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## Agreement OK'd

*Contract for mental health services is approved*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Some additional help will be available to city employees who go through traumatic experiences.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved an agreement with LifeWorks Counseling and Wellness.

Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel presented the contract, telling the board there is a need for such services. That has been clear, he said, since the formation last year of Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), an organization that helps responders left emotionally or physically affected by traumatic events.

"Since John McFarland (of Jay Emergency Medical Service) and myself started the CISM back in May, we've had a couple incidents that have warranted requests for help," said Weitzel. "So, I just wanted to try to get ahead of the problem."

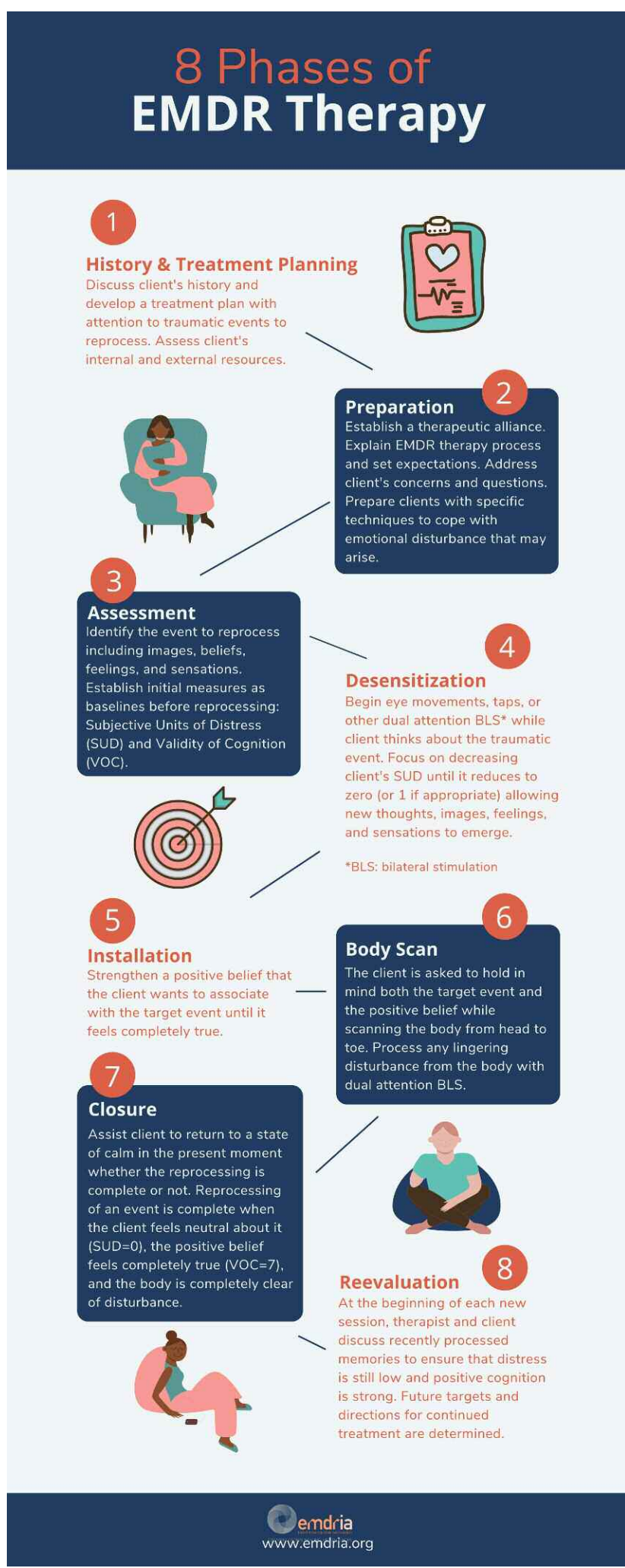
"Occupational stress in first responders is associated with increased risk of mental health issues, including hopelessness, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, as well as suicidal behaviors such as suicidal ideation (thinking about or planning suicide) and attempts," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

LifeWorks is owned and operated by licensed mental health counselor Brooke Aker of Portland. She specializes in helping patients deal with anxiety, depression and trauma, among other issues and offers EMDR therapy — "a structured therapy that encourages the patient to briefly focus on the trauma memory while simultaneously experiencing bilateral stimulation (typically eye movements), which is associated with a reduction in the vividness and emotion associated with the trauma memories."

The city's agreement calls for LifeWorks to provide mental health services on an as-needed basis.

Board of works member Steve McIntosh addressed the importance of treating mental health issues in voicing his support for the initiative.

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The above graphic shows the steps of EMDR therapy, one of the services offered by LifeWorks Counseling and Wellness. Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved an agreement for services with LifeWorks on an as-needed basis for employees who have gone through traumatic experiences.

## Republicans are open to Holcomb's plan

*Legislative session, which includes writing two-year budget, begins Monday*

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
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Republican budget writers were receptive to — but not overly enthusiastic about — Gov. Eric Holcomb's proposed budget that was presented to the State Budget Committee on Thursday.

Previously, lawmakers were skeptical about meeting agency funding requests, especially following a forecast predicting a "mild recession" in early 2023. But they appeared more optimistic about spending on Thursday, though the governor's budget calls for increased spending in education, state trooper pay and economic development of \$5.5 billion.

"If you look at the overall spending, it does seem high. But until I break it down into individual buckets, it's hard to say," Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, said, calling the proposal "feasible."

Misher, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, and his House counterpart Rep. Jeff Thompson, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, both said they needed more time to review the specifics.

"They spent the past six months putting this together and we want to take some time to analyze what's before us and improve what's good (to) make it better," Thompson said.

Democrats questioned the state's seemingly endless support of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), which received additional

dollars and flexibility in last year's session.

The proposed budget included massive new dollars for the IEDC, including \$500 million for another round of regionally based grants, continuation of a \$300 million "deal closing" fund and a new \$150 million revolving fund for site acquisition.

As a quasi-public agency, the IEDC isn't beholden to the same transparency rules as other public entities but claims credit for more than \$22 billion in private investments in recent years, including a Stellantis plant in Howard County and a new innovation district in Boone County.

"We just continue to give them a blank check... to me, there isn't any accountability," Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, said. "I don't mind us investing in the economy; I don't mind us trying to create jobs. But what are the results of that money?"

Mishler said that he didn't have local opportunities after he graduated from college and had to leave the state to pursue his career. After eight years, he could finally return to Indiana and hoped that continued investment through the IEDC would prevent the "brain drain" of other college graduates.

"You've got to have opportunities for these kids to stay and those investments in READI, the IEDC money, that's what provides the opportunities for the jobs for these kids to finish school and stay here," he said.

Something that wouldn't be getting a "blank check?" Public health.

Indiana ranks 47th in the nation for its public health spending of \$55 per Hoosier compared to the national average of \$91. Of Indiana's 92 counties, 88 spend less than \$23 per capita.

But Mishler remained skeptical about spending, even as stakeholders amended their initial ask down from nearly \$250 million annually to \$120 million in the first year followed by \$217 in the next year.

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## Commission gets update

By RAY COONEY  
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Portland Plan Commission got an update on the status of a planned condominium project during a brief organizational meeting Thursday.

Plan commission president Lee Newman asked John Hemmelgarn, director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning, for an update on the status of CB Development's plans to construct 35 to 43 condominiums on the south side of county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

The project was last before the plan commission in April, when attorney Josh Atkinson reported that CB Development needed to revise its plans in order to handle wastewater from the planned

condos. In order to handle the wastewater, a lift station will need to be constructed and a sewer line run across the front of the junior-senior high school property. The change required new plans to be presented to the plan commission for its approval.

Hemmelgarn told plan commission members Bart Darby, Steve McIntosh, Randy

Geesaman, Kyle Cook, Janet Powers and Newman that CB Development is now also looking into the possibility that City of Portland water could be run in a closed-loop system to serve the new condominiums. (Such a system could also serve the nearby Beacon Heights and Sheffer Acres neighborhoods.)

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*Planned condo project will still need to return for final approval*



Tribune News Service/Bay Area News Group/Karl Mondon

## Clearing in Cali

Evan Sousa, left, gets help from Calvin Drake pushing water out of his flooded apartment Thursday on Palmetto Avenue in Pacifica, California.

### Deaths

Clyde Rogers, 91, Pennville  
Ricky Younger, 66, Redkey  
Kristopher Scherrer, 70, Geneva  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Thursday. The low was 34.

Skies will be mostly cloudy tonight with the low dipping into the mid 20s. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 37. There is a chance of snow Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

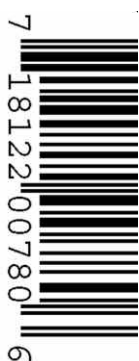
### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonina Fire Station.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from tonight's Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Northeast Regional.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commission and Jay School Board meetings.



# Obituaries

## Clyde Rogers

Aug. 2, 1931-Jan. 3, 2023  
Clyde F. "Bus" Rogers, 91, of Pennville, Indiana, passed away at 4:13 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at his home in Pennville, Indiana.

He was born on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1931, in Jay County, Indiana. He married Ruth E. (Oswalt) Rogers on Friday, Aug. 5, 1955, in Church of Christ, Pennville, Indiana. Bus was a 1952 graduate of Pennville High School. He had worked at St. Joe, Sheller Globe, at Fenters for seven years, Butterfields, and was custodian at the Pennville Schools for 17 years. He had also been the sexton at the Pennville I.O.O.F. cemetery for 32 years.

Bus served his country in the U.S. Army as well as in the National Guard, Portland, Indiana. He was a member of the

Pennville Relief #145, Pennville American Legion, and the Odd Fellows Lodge. He enjoyed gardening, traveling and socializing.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Ruth E. (Oswalt) Rogers, Pennville, Indiana; daughter, Debbie (Jeff) Cash, Pendleton, Indiana; son Jeff (Phoebe) Rogers, Pottstown, Pennsylvania; son John Rogers, Portland, Indiana; daughter Donna (Keith) Skinner, Hartford City, Indiana; son Jamie Rogers, Petroleum, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and brother, Richard Rogers, Portland, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Rogers; mother Minnie (Malott) Rogers; daughter-in-law Sherri Rogers; sister Mae Pursley; sister Barbara Garretson; and sister Jessie Welch.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier,

on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

A service to celebrate Bus's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, with Pastor Jeff Hammers officiating. Interment will follow in the Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville. Memorials may be sent to Redkey Christian Church, P.O. Box 206, Redkey, IN 47373.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneral-homes.com.

## Ricky Younger

Dec. 4, 1956-Jan. 3, 2023  
Ricky Duane Younger, 66, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Portland, Indiana, on Dec. 4, 1956, a son of Gladys M. (Younger) Sain and John C. Goodhew.

Rick was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was an animal lover with a heart of gold and avid Pittsburgh Steelers and NASCAR fan. Rick enjoyed singing karaoke, writing music and poems, and playing "Jeopardy!"

He is survived by his parents; two sons, Damien D. Younger (Carrie) and Jack Cooper; two daughters, Sharayah Cooper (Scott) and A.J. Brems; one brother, Floyd Caldwell (Sara); one sister, Janet Jacob (Shawn); seven grandchildren, Dylan Brotherton, Cole Brotherton, Carly Brotherton, Summer Younger, Ashtyn Younger, Madison Younger and Felicity Reay; and two great-grandchildren, Brynlee Brotherton and Emberli Borger.

Rick was preceded in death by his great-grandparents,

Kenny and Nellie Younger; and one brother, Rodney Caldwell.

A celebration of life service will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date with burial and military honors to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family in care of the funeral home (P.O. Box 25, Redkey, IN 47373).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

**Kristopher Lee Scherrer**, Geneva, July 27, 1952-Jan. 3, 2023. There will be no services.

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

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



Rogers



Younger

## CR almanac

Saturday 1/7	Sunday 1/8	Monday 1/9	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11
<b>37/25</b>	<b>37/24</b>	<b>40/30</b>	<b>42/30</b>	<b>40/28</b>
Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday with a high near 37 degrees.	There's a 40% chance of snow or rain throughout the day. The low may hit 24 degrees.	Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low around freezing.	Mostly cloudy skies are on the horizon for Tuesday. The high will be 42 degrees.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies is slated for Wednesday, with a high near 40.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$325 million  
15-17-19-23-24-29-35-36-50-52-59-60-62-64-67-68-79  
Cash 5: 1-33-34-38-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$149,500

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$940 million

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 9-8-2  
Daily Four: 6-7-9-3  
Quick Draw: 3-8-13-15-19-22-26-31-40-45-52-54-57-59-63-68-69-70-74-79  
Evening  
Daily Three: 0-6-3  
Daily Four: 0-3-3-9  
Quick Draw: 9-11-14-

### Ohio

Midday  
Pick 3: 0-4-1  
Pick 4: 5-6-7-4  
Pick 5: 8-3-9-9-8  
Evening  
Pick 3: 2-4-0  
Pick 4: 1-4-2-9  
Pick 5: 9-5-1-9-0  
Rolling Cash: 4-18-29-30-36  
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....6.68  
Feb. corn.....6.68  
Wheat.....6.85

Wheat.....6.93  
July wheat.....7.40

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....6.72  
Feb. corn.....6.73  
March corn.....6.75

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....6.55  
March corn.....6.57  
Beans.....14.75  
Feb. beans.....14.78  
Wheat.....7.41

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....6.56  
Feb. corn.....6.56  
Beans.....14.76  
Feb. beans.....14.76

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....6.26  
Feb. corn.....6.28  
Beans.....14.62  
Feb. beans.....14.67  
Wheat.....7.08

## Today in history

In 2004, the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team dominated the visiting South Adams Starfires 74-35 behind 11 points from freshman Holly Stein and 10 from senior Jenn Stahl.

In 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, disrupting a session of Congress during which

the results of the 2020 election were to be certified with Democrat Joe Biden defeating the Republican incumbent.

In 2022, Portland Board of Works approved the purchase of new trash totes for city residents at a cost of \$235,000 in an effort to make the trash pick-up process safer and more efficient.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, city library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

## Agreement ...

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"Those guys see and do things and have to deal with it," said board of works member Steve McIntosh. "And if we haven't provided anything before, man it's about time."

Board members Jerry Leonhard, Portland Mayor John Boggs and McIntosh approved the agreement unanimously.

Also Thursday, the board approved an independent contractor agreement with Chad Fifer for the former Sheller-Globe south property at 510 S. Bridge St.

The contract allows Fifer, the owner of Fifer Services, access to the building to begin preparing it for his planned sawmill. The contract does not allow any removal of items or digging and requires Fifer to carry indemnity insurance.

The city selected Fifer's bid of \$50,000 for purchase of the building in September. Execution of that agreement is on hold as the city awaits the results

of additional environmental testing.

Board members also voted to advertise for bids for the demolition of the Bailey Building at 201 through 205 W. Main St. Bids will be accepted through the end of February, with the board to open them at its March 2 meeting.

The city took ownership of the blighted building in September and hopes to be able to tear it down this year.

The board also granted Portland Police Department permission to bid on used police vehicles available via auction.

*City will advertise for bids to tear down building*

## SERVICES

### Saturday

**Miller**, Viola: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

**Buckingham**, Helen: 1 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**Dairymple**, Russell: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Sunday

**Rogers**, Clyde: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

### Jan. 14

**Theurer**, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## Update ...

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Use of city water would eliminate the need to dig individual wells for each condominium. A study on the feasibility of such a system by RQAW of Fishers is in process.

Jay School Board has already given the OK for school corporation Jeremy Gulley to negotiate an easement agreement with CB Development for the required sewer line.

Once CB Development has finalized its plans for water and wastewater, it will need to present finalized plans to plan commission for its approval.

Also Thursday, the plan commission re-elected Newman as its president, Darby as vice president and McClung as secretary. (Ron Laux serves as Jay County Plan Commission's non-voting representative on Portland Plan Commission.) It also appointed Pati McLaughlin as recording secretary and Wes Schemenaur as its attorney.



Photo provided

## Pet of the week

Atlas, a 6-month-old male, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge, 601 N. Charles St., Portland. The fee is \$75. Adoption applications are available at [midwestpetrefuge.com/adopt](http://midwestpetrefuge.com/adopt).

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# Long COVID still affecting individuals

By JASON LAUGHLIN  
The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — A ventilator breathed for Glenn Tabata through most of the first three months in 2021.

A COVID infection around Christmas 2020, before a vaccine was available to him, left the formerly healthy 55-year-old Wayne, Pennsylvania, man battling a constellation of medical complications. His recovery seemed so doubtful at one point that his wife, son, and daughter had set a date to remove him from the machines keeping him alive.

Tabata survived, but has struggled in recovery. He was so weakened by the infection that he had to retire early from his job as Ikea's graphic design manager in the United States. He still struggles to walk for long distances and has joint pain, difficulty concentrating, anxiety, and depression.

Lack of coordination among his doctors — an American health system challenge for people with chronic conditions before and after COVID — has further complicated his medical journey with these

complications from a severe case of COVID.

This year, Tabata spent another three months just trying to find the right prescription for brain fog. It required call after call to his psychiatrist, who prescribed several medications, and his cardiologist, who had concerns that the wrong prescription could harm his heart, due to hypertension as a result of COVID.

"It is just trial and error," said Tabata. "It's like, hoping that you didn't miss anything or hoping you didn't forget to inform somebody that you're doing something."

Tabata is among an estimated 19 million Americans diagnosed with long-term COVID, a term used to describe a constellation of COVID symptoms that linger for three months or more, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The experience can range from loss of smell or numbness in extremities to a debilitating chronic condition that can include respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurological problems all at once.

For some, it is fatal. The CDC in December reported

that more than 3,500 Americans have died of long COVID between the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 through June.

In some of the most severe long COVID cases, people required lengthy and difficult hospitalizations. One University of Florida study found people whose COVID cases required hospitalization had significantly higher death rates within a year of their illness than people with mild cases of the virus.

Michael Harhay, a professor of epidemiology and medicine at the University of Pennsylvania who researches long COVID, called it a mass disability event.

"All these people were saved but went home with all these problems and no idea how to fix them," he said.

Even before COVID emerged, a small percentage of patients who had technically recovered from viral infections continued to experience lingering symptoms, said Benjamin Abramoff, a doctor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Penn.

COVID exposed a far wider swath of the popula-

tion to such suffering. Since the start of the pandemic, COVID has infected about 40% of the American adult population, according to the CDC, and about 416,000 people required hospitalization.

"It's not a new phenomenon, but certainly the scale seems to be much different," Abramoff said.

Researchers are still understanding what COVID does to the body. Arch Mainous, a family medicine physician at University of Florida, has authored several studies that found patients with severe COVID cases typically have high levels of inflammation, which can persist for months and contribute to higher death rates among those who were hospitalized.

Treating long COVID, he said, takes a coordinated approach across medical specialties. A doctor focused on any given condition may miss the full view.

"Somebody had COVID, now they could be at risk of ... you can go down the list of all these other things," Mainous said.

Being on a ventilator for long periods can create even more complications,

including trouble swallowing, PTSD, delirium, and sleep problems, Harhay said. When Tabata awoke after his months on a ventilator, he was so weak even eating was difficult.

"I chewed gum for three days to strengthen my jaw muscles," he recalled.

Tabata didn't walk on his own for another three months. More than a year and a half later, he is still building up his stamina and lung capacity.

"I feel like I'm an 85- or 90-year-old man," he said.

Tabata said he also struggles with serious depression, which can be another after effect of a difficult hospitalization with a long period on a ventilator.

He is overwhelmed by how close he came to death.

"Why did I survive when everybody else didn't?" he often asks.

Along with his cardiologist and psychiatrist, Tabata also sees a pulmonologist and optometrist. All work for Main Line Health, but have offices in different locations and he often feels like a middle man coordinating his own care.

"We understand the challenges that care coordination can sometimes

present for our patients," Main Line Health said in a statement.

The health system does have electronic medical records that have improved coordination among physicians, but some doctors affiliated with the health system may not have full access, a spokesperson said. Psychiatric records, meanwhile, are required to be kept separately from physical health records.

"Providers are still learning, even two years into this, the best way to manage some of these long COVID complications," said Penn's Abramoff.

Tabata spent about six months fighting to be well enough to return home. Some days, he misses the ease with which doctors there came together to coordinate his care. He credits each of his doctors with helping him survive and recover, but is strained by the pressure on himself and his wife, Ulrika, to act as intermediaries among the specialists.

"When I was in a hospital bed, all the doctors talked and came up with an ultimate plan for me," Tabata said. "Now that I'm out of the hospital they don't talk any more."

# Partner questions marriage near anniversary

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 11 months. We've been together five years and have lived together for the last three. This is my second marriage and his third. I have put up with a lot from him and overlooked way too much. He isn't affectionate, doesn't kiss me hello or goodbye unless I ask, and doesn't hug me.

He doesn't seem to like sex either, although if I say it, he gets mad at me and says he does. We might have sex twice a month. I would like it more often than that, but I have tolerated his almost nonexistent sex drive. He never initiates. He is very moody and pouts and complains about things not going his way with his job, his life, his 16-year-old daughter (who

Dear Abby



the week to have dinner at his parents'. I moved an hour and a half away from my children and grandchildren to be with him. When I mention that I would like to have the kids spend the night, he comes up with a million excuses why that isn't a good idea, but when his daughter wants to spend the night, it's perfectly fine.

OMG, as I write this, I'm wondering WHY am I with him? I feel like crying. I do love him, and when I think about not being with him, it feels like my heart is falling out of my chest. What should I do? — HEARTBROKEN & STUCK IN THE EAST

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: I know what I would do if I were in your situation, but I'm not you. You stated that you

gained insight from writing this letter. You appear to be an intelligent person. I suggest you reread your letter several more times, because after you do, I am confident you will know what you need to do. It is possible to love someone and not be compatible.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 40s and have been divorced for seven years after an awful marriage. I have two daughters who would love for me to meet someone and have the loving relationship I deserve. The problem is, I fell in love with someone after my divorce, and he decided to marry someone else. I have no way of knowing if he is still married. We are not allowed to have contact

because of his new wife's jealousy. My heart is broken. I don't know how to move on from someone I truly felt was my soul mate. How do you tell your heart to move on? It feels impossible. No one compares to him, so I feel like my only option is to settle for less than the best or stay single. — DOWNHEARTED IN OHIO

DEAR DOWNHEARTED: Either of those options MIGHT work for you. But a better one would be to realize that while this man may have been YOUR soul mate, you were not HIS. Then make a rational decision to move forward with your life. You are in your 40s, and it isn't too late to meet someone with whom you can have a happy life.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Today

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

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For

more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 6, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

## Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [musemoftthesoldier.com](http://musemoftthesoldier.com).

## Sunday

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

## Monday

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

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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## Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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# Approve anti-discrimination bill

By ELI ALDRICH

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There is no place for discrimination in Indiana, which is why Shelly's Voice Advocacy is very excited to announce that we have officially filed legislation in the state of Indiana.

Our bill is called the Equal Educational Opportunities Act and aims to extend specific anti-discrimination educational rights statutes to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

This bill was originally introduced in 2020 by Sen. J.D. Ford, D-Indianapolis, but died without receiving a hearing or vote by the Republican supermajority.

This year's legislation is also being brought by Ford in the

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session set to begin Monday. It is Senate Bill 39 and can be found online at [iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/senate/39](http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/senate/39).

We are hopeful that this slightly amended bill will be more likely to get a hearing. The 2023 legislative session is one in which lawmakers are voting on the budget. That means pieces of legislation with no fiscal impact have better chances. Fortunately Ford was able to get that stamp for our bill, which increases the likelihood that our bill will be able to get a hearing. The passage of our legislation

would be a huge win for LGBTQ+ people in the state of Indiana especially our youth.

It is deeply rooted in our mission at Shelly's Voice that all LGBTQ+ youth are deserving of equal opportunities and passing this bill will help us get closer to achieving our goal of making all spaces safe for LGBTQ+ people.

Our leadership has reached out to every single member of the Senate Education Committee for a meeting and unfortunately we have not been able to get a meeting with the chairman, ranking member — both Republicans — or other members of the committee.

Last year during the 2022 legislative session Shelly's Voice Advocacy leadership worked very closely with the ACLU of Indiana, Indiana Youth Group, Gen-

der Nexus, IndyPride and so many other LGBTQ+ non-profit organizations on testimony and events in response to House Bill 1041. The measure initially aimed to ban transgender girls at all levels, including college, from playing sports girls sports teams. It was introduced by Rep. Michelle Davis, R-Whiteland. HB1041 was amended shortly after its introduction to exclude collegiate athletes.

Our organization's leadership spoke out against this hateful legislation many times including at the House Education Committee's hearing of the bill, the Senate Education Committee's hearing of the bill, and even the "let kids play" event sponsored by the ACLU of Indiana and Play Works Indy. Shelly's Voice plans to continue to amplify LGBTQ+ voices

during the next legislative season, specifically against bills that threaten our rights.

Unfortunately in mid-December, the news broke that Indiana legislators are planning on introducing a bill with similar language to a "Don't Say Gay" law in Florida. We are incredibly disappointed in our state legislators for prioritizing a bill like this but our team will speak out against this legislation at every opportunity we have, including at the Statehouse in the next few months.

Aldrich has been involved with Shelly's Voice since it was founded in 2018 and has served as the executive director of Shelly's Voice since January of 2022.

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# Time is running out for refugees

Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

While it's hard to imagine Congress left many things out of the 4,000-page omnibus spending bill President Joe Biden signed into law last week, there were some key omissions. Among the least explicable was the Afghan Adjustment Act.

During America's chaotic withdrawal from Kabul in 2021, the Biden administration granted so-called humanitarian parole to more than 70,000 Afghan evacuees to allow their entry into the U.S. The designation expires after two years. Almost half of these evacuees don't qualify for special immigrant visas set aside for Afghans who fought alongside American troops or worked directly for U.S. government agencies. Among them are civil society leaders, women's rights activists, journalists and others who worked to advance U.S. policy and build a more open Afghan society.

Without an adjustment in their immigration status, these Afghans will have to request asylum to stay in the U.S. In light of the Taliban's brutality, a U.S. judge would be hard-pressed to deny that evacuees have a well-founded fear of persecution if deported. But that's no guarantee: The asylum process is confusing, expensive and requires documentation that in many cases was destroyed or left behind in the rush to leave. Moreover, because of backlogs in the system, it could take years for Afghans' cases to be heard, significantly limiting their ability to find work and build new lives in the U.S. Success would put them on a one-year path to a green card.

Introduced last August, the Afghan Adjustment Act provides a common-sense solution, allowing Afghan evacuees to skip directly to that final stage. The U.S. has previously extended such privileges to refugees from Vietnam and Cuba. The bill has bipartisan backing — including five Republican co-sponsors in the Senate — and widespread public support: One poll found 76% of respondents favored the bill once its details were explained.

However, the act's opponents — chief among them, Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, the ranking member on the Judiciary Committee — managed to block its passage, citing concerns about security lapses in the original screening of the

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evacuees. In fact, the act would require all applicants to undergo additional, rigorous vetting, including in-person interviews. Agencies would need to brief Congress on their screening plans ahead of time and the Department of Homeland Security would maintain a vetting database for evacuees. Any applicants who refused additional vetting would have their bids rejected.

The inability of Congress to resolve the status of Afghans isn't just cruel; it's damaging to national security. In any future conflict, "potential allies will remember what happens now with our Afghan allies," as more than 30 retired officers, including three former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wrote to Congress last month. Allowing this issue to slide further will only tend to confirm accusations of U.S. hypocrisy.

Supporters of the legislation plan to reintroduce it in the next Congress. They need to move quickly. Even if the bill passes, it will be months before guidelines and vetting procedures are worked out, and evacuees can begin applying. With the legal status of Afghan evacuees expiring in August, a vote needs to take place before spring.

While incoming legislators will no doubt have their own priorities, the next Congress should resolve this matter without delay. Anything less would be a betrayal of America's allies and its ideals.



# Future unclear in Scalia's absence

By PETER SCHWARTZ  
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During her 2010 Senate confirmation hearings, centrist-liberal Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan famously allowed that "we are all originalists." In a 2015 interview at Harvard Law School honoring her then-colleague Justice Antonin Scalia, Kagan proclaimed that "we are all textualists now."

However, in a dissent opinion to the West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency decision, which gutted the Clean Air Act, Kagan wrote: "Some years ago, I remarked that we're all textualists now. ... It seems I was wrong. The current Court is textualist only when being so suits it."

What are we to make of Kagan's change of heart about originalism and textualism? And what does her change of heart tell us about the future of the legal conservative movement?

Originalism and textualism are purportedly neutral methods of constitutional interpretation associated with the Federalist Society and the legal conservative movement that tell us judges must adhere to the original meaning of important laws at the time of their adoption. Originalism concerns itself with the original meaning of the Constitution. Textualism extends its reach to all statutes.

Legal conservatives distinguish originalist and textualist methods from the organic notions of a "living Constitution" associated with the "judicial activism" of liberal judges. The concept of a living Constitution operates from the premise that the Constitution was intended to evolve with changing circumstances and changing times.

On the surface of her remarks at Harvard, Kagan was simply paying homage to Scalia, without a doubt the leading theorist and practitioner of originalist and textualist methods. She was being gracious. But with Scalia, it was always a matter of unrequited love.

Scalia was astonishingly charismatic. This droll man, lionized by all while alive, was especially beloved for his swagger and humor. However, Scalia was often loath to return this love.

Peter Schwartz



When he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986, many assumed Scalia's "likable personality" would naturally make him perfect in the important role as the court's swing justice, managing diverse coalitions on challenging cases and gliding the docket forward. But Scalia could not have been less interested in this honored slot on the court. "The originalist has nothing to trade," he said.

Indeed, Scalia will never be known for writing majority decisions. He actually wrote very few in the last 20 years of his time on the court, as he cultivated a reputation for withering dissents in which he made no concessions to anyone.

Scalia's devotional Catholic spirit inflected his jurisprudence. But his brash, combative personality was from outside the folds of the church's formal teachings. Quite simply, Scalia relished going it alone because it conformed to the darkest alleys of his faith. Scalia was by nature a hunter, only fully himself when stalking his prey.

Scalia claimed that his "living Constitution" opponents often voiced counter-majoritarian opinions, even when purporting to reflect the common values of their own time. But Scalia's own dissents — on matters such as voting rights, gun rights, abortion, same-sex marriage, free speech and religious freedom — were by definition counter-majoritarian, betraying moral and political preferences barely concealed by the threadbare language of the Constitution.

The complexities of Scalia's personality allowed him to contain and, in some measure, resolve these tensions between legal reason and moral fervor. But even as the liberal Kagan honored Scalia's originalist and textualist methods while he was living, her recent demurrals indicate that she believes conservatives have

become less respectful of these methods since Scalia's death nearly seven years ago.

Harvard constitutional law professor Adrian Vermeule, for one, has in recent years aided the cause of the authoritarian national conservative movement by promoting his own decidedly anti-originalist and morality-infused theory of "common good constitutionalism." Taking cues in some respects from Donald Trump, Vermeule and other national conservatives have repudiated the constraining effects of originalism and textualism on behalf of a strong and active state that ensures "the ruler has the power needed to rule well" and that finds the law in the original moral meaning of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court itself has also moved into uncharted territory via the morally punishing natural-law philosophical perspectives of Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch. They eschew the formally neutral aims of originalist and textualist methods for the substantive moral imperatives they understand to lie beneath the floorboards of the Constitution.

The conservative Federalist Society is smack dab in the middle of this tension between the fetish of the text and fetish of the state. Conflicts related to this turmoil will likely feed a struggle for the soul of the Republican Party heading into the 2024 presidential election. They already are undermining and threatening the Federalist Society's allegedly central mission of upholding the integrity of the Constitution.

Scalia held these forces at bay. In his absence, emerging philosophical and ideological battles within the legal conservative movement suggest that originalism and textualism have not prevailed for so many decades as legal theories because they were intrinsically superior to other ways of interpreting the law.

Rather, they prevailed because they were attached to the cult of personality surrounding Scalia.

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A worshipper lights a candle Thursday at the Ukrainian Orthodox Saint Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery in Kyiv amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. A temporary unilateral Russian ceasefire ordered by President Vladimir Putin during Orthodox Christmas was due to have taken effect in Ukraine today. Dismissed by Ukraine as an empty gesture and an attempt by Moscow to gain time to regroup its forces, the ceasefire is due to last until late Saturday.

## Russia: Ceasefire underway

**Bloomberg News**  
Tribune News Service

Russia said its troops stopped fighting in Ukraine at noon Moscow time Friday under President Vladimir Putin's order of a 36-hour ceasefire for the Orthodox Christmas holiday. Kyiv dismissed the offer as a ploy.

Air-raid sirens sounded across the country shortly after the deadline, Ukraine said.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its forces had stopped firing across the entire front line, but accused Ukraine of continuing to fight. Earlier, Russian military officials had said they would continue to fight if fired on or if Ukraine's forces pushed to advance.

Kyiv and its allies in the U.S. and Europe

rejected Putin's surprise offer, announced late Thursday.

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy called it a bid by Moscow to get a break in the fighting "to step up the war."

"They want to use Christmas as cover to halt the offensive of our boys in Donbas at least for a while and redeploy their military vehicles, ammunition and mobilized men closer to our positions," he said in his nightly address Thursday.

"What will that bring? Just more casualties."

Kyiv has demanded Moscow remove its troops from Ukraine as a condition for any ceasefire.

"I'm reluctant to respond to anything Putin says," U.S. President Joe Biden said in response to a question about the offer. "I found it interesting — he was ready to bomb hospitals and nurseries and churches on the 25th and New Year's — I mean, I

think he's trying to find some oxygen."

The move comes as Putin's forces have for months lost ground to Ukrainian advances and the Kremlin has in recent weeks stepped up missile and drone strikes on the country's urban centers and civilian power infrastructure. In response, Kyiv's allies are boosting military aid, pledging to supply armored vehicles and other weapons not previously provided.

Ukraine's forces have driven Russian troops out of as much as 40% of the territory they initially took in the invasion. The Kremlin has said it still aims to reverse the setbacks and Kyiv's battlefield progress has slowed in recent weeks, but Russian troops have so far failed to retake significant ground.

### Ukraine dismisses announcement as ploy

## Open ...

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"I think we have to take a hard look at the breakdown of that money," Mishler said.

Indianapolis Democrat Sen. Fady Qaddoura, the former chief financial officer for Indianapolis, questioned why the state's Republican leadership continued to use the state's reserves to fund capital improvement projects, rather than investing in education.

"Every student in every classroom that we miss (when it

comes to) making investments, I think, is going to cost us hundreds of millions of dollars," Qaddoura said.

Holcomb's proposed budget includes \$1.25 billion more for projects with cost overruns due to inflation, on top of the initial funding for those projects from the previous budget cycle. For example, the Westville Correctional Facility was projected to cost \$400 million but ballooned to \$1.2 billion, an \$800 million increase.

The state could use its AAA bond rating to secure financing another way for projects like the prison and use its cash to invest in K-12, Qaddoura said. He noted that even with an overall 8% increase, that amount barely keeps up with inflation.

"If I were setting priorities, I would be spending that \$800 million on education and not a prison," Qaddoura said.

But Mishler opposed using bonds, instead emphasizing his

aversion to debt. According to the proposed budget presentation, the state's overall debt burden has decreased by 31% since Holcomb took office.

"If we have the cash, why not pay for it in cash? I know interest rates are going up too; I don't know if I want to bond right now but I think we've done a good job of paying off our debt and I don't want to increase it," Mishler said.

Mishler pushed for a continued focus of extra monies on

the pre-1996 Teacher Retirement Fund, the state's largest unfunded liability set to be paid up by 2030. That would free up an extra \$1 billion for the budget and could leave the state with the flexibility to cut income taxes, Mishler said.

The 2023 legislative session starts on Monday.

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## House is still without speaker

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WASHINGTON — The House adjourned Thursday with Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California still in search of more than a dozen elusive votes to become speaker.

McCarthy's failure to win a majority of floor votes extended the saga to determine which Republican will succeed Nancy Pelosi, D-California, and raised the historic number of unsuccessful attempts the House has taken to name a speaker, a powerful position that's second in line to the presidency behind the vice president.

Without an elected leader, the House remains paralyzed, delaying members' oaths of office, GOP committee assignments, congressional probes and hearings, a rules package and passage of any legislation. Until a speaker is elected by a majority of the chamber, the House can do little else beyond vote for a speaker or move to adjourn.

One additional option would be to move to require a plurality vote instead of a majority vote, but the divided Republican conference could end up handing the gavel to a Democrat in the GOP-controlled House. Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, has consistently led every ballot with 212 votes.

House Republicans have begun complaining about the real-world effects of the impasse, such as losing access to national security intelligence and being unable to help their constituents with casework.

The historic failure puts the 118th Congress on track to tie or exceed the number of ballots it took to elect a speaker in the 17th Congress, which required 12 ballots in 1821. The all-time record is 133 ballots in 1855-56.

House Republicans could now see their speaker elected on the anniversary of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, and risk showing the nation that the party whose members amplified former President Donald Trump's false claims of voter fraud two years ago is unable to govern with their new, narrow majority.

McCarthy signaled to reporters ahead of the seventh ballot — the first of five votes Thursday — that he would again fall short because negotiations with some of his conservative antagonists were ongoing. But it remains unclear whether a deal would simply cut into his margins or put him over the top.

"There are only two outcomes here: Either Kevin McCarthy withdraws from the Speaker's race, or he has to wake up every morning and put on the world's best constructive straitjacket before the beginning of every House session," tweeted Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., who cast three speaker votes for Trump, whom he also nominated on the 11th ballot.

McCarthy has yet to convert a single member to his column since the 118th Congress first convened Tuesday and began voting to elect a speaker. In fact, his total vote count has fallen from its height of 203 Tuesday to 200 by the ninth ballot Thursday, when one of his supporters began missing the roll call.

McCarthy has also lost votes from Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Florida, who has consistently been voted as the top McCarthy alternative; and Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-Indiana, who began voting "present" Wednesday. Some conservative Republicans began supporting a new alternative on the eighth ballot.

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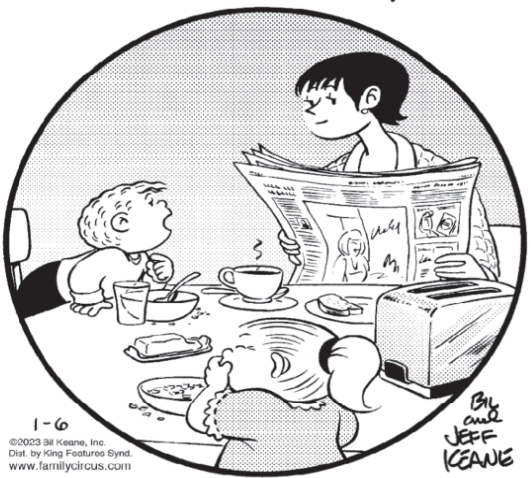
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"When you read my horoscope, why does it always say 'and be a good boy today?'"

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, North-South vulnerable. The bidding has been: North East South West 1♦ 1♠ ? What would you bid with each of the following five hands? (For the purposes of this quiz, assume you are not playing negative doubles.) 1. ♠93♥85♦AJ75♣KQ962 2. ♠72♥AKJ4♦Q3♣KJ942 3. ♠KJ94♥Q106♦5♣AJ873 4. ♠KQ5♥AJ7♦Q84♣KJ84 5. ♠4♥AQ9♦KQ982♣AJ76

1. Two clubs. Your hand is too good for a simple raise to two diamonds, and not good enough for a jump-raise to three diamonds. The best way of handling the situation is to bid two clubs first, promising upward of 10 points, and then support diamonds at your next turn. Partner can then decide whether to go on or to stop, depending on his hand.

2. Two clubs. Here you intend to arrive at a game eventually, since you have an opening bid facing an opening bid, but the best final contract is at present uncertain.

The first step in trying to resolve this problem is to bid your longer suit, clubs, intending to bid hearts next. In this way, partner will learn that your clubs are longer than your hearts, and also that you have a good hand, since you responded initially on the two-level and then bid a second suit.

3. Double. You have a good chance of collecting a fat penalty if partner has a normal opening bid. Your hand is likely to take at least four tricks against a spade contract, and partner, if he passes, will normally contribute three or four more. The double is therefore likely to produce the best result, especially since there is no assurance that your side can make a game.

While it is true that the double is for penalties, partner is not required to stand for it if he has a highly distributional hand.

4. Three notrump. Game is certain, and notrump certainly seems the best denomination. The jump to three notrump shows 16 or 17 points and balanced distribution as well as at least one spade stopper.

If partner feels his hand is not suitable for notrump because of his distribution, or that there is a possibility of slam, he can continue bidding in that direction. 5. Two spades. The cuebid of the opponents' suit announces a big hand and interest in reaching a slam. Obviously, prospects for a slam are excellent if partner has no wasted strength in spades, and the best time to convey this news to him is right now. (If you play "splinter" bids, a leap to three spades, indicating a strong hand with a singleton or void in spades and support for partner's suit, would deliver a similar message.)

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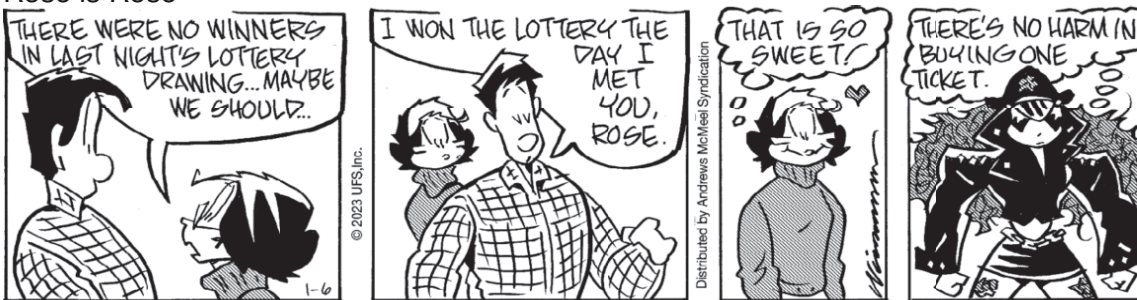
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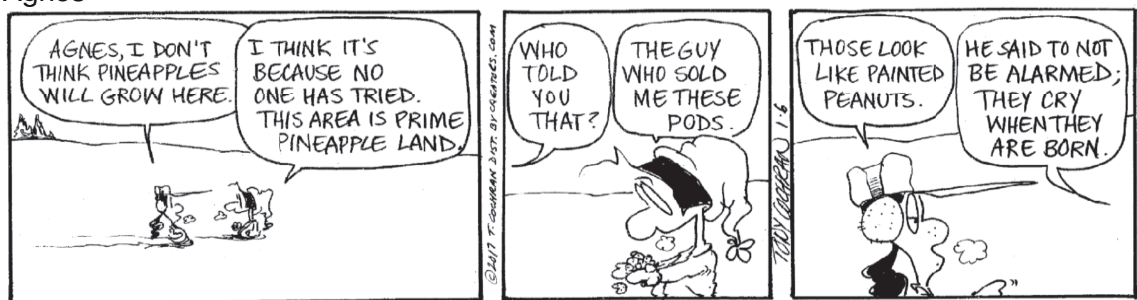
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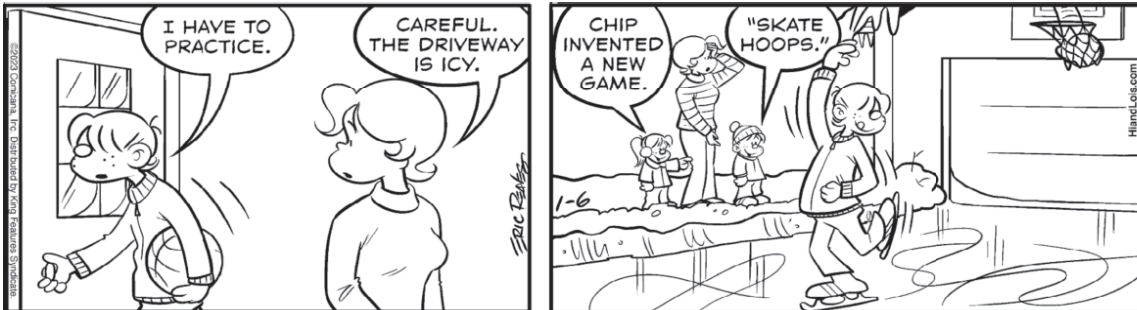
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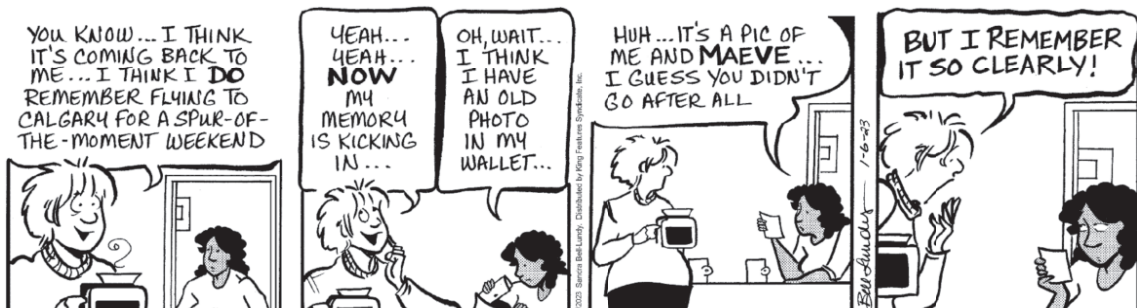
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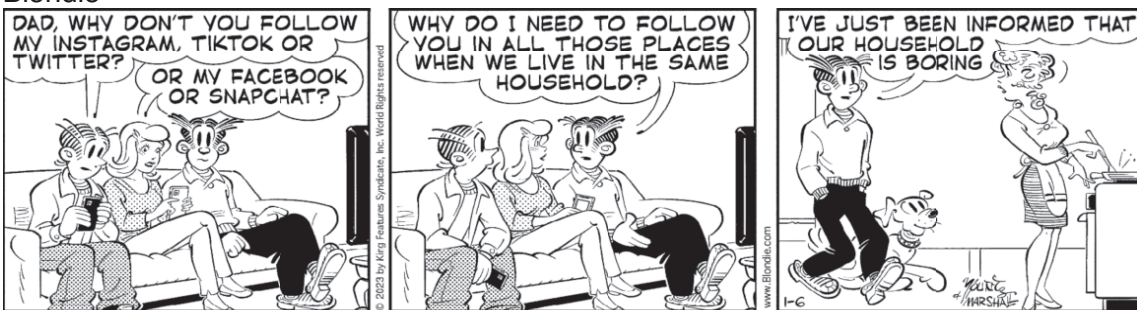
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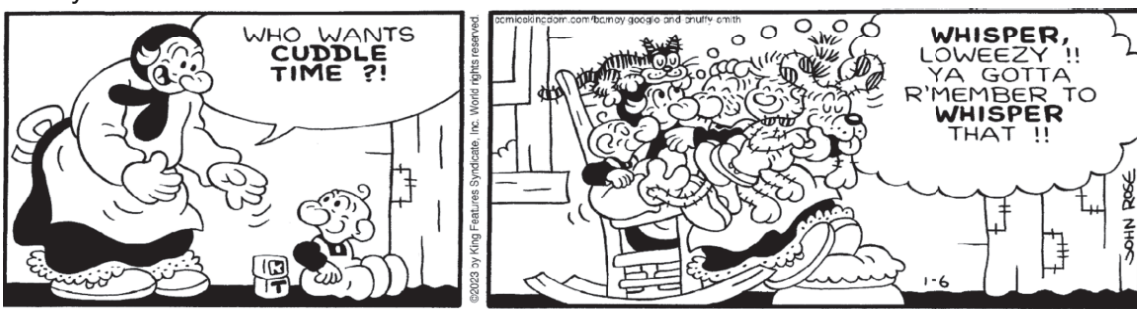
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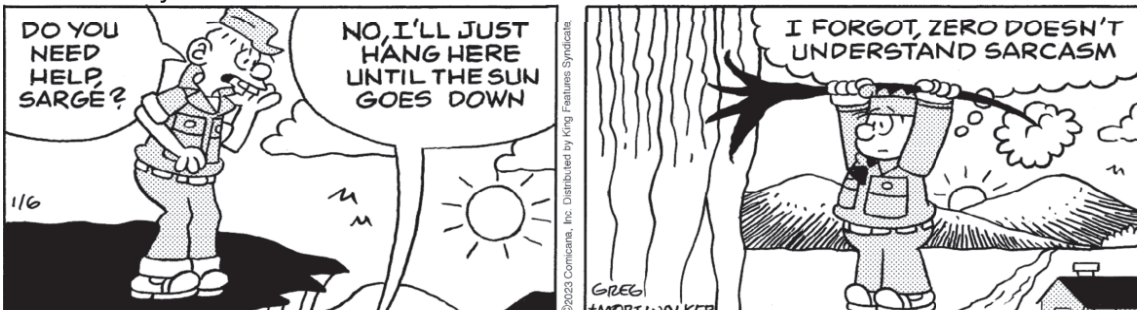
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## Wayne has enjoyed new profession

By **GEORGE BREMER**  
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Reggie Wayne admits his mind has wandered from time to time toward his beloved Miami beaches as the Indianapolis Colts' desultory final month of the season has wound down.

But that doesn't mean the three-time Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist and first-year wide receivers coach hasn't found the joy in his new profession.

"I still wake up with a smile, man," Wayne said Thursday at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center. "I do. I wake up with a smile, and that's simply because of my room. My room is a great group of guys to be around. They come in and they work hard every day. They don't pout. They could easily point fingers. They still talk about what

they can do better and how they can make things better. I enjoy that part of it.

"Instead of waking up in the morning and punching my pillow, I look forward to waking up in the morning, brushing my teeth and coming in."

There are some milestones still to be reached in Sunday's season finale against the Houston Texans (2-13-1).

Michael Pittman Jr. is just four receptions shy of the 100-catch mark, a feat not seen in Indianapolis since Wayne hauled in 106 passes from rookie quarterback Andrew Luck in 2012.

Wayne's been on both sides of the NFL's team success spectrum.

He won the Super Bowl with Indianapolis following the 2006 season, and he was part of a team that finished 2-14 and

earned the No. 1 overall pick in the draft in 2011.

The distance from one point to the other isn't astronomical in Wayne's estimation.

"Guys just have to come together and figure it out," he said. "Coaches have to come together and figure it out. It's a collective. It's everybody — got to put their finger on it and just change the way you study, change the way you put things together.

"I mean, as bad as our record is (4-11-1), if you look at the games, for most of the games it's only two or three plays that changes everything. That's normally how it goes. We just have to change a lot. Things have to change, and I think the pieces in this building are already here. It's just a couple things here and there that they've got to fix."

Will Wayne be part of that process of change?

He noted he signed a two-year contract but also the decision is not ultimately in his hands.

The Colts officially will begin what owner Jim Irsay promises will be an extensive search for a full-time head coach Monday, and Wayne's fate will lie with the new hire.

Asked directly if he wants to return for another season, Wayne responded, "Of course, right? Of course, I do."

He was an education major at the University of Miami, and he enjoys the teaching aspect of his job. Watching his players succeed on the field has been the greatest reward this season.

Wayne's working long hours and going days at a time without seeing his family. A coach's life is never easy, but the opportunity

to chase the next victory maintains a timeless allure.

"I do believe that when you're on the other side of the losses, when you're winning, it makes all the sacrificing and stuff worth it," Wayne said. "Not only that you can enjoy it with the team and the organization, you can enjoy it with your family. My family is not smiling right now."

That goes for the members inside the facility as well as those on the outside.

Wayne said at midseason he could write a book on his first year as a coach. Almost nothing has gone as planned since he accepted former head coach Frank Reich's offer to join the staff last spring.

But he's always known how the story will end.

"I'm headed to the beach, regardless," Wayne said.

## Sweep ...

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The freshman duo of Peyton Yowell and Joseph Nichols took second and third, respectively, for the Patriots in the 100 backstroke. Lincoln Clamme was third behind Monroe to give JCHS two of the top three swimmers in the 100 breaststroke, and Joe Dow did the same behind Kunkler in the 100 freestyle with a third-place finish.

"One of the things that I don't know I would have ever said was going to be our strength this year is our depth on the boys," said Slavik. "A lot of those young kids that had never swam before coming into the season are dropping big time."

Celina's Jackson Newcomb was the only non-Jay County swimmer to win two events, taking first place in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

The Patriot girls left no doubt of a double victory as they took first place in the first six events before Brooklyn Bourne of Celina broke their streak in the 100 freestyle.

Mara Bader and Morgan DeHoff keyed the opening 200-yard medley relay win as they were nearly seven seconds faster than their Coldwater counterparts on the breaststroke and butterfly legs. They joined Kenzie Huey and Lauren Fisher for the win in 2:03.57.

Then JCHS recorded a



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Sophia Hoevel of Jay County swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley Thursday. She finished second to teammate Aubrey Millspaugh as the Patriots ran their record to 8-2.

couple of one-two finishes, with Avery Wentz (2:25.26) and DeHoff taking the top spots in the 200 freestyle and Aubrey Millspaugh (2:42.81) and Sophia Hoevel leading the way in the 200 individual medley. Bader (26.1) won the 50 freestyle, Maddy Snow

scored 176 points to top two teammates in diving and Bader (1:04.15) took the 100 butterfly.

Millspaugh joined Bader as a double winner by finishing first in the 6:28.36 in the 500 freestyle, with Kenzie Huey (1:11.97) and Lauren Fisher (1:21.67) tak-

ing the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, respectively.

The Patriots and Coldwater went back and forth in the 200 freestyle relay, with Jay County leading through the first two legs, Coldwater's Izzy Byer pulling ahead on the third and then Bader

roaring back to secure the win in 1:51.57.

"Every kid on this team looks up to her," said Slavik of the senior who teamed with Fisher, DeHoff and Hoevel for the relay victory. "She's developed as not just leading by example but taking charge ... and

backing up her words with effort. We've had a lot of great leaders in this program over the last 15 years and I'd probably rank her near the top ...

"It's great. I can't speak highly enough of her. ... She's proven herself as a first-class leader, and the kids follow."

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Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. St. John's — 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

Jay County — Wrestling hosts IHSWCA Class 2A Dual State Meet — 9 a.m.; Swimming hosts

Jay County Invitational — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Adams Central — 6:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshman) at Botkins — 4:30 p.m.

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#### Saturday

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4 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Sentry Tournament of Champions (NBC)

4 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Michigan State at Ohio State (BTN)

4:30 p.m. — NFL football: Kansas City Chiefs at Las Vegas Raiders (ABC/ESPN)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Notre Dame at Wisconsin (BTN)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Tennessee Titans at Jacksonville Jaguars (ABC/ESPN)

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# Sports

## State-line sweep

### Patriot swim teams top pair of Ohio rivals

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Coach Matt Slavik was hopeful the Patriot boys could strive for a .500 record this year. But with a roster of only four upper-classmen and nine freshmen, it was unclear if that was a realistic possibility.

Halfway through the season, they are there.

The Jay County High School boys swim team evened its record at 5-5 Thursday as it defeated the Coldwater Cavaliers 143-71 and the Celina Bulldogs 134-95 in a double dual.

The Patriot girls ran their record to 8-2 with wins of 159-66 over Coldwater and 165-88 over Celina.

"I thought it was a great couple wins," said Slavik, whose team will host the Jay County Invitational this weekend with diving at 6 p.m. tonight and swimming at 10 a.m. Saturday. "The boys moved back to .500. ...

"For the way that they came through tonight doing some of their off events, the boys had a great night.

"The girls obviously didn't disappoint at all. ...

"It's good coming off of break and especially in this busy week ... going into this invitational where they're going to see some pretty talented athletes."

Jay County's boys leaned on their seniors for wins Thursday, with Josh Monroe dominating both of his events. He was more than 11 seconds ahead of the field to win the 200 individual medley in 2 minutes, 19.35 seconds, and more than 12 seconds faster than runner-up Jack Zhang of Celina in taking the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.58.

Wyatt Kunkler came up big



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Wyatt Kunkler, a Jay County High School senior, competes Thursday in the 100-yard freestyle during the Patriots' meet against Celina and Coldwater. Kunkler won both the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle as JCHS swept the double dual to even its record at 5-5 on the season. The Patriots will host the Jay County Invitational tonight and Saturday.

for the Patriots in the sprints after some negotiation with Slavik regarding his events. The coach had planned to use him elsewhere to record some times in preparation for lineup decisions later in the year, but Kunkler insisted he felt he needed to be in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

"He came out and dropped three-quarters of a second in his 50 and two seconds in his 100 tonight," said Slavik of Kunkler's winning times of 24.37 in the 50 freestyle and 53.71 in the 100 freestyle. "I guess he really wanted to show me that he knew best tonight. ...

"He's been an extremely coachable kid. ... The lightbulb

went off and it's paying off for him."

Jay County's only other win came in diving, where Brasen Glassford was uncontested as he scored 113.05 points.

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## Indians fall to St. John's

DELPHOS, Ohio — The Indians were able to stay close. But back-to-back victories and their first conference win were not in the cards.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team came up short Thursday in a game in which both teams were seeking their first Midwest Athletic Conference win, falling 44-37 to the host St. John's Blue Jays.

The Tribe (1-8, 0-3 MAC) trailed by just one at the quarter break before falling behind 24-16 at halftime. It closed the gap slightly in the third quarter but was unable to rally as St. John's (3-9, 1-2 MAC) made seven fourth-quarter free throws.

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### Local roundup

lenkamp's 13 points, including a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, led Fort Recovery. Karlie Niekamp tallied six of her 10 points as she handled all of her team's scoring in the opening period.

Emma Will led St. John's to its third straight win — it defeated Fort Jennings 42-32 on Dec. 29 and Paulding 39-30 Tuesday — with 16 points, with 10 of those coming in the fourth quarter. Abby Kerner

recorded all of her dozen points for the Blue Jays in the first half.

### Jay JH girls top FR

FORT RECOVERY — The Jay County seventh grade girls basketball team rolled Thursday to a 30-13 victory over the Fort Recovery Indians while the eighth graders won 34-26.

Kylie Shannon set the tone for the Patriot seventh grade girls, scoring a dozen points.

Elizabeth Brunswick added eight points and Amelia Heath finished with six.

Hallie Schwieterman scored 20 points to power the Jay County eighth grade squad. Kady Allred and Kylie Shannon each added five points.

Fort Recovery stats were not provided.

## Purdue edges Buckeyes

a two-point lead with 6.4 seconds left to play. Then OSU failed even to get up a good shot en route to its first conference loss.

The biggest of those mistakes was failing to inbound the ball when Purdue made it 69-68. Doing so gave the Boilermakers the ball back and a chance to take the lead, which they took full advantage of with Fletcher Loyer (11 points) knocking down a 3-pointer that gave them the lead for good.

Zach Edey and Braden Smith each totaled 16 points as they shot a combined 12-of-23 to lead Purdue. Edey also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds while Smith dished out six assists.

Fletcher Loyer added 11 points and Ethan Morton finished with 10.

The Boilermakers, who were coming off of a 65-64 loss Monday to Rutgers, improved to 14-1 overall with the victory and 3-1 in the Big Ten.

The loss drops the Buckeyes to 11-4 on the season and 3-1 in the Big Ten.

Despite the disappointing loss, Brice Sensibaugh continued what's been an excellent start to his college career, scoring 13 of his team-high 21 points in the first half. It's the fourth 20-point game of his career. Justice Sueing joined him in double figures with 15 points.

Purdue will be back home for consecutive Big Ten contests as it hosts Penn State Sunday and Nebraska on Jan. 13.

### Ohio State mistakes help Boilermakers avoid back-to-back Big Ten defeats

By STEPHEN MEANS  
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Tribune News Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Boilermakers were in danger of back-to-back losses to begin 2023.

Some Ohio State mistakes helped the top-ranked team in the country avoid that fate.

Purdue University's men's basketball team took advantage of some Buckeye turnovers in the final minute Thursday to pull out a 71-69 victory over a squad that was looking for its third win over a top-ranked opponent in the coach Chris Holtmann era.

A late 3-pointer from Sean McNeil (seven points) should've been the end of things as it put Ohio State up 69-66. But the Buckeyes' late-game mistakes allowed the Boilermakers to take