



Lakers compete at Ohio BPA contest

Four Indian Lake High School Business Professionals of America students recently competed and succeeded in the Ohio BPA State Competition. From the left, seniors KaLynn Miller, Shania Fruchey, Easton Klauer and Caleb Wurster all participated in the event in Columbus. Shania placed seventh in Intermediate Word Processing and Easton placed sixth in Fundamental Accounting, both earning Top 10 medals. After competing, they went to Top Golf, ate at Olive Garden and had dessert at the Cheesecake Factory. The group is advised by ILHS BPA/Business teacher Lisa Coburn. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)



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■ CHURCH NOTES

- At The **Huntsville United Methodist Church**, the Rev. Bryan Meadows continues the series, "Words to Live By," with the message, "Rise, Fall, and Rise Again."
- For the Fourth Sunday In Lent, Pastor Dave Yinger will be preaching and teaching on Luke 15:11-32 at **West Liberty United Methodist Church**. The message title is "The Waster" Worship at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.
- **First Lutheran Church** continues to have the Lenten Dinners at 6 p.m. and Lenten Services at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Sunday, March 27, there will be a Bible Study at 8:45 a.m. and Communion Worship Service at 10 a.m.
- At **Rushsylvania United Methodist Church**, Pastor Jessica Cavinee's message comes from Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 and is titled, "Lost & Found." A message of grace and acceptance no matter how far one falls.
- Pastor Joe Ziraldo of **Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church** will bring the message, "Idol Worship" based on Exodus 32:15-19 online and in person at the 9 and 10:30 am services and via radio broadcast at 11 a.m.
- At **Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**, Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship is 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ted Dennis' Sermon Title: "The Father's Love." Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12 and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.
- Pastor Ben Beres will lead the fourth Sunday of Lent worship with a sermon based on Matthew 5:1-12 titled "A Frail Spirit" at **Huntsville Presbyterian Church**. Betty Jane Davis is our Lay Reader and Aryn Forsythe is our pianist. Worship service starts at 10 a.m.
- The **First United Presbyterian Church** marks the Fourth Week in Lent continuing through the Gospel of John. The Chancel Choir offers special music. The Church Growth Committee meets following the worship service, which begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Gretna Brethren Church** hosts the Worship Gathering service at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Rob Starnes is leading us through a ten part series, "The Book of Luke." This week he will present part VI "Little Kingdoms." Sins of omission are just as damning as sins of commission. Scripture Reference: Luke 16:19-31. Talent Offering by: Eileen Cline. Adult & Children's Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Children's Worship Leader: Kari Jackson.
- **Bethel Mennonite Church's** worship service begins at 10:30 am. Continuing the Lenten theme of "Seeking God's Ways," worship will center on Psalm 32, including Pastor Rebecca Kauffman's message "The Way of Joy through Repentance."
- Saturday at the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**, Pastor Carl Brooks has the message. The special quarterly Communion Service will be conducted. John Hall will provide music through the service.



High court to weigh end of \$300 weekly unemployment payment

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments in May on whether Gov. Mike DeWine had the legal ability to end the state's participation in a federal pandemic unemployment aid program last year ahead of a government deadline for stopping the payments.

At issue before the court is a weekly \$300 federal payment for Ohioans to offset the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The federal government ended that program Sept. 6 but DeWine stopped the payments June 26, saying the need for the payments had ended.

DeWine, a Republican, followed the position of business groups that said the payment was making it difficult to recruit employees. Critics of ending the payments said workers had multiple reasons why they might not be returning to jobs.

Ending the program early stopped about \$900 million in Ohio payments. The two parties disagree on whether that money could still be paid, should the court rule against DeWine.

The court on Thursday set oral arguments for May 25. Justice Patrick DeWine, the governor's son, has recused himself to avoid the appearance of impropriety "that might result from my father's public involvement in this case."

■ DEATH NOTICES

■ **PICKER, Kawana Lynn (Hickok)**, age 66, passed through Heaven's Gate on Friday, March 18, 2022, The family is planning a celebration of life service in the spring/summer of 2022. If anyone would like to donate in lieu of flowers, please send it in care of Eichholtz Daring and Sanford Funeral Home, 321 North Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

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■ LOCAL NOTES

Vietnam War Veterans Day honored in Saturday ceremony

The Logan County observance of National Vietnam War Veterans Day is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Logan County Courthouse Veterans Plaza, located at the north side of the courthouse.

Bellefontaine area resident Harley James, U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class, will be honored at the ceremony with a flag that has been flown over the nation's Capitol Building, the Ohio Statehouse and the Logan County Courthouse. The flag will be presented to him by Jon Mikil Kilgore, last year's recipient of this honor.

The participants in the ceremony are members of the Harold Kerr Post 173 of the American Legion, Bellefontaine.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Saturday, April 2.



Mary Rutan Foundation medical scholarship, loan applications due April 1

The Mary Rutan Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to offer Logan County students an opportunity to apply for medical career scholarships and loans for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

Since 1992, more than \$2.3 million has been awarded to Logan County residents pursuing a degree in a medical field. This investment in the community and the future of health care continues today.

The online applications and detailed information may be obtained from the hospital's website www.maryrutan.org/forms/medical-scholarship-loan-program.

Completed applications, including all required documents, must be submitted to Mary Rutan Foundation through the online application process no later than April 1.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous support of individual contributions, bequests and memorial donations to Mary Rutan Foundation's general and named scholarship funds.

For further information about Mary Rutan Foundation's scholarship programs, visit the website www.maryrutan.org/foundation or contact Mary Rutan Foundation at (937) 599-7003.

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Watson visits Browns as 2nd grand jury declines to indict

CLEVELAND (AP) — Deshaun Watson's first day with the Browns was anything but routine — for him or his new team.

As Watson arrived in Cleveland for a physical and to perhaps finally answer questions about his past behavior, a second Texas grand jury declined to indict the quarterback, who has been accused of sexual misconduct by 22 women and still faces civil lawsuits.

A grand jury in Brazoria County met Thursday and listened to evidence related to one criminal complaint filed to Houston police by one of the 22 massage therapists, who have accused Watson of harassing or assaulting them during sessions.

The decision followed a similar one by a Harris County grand jury, which declined to indict Watson on March 11, triggering a pursuit by the Browns and several other teams for one of the league's top QBs.

"Accordingly, this matter is closed," Brazoria County District Attorney Tom Selleck said in a state-



Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson warms up before a game against the Tennessee Titans on Jan. 3, 2021, in Houston. Watson stepped away from legal depositions and allegations of sexual misconduct on Thursday to meet his new team. Watson arrived at Cleveland's headquarters in Berea, the first step for him and a franchise investing in a player who has been accused by 22 women of sexual misconduct. (AP PHOTO/ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH)

ment.

Only hours earlier, Watson, wearing an orange throwback Browns jacket,

arrived at the team's headquarters in Berea, Ohio.

His trip to Ohio had been delayed so Watson could

give depositions Tuesday and Wednesday in Houston in some of the civil lawsuits.

TV cameras captured Watson walking into the facility shortly before noon and being escorted upstairs. He underwent a physical, the last stage in finalizing his \$230 million contract, and the Browns were still ironing out plans for a possible introductory news conference Friday.

If he meets with media, it will be the first time reporters can ask Watson about the allegations or the Browns ownership and front office about their decision to trade for the 26-year-old with so much legal baggage.

The Brazoria County District Attorney's Office did not begin investigating the other complaint until the nine in Harris County were concluded, said Rusty Hardin, Watson's lead attorney.

According to the woman's lawsuit, during two massage sessions in November 2020 in a home in the Houston suburb of Pearland, in Brazoria County, Watson tried to get her to touch his penis and ejaculated during the session.

Watson has maintained his innocence while saying any sexual activity during

the sessions was consensual.

In their lawsuits, the 22 women accused Watson of exposing himself, touching them with his penis or kissing them against their will. One woman alleged Watson forced her to perform oral sex.

Hardin said the Browns had been aware of the second grand jury before signing Watson last week.

A three-time Pro Bowler, Watson, who sat out the 2020 season after demanding a trade, stunned the NFL by choosing Cleveland to restart his career over several other teams after initially telling the Browns he wasn't interested in playing for them.

However, he may have been swayed by the team's playoff-ready roster and the record-setting contract.

To this point, the Browns' only comments on their pursuit of Watson came in statements from Dee and Jimmy Haslam, who insisted the team went through a "comprehensive evaluation process" before deciding to pursue Watson and ultimately signing him.



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Sports

Ohio State looks to snap long Elite 8 drought against Texas

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Rikki Harris didn't seem interested in a brief history lesson on how long it's been since Ohio State reached the Elite Eight in the women's NCAA Tournament.

"I'm pretty sure we didn't know that," Harris quickly said of the nearly 30-year drought, drawing chuckles. "We just want to win and play. At this point we're coming in as the underdogs in most of our games right now. Just playing hard and playing together, no chip on our shoulders."

The sixth-seeded Buckeyes have a chance to end their 29-year drought on Friday night against No. 2 seed Texas in the Spokane Region semifinals.

The other game in the bracket features defending national champ No. 1 seed Stanford facing No. 4 seed Maryland. It's the first meeting between the powerhouse programs in the NCAAs since the Cardinal beat the Terrapins in the 2008 regional final in the same building.

If Ohio State (25-6) makes it to Sunday, it would be the Buckeyes' second straight upset, following their win over No. 3 seed LSU on Monday in



Ohio State forward Tanaya Beacham (35), left, and forward Rebeka Mikulasikova (23) celebrate their victory over LSU in a second round game of the NCAA tournament Monday in Baton Rouge, La. (AP PHOTO/MATTHEW HINTON)

Baton Rouge.

The last time Ohio State advanced past the round of 16 was 1993, reaching the national championship game before falling to Sheryl Swoopes and Texas Tech. Since then, they've made the Sweet 16 five times and fallen short of advancing every time,

including a loss to Tennessee as a No. 2 seed in 2016.

"It would obviously be a huge milestone," Ohio State coach Kevin McGuff said. "We have a very passionate fan base who takes a lot of pride in our program. For them, I think it would be a huge deal.

Certainly then for our players, what we're trying to accomplish, who we're trying to be as a program. That would be an obvious next step for us."

Texas (28-6) arrives in the regional semis riding a 13-game win streak; it hasn't lost since a three-game streak in early February.

The Longhorns hold the second-longest active win streak of any remaining team in the NCAA — behind only Stanford's 22 straight.

The Longhorns reached the Elite Eight last year before falling to South Carolina. This group is younger, led by freshman

guard Rori Harmon.

"Having the team that you have and the coach that you have, they just play so experienced," Harmon said. "You kind of pick up from that. It's been so exciting."

HELLO AGAIN

Since the 2008 regional final in Spokane, Maryland (23-8) and Stanford (30-3) have played only once. That was earlier this season in the Bahamas, where Stanford picked up an 86-67 win over the then-No. 2 Terrapins, who had just seven healthy players due to illness and injury.

The 2008 meeting was a seminal game for the Cardinal, who won 98-87 to end an 11-year drought between Final Four appearances. Candice Wiggins was the star that night, scoring 41 points and starting a run that has seen Stanford reach the Final Four eight times in the past 14 years.

"It was a phenomenal game. Maryland and (coach) Brenda (Frese) do just a great job," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "They have an outstanding team. They did then and they do now. It was a big, big win for our program."



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Sports

NYC lifts vaccine rule that blocked athletes from home games

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's mayor exempted athletes and performers — including Brooklyn Nets star Kyrie Irving — from the city's vaccine mandate Thursday, while keeping the rule in place for private and public workers who risk losing their jobs for refusing to get inoculated.

Several public employees unions whose members were fired for refusing the shots blasted Mayor Eric Adams for apparently lifting the rule only for wealthy and famous athletes. Adams dismissed the criticism, saying exemptions for athletes and performers were important to the city's economic recovery.

The exemption is effective immediately. One of the first beneficiaries will

be Irving, a vaccine hold-out who was allowed to rejoin the Nets in January but only when they played out of town games. The Nets need him as they push for a playoff spot with nine games left in their regular season.

Adams' predecessor, Mayor Bill de Blasio, made vaccination mandatory as a workplace safety rule last year before he left office but created a loophole exempting players and performers who aren't based in New York City. Adams said he felt that was unfair.

"Players attract people to the stadium," Adams remarked as he announced the change during a news conference at Citi Field, where the Mets play. Accompanying him were

Mets President Sandy Alderson and Yankees president Randy Levine, both of whom praised the decision.

"By putting our home teams on (an) equal playing field, we increase their chances of winning and that has a real impact on our city," he said.

Public employees unions weren't buying that.

"There can't be one system for the elite and another for the essential workers of our city," said Harry Nespoli, chair of the Municipal Labor Committee, an umbrella group of unions that together represent about 350,000 city workers.

The city's largest police union echoed that argument, saying its officers "don't deserve to be treat-

ed like second-class citizens."

"If the mandate isn't necessary for famous people, then it's not necessary for the cops who are protecting our city in the middle of a crime crisis," said union president Pat Lynch.

The city last month fired more than 1,400 workers who failed to comply with the vaccine mandate. Adams said Thursday that he had no plans at this time to rehire those workers.

"This exemption sends the wrong message that higher-paid workers and celebrities are being valued as more important than our devoted civil servants, which I reject," said City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, who is not related to the mayor.

Jay Varma, a health

adviser to de Blasio, said in a tweet that the former mayor's mandate had legal standing because it applied to everyone.

"#VaccinesWork ... unless you're rich and powerful, in which case, #LobbyingWorks," Varma said. He added: "The #KyrieCarveOut opens City up to entire scheme being voided by courts as "arbitrary and capricious."

Adams said he would not have made the change if city attorneys had advised him it wouldn't stand up to a legal challenge.

The NBA and the players union issued a joint statement praising Adams' decision.

"We applaud the mayor for listening to the concerns of our New York teams,

players, fans and communities and for leveling the playing field for home teams and their opponents," the statement said.

Concerns had been raised that De Blasio's vaccination rule would also impact Major League Baseball.

Alderson and Levine have declined to specify how many of their players were unvaccinated.

Alderson said Thursday that it was "a minority" and Levine said "very few."

Yankees star Aaron Judge refused to directly answer a question about his vaccine status earlier this month, leading to speculation that another New York team would be hobbled by a player's refusal to get inoculated.

Hip surgery sidelines Blue Jackets G Korpisalo for season

BY MITCH STACY
AP SPORTS WRITER

Columbus Blue Jackets goaltender Joonas Korpisalo will have hip surgery and will miss the remainder of the season.

The NHL team said the 27-year-old Korpisalo will need at least six months to

recover.

"This is an injury that Joonas has been dealing with for some time and it has now gotten to the point where surgery is the best option," general manager Jarmo Kekalainen said. "We are disappointed for him as he has worked extremely hard to be able

to play, but this is the best course of action."

Korpisalo, who is in the last year of a two-year contract, was expected to be one of the players Columbus would trade before the deadline. The team had signed goaltender Elvis Merzlikins, who also had dealt with

injuries this season, to a new five-year, \$27 million contract.

That means Korpisalo will either sign another contract with Columbus or test free agency this summer.

A former All Star, Korpisalo appeared in 22 games, registering a career-worst .877 save percentage

and 4.15 goals-against average. He had a 7-11-0 record.

Merzlikins is 22-15 with a .903 save percentage and a 3.38 goals-against average, both under his career averages.

Another Blue Jackets goalie, Daniil Tarasov, had hip surgery and was given a

six-month timeline in February.

That leaves Merzlikins and rookie Jean-Francois Berube to play the final 18 games of the season.

The Blue Jackets are in fifth place in the Metropolitan Division and out of the running for the playoffs.



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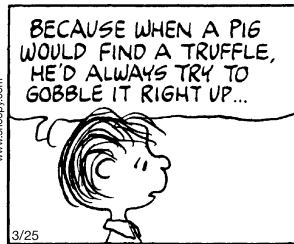
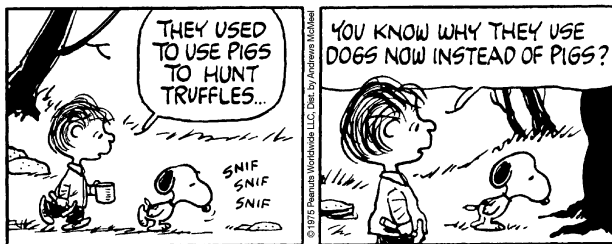
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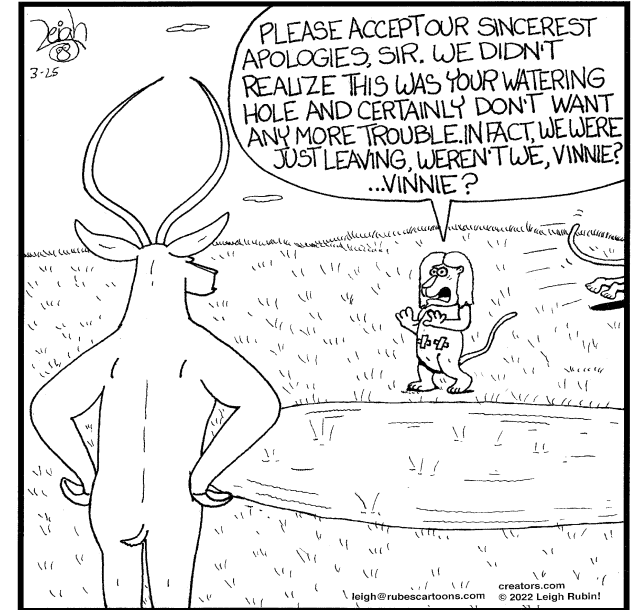
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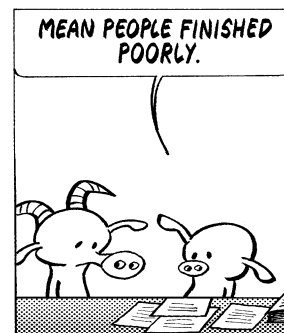
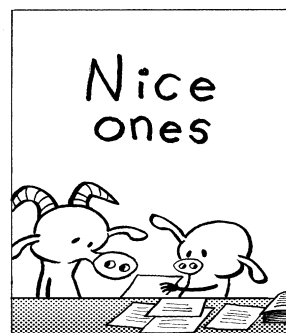
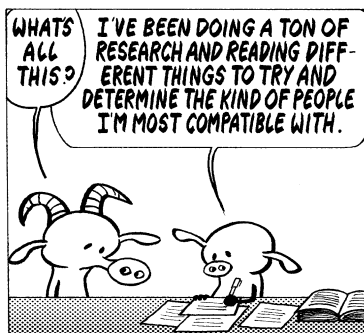
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12 Sounds of hesita-
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13 Bailiwick
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15 Type of sweater
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18 "Dracula" author Stoker
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24 Guthrie of folk
25 Harbor blaze fighter
29 Have the flu
30 Antelope or goat
31 Baton Rouge sch.
32 Cargo amount
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- 35 Chart toppers
36 Jazz legend Miles
37 Soup eater's noise
40 Chaste
41 Chic beach resort
42 Rescue vessel
46 In — (lined up)
47 Bank statement no.
48 Chef Garten
49 Skillet
50 Radiator sound
51 Science room

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- 1 Tavern
2 Moody rock genre
3 Actress Rossellini
4 Hack-neyed
5 Utah city
6 Xmas month
7 Tibetan bovine
8 Capital of Croatia
9 "Peek—!"
10 Santa —
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19 Dancer Astaire

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- 20 Swedish auto
21 Small combo
22 Prima donnas
23 Desertlike
25 Yard fraction
26 Extra virgin product
27 Wine region
28 Calendar abbr.
30 Radar dot
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36 Airs for pairs
37 High-five sound
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 3-25

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DAVE GREEN

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

3/25

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Horoscopes

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Capricorn. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, March 25, 2022: You are playful, high-spirited and entertaining. You don't hesitate to speak your mind. You are clever, articulate and an excellent debater. People like you. This is a year of learning and teaching. You will enjoy more solitude to reflect upon your spiritual beliefs. Later in the year, life will be more exciting.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will make your point when talking to others. Nevertheless, a parent, boss or someone in authority might do something that affects your cash flow, earnings or assets in some way — or perhaps a possession you own. Make sure you get to the bottom of things. Tonight: Socialize with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Something related to travel plans is unpredictable today. For example, scheduled travel plans might be delayed or canceled; whereas some of you might suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. University and college schedules are also unreliable. It's a crapshoot. Tonight: Act on your instincts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This is a popular time for you. You're in the groove! Nevertheless, something unexpected might impact banking details or something to do with inheritances, insurance matters or shared property. Double-check everything to stay on top of financial matters. Tonight: Listen to others. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★ People continue to admire you. (Looking good!) Be cooperative with close friends and partners, but expect a few surprises. Someone might demand more freedom in the relationship. Or perhaps they will have a surprising suggestion. You might meet someone unusual today. Tonight: Cooperate. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your work routine will probably be interrupted for some reason today. Or perhaps unexpected news that is health-related is surprising. Pet owners should be vigilant, because something related to your pet might catch you off guard. Tonight: Be with partners and close friends. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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★★★ Parents take note: This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Know where they are at all times. Social plans also might change suddenly today. Or perhaps you will receive a surprise invitation to go somewhere. Be aware that this window of opportunity will be brief, so act fast. Tonight: Creative ideas!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Something unexpected might impact your home routine today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might appear at your door. Be wise and stock the fridge so you're ready for anything. "Coffee, tea, beer?" Tonight: Be playful. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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★★★ This is a mildly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do to minimize problems. Stay cool, because emotional distractions can cause accidents. Meanwhile, unusual news, new faces and new places will keep you on your toes today. Tonight: Relax. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Keep an eye on your possessions and money, because some unpredictable influences are at play today.

For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. A wise teacher once said, "Trust everyone and always lock your door." Tonight: You're convincing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with unpredictable Uranus, which makes you feel independent and self-reliant. You might meet a new friend. One thing is certain: Something unusual will affect your day. Perhaps your spontaneous and original ideas will impress someone. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your psychic abilities are highly tuned today because the Moon is hiding in your chart dancing with your ruler Uranus. This definitely sharpens your antennas. Obviously, this is a good day to trust your intuition and go with your hunches. "If you think something fishy is going on, it is." Tonight: Focus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is an interesting day, because you're bound to encounter interesting people. New friends, especially people who are different or unusual in some way, might come into your world. If you are dealing with a group or an organization, someone might have a forward-thinking idea. Be ready to listen. Tonight: Be friendly!

BORN TODAY

Singer, composer Elton John (1947), actress Sarah Jessica Parker (1965), actor Lee Pace (1979)

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Belle Center, Ohio 43310
Logan County
BUSTR Release Number:
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A proposed remedial action plan (RAP) dated March 8, 2022, was sub-

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mitted by the Village of Belle Center for the review and approval of the State Fire Marshal (SFM). Once the SFM has reviewed and approved the proposed RAP, the Village of Belle Center may implement the proposed RAP.

A copy of the proposed RAP, as well as other documentation relating to this release and the UST system involved, is maintained by the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR), and are available for inspection and copying by the public. Requests for copies or for inspection of the proposed RAP and other related documentation should be made through the use of the "Public Information Request on UST facilities" link located on BUSTR's Resource Page at <https://apps.com.ohio.gov/fire/otter/?tabid=2> or by calling our office at (614) 752-7938.

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x or by calling our office.

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