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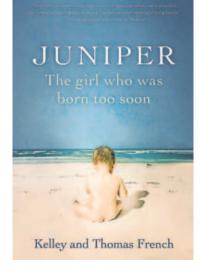
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She was a partially formed, 20ounce mess of unknown problems and unknowable prospects when she came into the world, one day short of the 24-week gestational period doctors believe is the lowest limit of a baby having a shot at survival. Her lungs, digestive system and brain were underdeveloped; her eyes were still fused shut; her papery skin was so thin she couldn't be touched.

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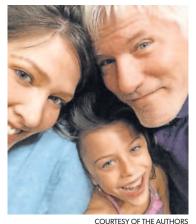
for her was huge.

And when they - two journalists - describe in alternating voices the very different ways they experienced the rushing cascade of postnatal calamities that befell this "micro-preemie," as such babies are called, the impact is raw, rough and wrench-



ingly tender.

With Juniper: The Girl Who Was Born Too Soon (Little, Brown, 319 pp., ★★★★ out of four), Kelley and Thomas French chronicle the daily turmoil. With



**Kelley and Thomas French** with their daughter, Juniper, who was born at just under 24 weeks. Today, she's thriving.

great honesty, they lay forth their darkest feelings and fears during the months it was unclear whether Juniper would live. Would their daughter, if she sur-

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vived, be so damaged she could never forgive them for their efforts to save her? How many times would they have to adjust their hopes and expectations for her childhood? Would their marriage fall apart?

They could do nothing but watch as their tiny girl lay in an incubator, tubes connected to machines that did the work her body hadn't had time to develop the capacity to do. There was the chance that if she lived, she would be blind because of the high volume of oxygen she required. She could become addicted to the narcotics administered to keep her more or less painfree; her kidneys might be ruined by the antibiotics she needed to fight infection.

Tom French made it his business to learn all he could about every hospital caregiver, in the belief one might race faster to save his daughter when she plummeted into crisis. He sat by Juniper's incubator and read Harry Potter books to her, the massive page count testament to his desperate hope she could live through the many days required to get to the end of each volume.

Kelley taped a picture of herself and Tom to the incubator so the baby would see it when she finally opened her eyes. She loaded an iPod with womb sounds so Juniper would be comforted.

In less adept hands, this story might have been overworked and overwrought. The Frenches understood that straightforward was the only way to tell it.

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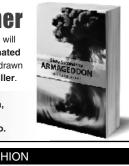
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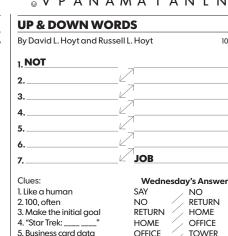
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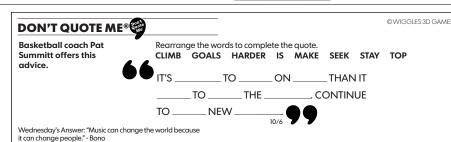
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## Bill Cosby loses another bid to get charges tossed

**Maria Puente** 

@usatmpuente USA TODAY

The long-delayed effort to prosecute Bill Cosby on aggravated sexual-assault charges advanced - albeit slightly -Wednesday when the ailing comedian lost another attempt to get the charges tossed in Pennsylvania.

Even so, Cosby's criminal trial is still a long way off: no later than June 2017, to be exact. However, his lawyers are not done yet attempting to get the case thrown

That campaign suffered a setback Wednesday, when a Pennsylvania appeals court upheld a ruling by Judge Steven O'Neill's that Cosby's accuser, Andrea Constand, did not have to testify

in person about her allegations that Cosby drugged and molested her when she visited him at his suburban Philadelphia home in

In his decision, O'Neill said that state law allows prosecutors to use hearsay testimony, such as a police report.

The comedian's lawyers argued, unsuccessfully, that he had a right to confront and cross-examine Constand in person.

Cosby's lead lawyer, Brian McMonagle, says he hopes to join an appeal related to this dispute - about when accusers must appear in court — which is pending before the state supreme court.

Cosby's legal team has filed multiple motions at various court levels and citing various grounds in attempting to get the charges (three counts of aggravated sexual assault) dismissed; he has lost



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Bill Cosby and lawyer Brian McMonagle, left, leave the Norristown, Pa., courthouse after a pretrial hearing Sept. 6.

each time.

Their latest motion, filed last week, argued that Cosby was deprived of his due process rights

because the charges were filed 11 years after the alleged crime, when witnesses have died and the 79-year-old comedian is ailing,

nearly blind and suffering memory problems.

District Attorney Kevin Steele vowed in his 2015 election campaign to pursue Cosby, citing "new evidence" from a released Cosby deposition from Constand's civil suit against him, which was settled in 2006. Steele filed the charges against Cosby in December 2015, just before the statute of limitations was about to expire.

By that point, five dozen women had accused Cosby of drugging and/or raping them in encounters going back several decades.

Cosby has denied all the accusations and has pleaded not guilty in the criminal case — the only case of criminal charges filed against him since the allegations first resurfaced in October 2014.

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First two Greek letters Real estate Nightcrawler, for example · CHARACTER ELEPHANT VEHICLE AREA /

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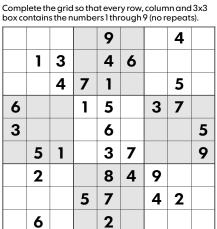
Clues: 1. Be employed by 2. As one desires 3. Refuses

4. Win \_ of time 6. Way to brighten up a room 7. Network of fixtures

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 $Complete \, the \, grid \, so \, that \, every \, row, \, column \, and \, 3x2$ box contains the numbers 1 through 6 (no repeats).

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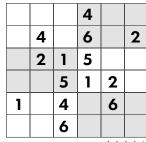
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Use the phone keybod to decode the dues. For example, 2 could be A, 9

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Rearrange the words to complete the quote PRECISELY TELLING THINKS \_THE

Wednesday's Answer: "Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion vithout the discomfort of thought." - John F. Kennedy

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