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Attorney arguing self defense

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Video evidence of the murder speaks for itself, the prosecution says.

Self defense, the defense argues, is a viable explanation.

Trial proceedings for Roger L. Boyd Jr., 36, officially began Tuesday with opening statements and three witnesses.

Jury selection for the trial currently slated through Friday took all day Monday.

Court proceedings in the case were scheduled to resume at 8:30 a.m. today.

Boyd is charged with murder and criminal confinement

Prosecution says video evidence of murder speaks for itself

while armed with a deadly weapon, a Level 3 felony. The former police officer was arrested after 49-year-old James P. Miller was shot early Sept. 5, 2020, outside of a house at 1215 S. Bridge St., Portland. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

“To understand this case, you have to see this evidence ... from Roger’s perspective,” explained defense attorney Spenser Bengé during his opening statement. He described the scenario from Boyd’s point of view, saying it

traced back to a motorcycle Boyd loaned to Miller. Boyd retrieved the motorcycle after Miller kept it longer than anticipated, the attorney added. Bengé said Miller and his girlfriend, Nicole L. Burke, appeared at the house Boyd shared with his girlfriend, Brittney Shewmake, in the early hours of Sept. 5, 2020. He described Miller aggressively knocking on the door and windows. After Boyd walked outside and spoke with Miller in the garage, he noticed something in Miller’s hand. A struggle ensued, Bengé said, before Boyd shot Miller several times.

Following the incident, he called the police.

“I want you to keep two things in mind,” Bengé said.

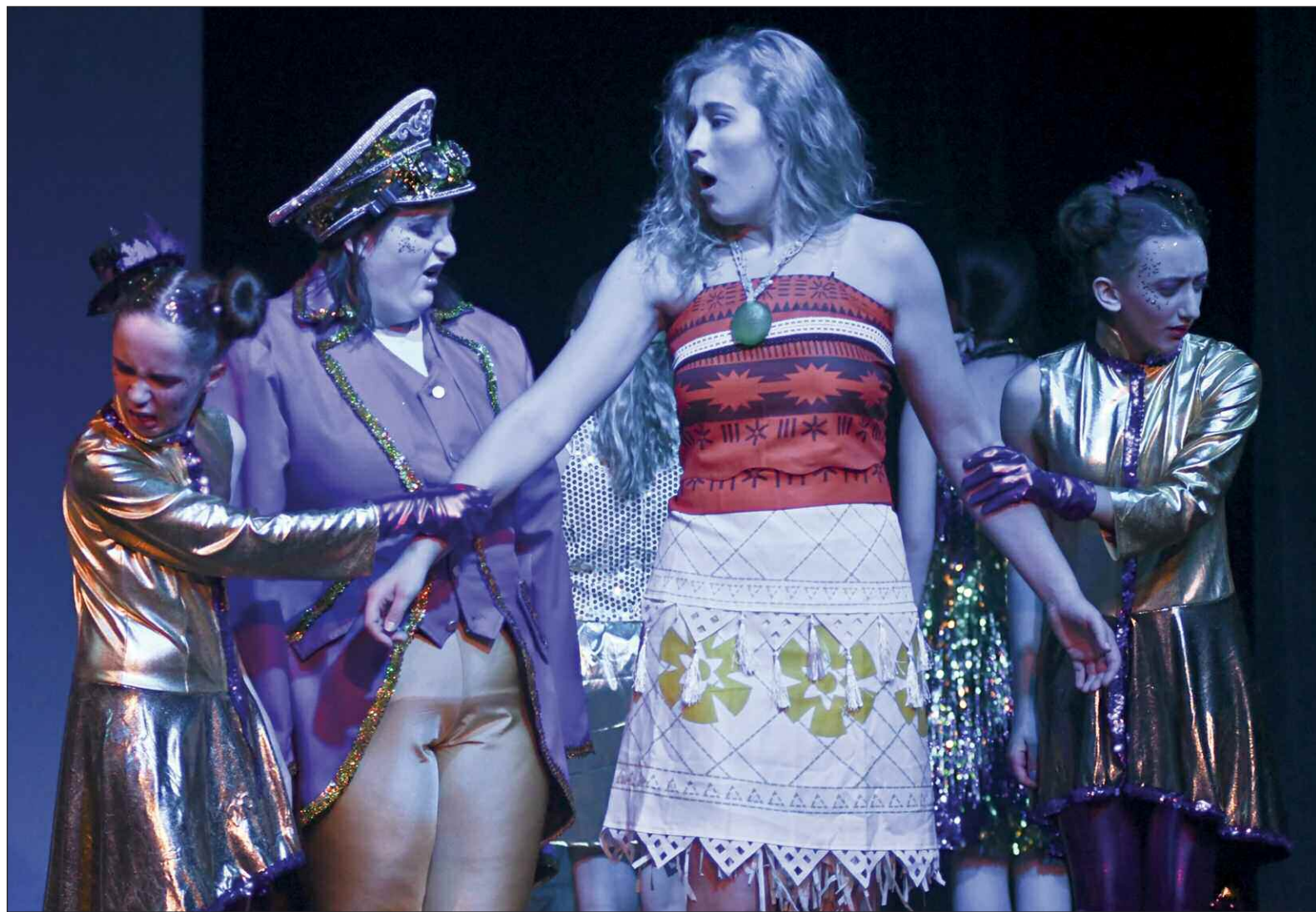
He told the jury to consider if each witness’ testimony is reliable, and to remember the prosecution has to prove that Boyd’s actions were not made in self defense.

“You’re going to find that Roger Boyd is not guilty,” he said.

The prosecution, however, sees the case differently.

“Seeing is believing,” explained chief deputy prosecutor Zec Landers.

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Moana to open

Jay County Civic Theatre’s production of Disney’s “Moana Jr.” opens Thursday at Arts Place. Pictured, the greedy, ruthless, narcissistic and selfish giant crab Tamatoa, played by McKenna Vore, Ava May (right claw) and Ella Littler (left claw), expresses its disgust in discovering that Moana, played by Karla Kunk, is a human while performing during a recent rehearsal. The opening-night show is sold out. Tickets for additional performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, are available online at bit.ly/JCCTMoanaJr, at Arts Place and by calling (260) 726-4809.

Nassar victims suing FBI

By MARK HICKS and KIM KOZLOWSKI

The Detroit News Tribune News Service

DETROIT — Alleging the FBI mishandled its investigation into sexual abuse allegations against Michigan State University sports doctor Larry Nassar, some of gymnastics’ biggest names have filed claims seeking more than \$1 billion against the bureau, attorneys announced today.

Dozens of women, including world-renowned athletes such as Simone Biles, allege they were among those assaulted “due to the FBI’s failure to take required steps to protect them,” their lawyers said in a statement today.

Along with Biles, the Nassar victims filing the latest claims include Olympic gymnasts Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney as well as NCAA gymnast Maggie Nichols.

They join a group of victims who filed administrative claims under the Federal Tort Claim Act in April.

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Experts: Trend to continue

By ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

Post-Tribune (Merrillville) Tribune News Service

Hoosiers are currently paying over \$5 a gallon for gasoline, which experts say won’t decrease soon as demand for gasoline continues through the summer.

As of Tuesday, Indiana’s average gas price reached \$5.153 per gallon, which is higher than the national average of \$4.919, according to the American Automobile Association.

A week ago, Indiana’s gas prices averaged \$4.603, while a month ago the state’s gas prices averaged \$4.218, according to AAA. In June 2021, Indiana’s gas prices averaged \$3.057, according to AAA.

The cost of a barrel of oil is nearing \$120, nearly double from last August, which is caused by an increased oil demand that outpaces global supply, said Andrew Gross, an AAA spokesperson, in a statement. Meanwhile, domestic gasoline prices continued to increase fol-

Indiana’s average gas price has climbed to \$5.51/gallon, up by 50 cents in last month

lowing “a robust” Memorial Day weekend of traveling, Gross said.

“People are still fueling up, despite these high prices,” Gross said. “At some point, drivers may change their daily driving habits or lifestyle due to these high prices, but we are not there yet.”

Micah Pollak, associate professor of economics at Indiana University Northwest, said gas prices have increased more than he expected, but he’s most surprised by the increase in oil cost.

The price of oil fluctuates all the time, Pollak said, but when the price of oil reaches \$100 a barrel or more, people take notice because that

increase is felt at the gas pump.

The last time the cost of a barrel of oil was over \$100 for a consistent period of time was during the 2008 recession, Pollak said.

As the war in Ukraine continues and sanctions on Russia continue, the price of oil will likely continue to increase, Pollak said.

“As long as there is this uncertainty, the price of oil will continue to rise,” Pollak said.

Indiana Democrats have been calling on the Republican leaders to pause the state gas taxes as gas prices increase. As of June, Hoosiers have been paying 74.4 per gallon in gas taxes, Pollak said.

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Commencement adjustment

Jay County High School graduate Kylie Klopfenstein adjusts her cap after Sunday’s commencement ceremony.

Deaths

Jama Stults, 79, rural Bryant

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 76 degrees Tuesday. The low was 50.

Shows and thunderstorms are expected tonight with a low in the mid 50s. The forecast calls for mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 75.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Park Board did not hold its scheduled meeting Tuesday because of lack of a quorum. Board president Brian Ison said the board will likely schedule a special meeting to discuss topics that would have been on Tuesday’s agenda.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of Renna Schwieterman in the IndyStar Indiana girls Junior-Senior All-Star Game.

Saturday — Coverage of the ongoing murder trial stemming from the 2020 shooting of James P. Miller.



Arguing ...

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He said Boyd "intentionally and unjustifiably" killed Miller, noting various phrases Boyd said after the shooting, such as ordering Burke to come inside and asking her "What'd you think was gonna f---ing happen?" Landers said Boyd led Miller into the garage, adding that there were no signs of forced entry.
"The evidence will show Jimmy was shot and left on the garage floor to die," said Landers.
Burke testified that on Sept. 5, 2020, she and Miller visited friends and eventually needed to pick up a key from Boyd.
They stopped at a house then owned by Shewmake, where Boyd was residing. Burke testified Miller knocked on the door but there was no answer.
"He didn't seem angry at all," she said.
(In contradiction, Bengé pointed out, at one point dur-

ing the video she asks Miller "why are you so mad?" Burke said she was referring to a fight she and Miller had the day before.)
According to Burke, she and Miller were outside of Shewmake's home for about 10 to 15 minutes, talking in person to friends. Boyd then came out of the home. Boyd and Miller then went into the garage. It wasn't until after she walked into the side garage door that she noticed Boyd had a gun, she said, adding that Miller had nothing in his hands.
She said after shots were fired Boyd ordered her into the basement. Burke began crying while recounting the experience.
"He shot Jimmy with no remorse and I was scared he was going to do the same to me," she said.
She denied several statements Bengé made in relation to Miller's demeanor and actions, much of which he pulled from a

transcript of her first interview with police. (The prosecution noted her testimony changed during an interview in August 2021.)
Bengé suggested Miller slammed the hood of a Pontiac G6 in the garage, demonstrating a picture with dents on the vehicle. He asked Burke to confirm Miller hit Boyd, sending him back into a toolbox, which scraped across the floor. He showed a photo of marks on the floor. Burke denied witnessing either event.
When asked why her testimony was different prior to August 2021, Burke said she was scared. She started sobbing again and told the jury, "I'm not the same person I was."
Jeff Hopkins, investigator at Portland Police Department, interviewed Boyd and witnesses involved in the case. He testified Tuesday he didn't notice a camera on the scene on Sept. 5, 2020.
Eight months later, police

received footage of the incident from a nearby home security camera. The video depicts Miller and Boyd walking around the driveway before entering the garage. Burke later follows and stands just inside of the doorway. A series of shots can be heard, followed by a woman screaming, "Oh my God, Roger."
Hopkins arrived on scene about 2:35 a.m. that night. About five hours later, he interviewed Boyd at the police station.
Bengé questioned Hopkins' thoroughness in the case. He noted Hopkins didn't wear a body camera or recording device on scene. Bengé suggested Hopkins had a conflict of interest because he previously had sexual relations with a woman who also had a relationship with Boyd at that time.
The court also heard from Jimmie Smith, a former foren-

sic pathologist at Central Indiana Forensic Associates in Indianapolis who conducted Miller's autopsy on Sept. 6, 2020.
Smith testified he found six entry wounds in Miller's body, located in his chest, right shoulder, right arm and right side of his neck. The wounds in his shoulder and neck, he testified, traveled from Miller's back through the front of his body. Miller's death, he concluded, resulted from the multiple gun shot wounds, impacting his heart, lungs, liver and spinal cord.
Smith said he found no stippling — residue burned into the skin resulting from close proximity to a discharged gun — or muzzle imprints on the body or in the clothes.
In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years. A Level 3 felony carries a sentence of 3 to 16 years.

CR almanac

Thursday 6/9	Friday 6/10	Saturday 6/11	Sunday 6/12	Monday 6/13
75/55	73/55	75/58	79/59	81/66
Mostly cloudy skies are in the forecast for Thursday with a high near 75.	Friday looks like rain with a 50% chance of showers. Thunderstorms are possible at night.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday. The low may dip to 58 degrees.	There's a slight chance of rain Sunday. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Another chance of rain, with thunderstorms also possible.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$210 million	Quick Draw: 2-8-21-22-26-31-35-37-39-42-46-47-48-52-63-65-68-75-76-78 Cash 5: 1-12-23-28-41 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
Mega Millions 4-34-40-41-53 Mega Ball: 3 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$226 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-8-0 Pick 4: 6-9-3-5 Pick 5: 3-5-2-9-6 Evening Pick 3: 3-2-7 Pick 4: 9-9-8-7 Pick 5: 2-2-3-9-9 Rolling Cash: 5-12-15-32-38 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-7-2 Daily Four: 9-2-1-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-8-9-16-21-22-24-28-29-31-36-41-52-53-57-67-69-72-76 Evening Daily Three: 9-4-9 Daily Four: 6-7-9-1	

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Today in history

In 452, Attila the Hun invaded Italy.
In 1191, King Richard I joined the Crusaders in Acre in what is now Israel.
In 1504, Michelangelo's sculpture David was installed in Florence. It was commissioned in 1501.
In 1789, James Madison introduced a proposed Bill of Rights in the U.S. House of Representatives.
In 1949, British author George Orwell published "1984," his dystopian novel that warned against totalitarianism.
In 1966, the National Football League and American Football League announced their merger. (It would go into effect in 1970.)
In 1968, James Earl Ray, who was later convicted of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., was captured at the London Airport.
In 2006, Jay County Plan Commission discussed proposed regulations for confined feeding operations following a comprehensive study that was completed in 2005.
In 2009, the United Nations hosted its first World Oceans Day.
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Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Obituaries

Jama Stults
Jan. 25, 1943-June 6, 2022
Jama S. Stults, age 79, of rural Bryant passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022, in the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.
She was born in Portland on Jan. 25, 1943, the daughter of George and Helen (Gilbert) Rohlfing. She was married on Oct. 22, 1960, to Earl W. Stults, who survives.
Jama attended Dunkirk High School and worked for CTS in Berne for 35 years. She was a member of Geneva VFW, was an avid NASCAR fan, and loved western movies, country music and word puzzles.

Surviving are her husband Earl; two sons, Shannon Stults of Warsaw and Bill Stults of Bryant; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Bill Stults; sister-in-law Patti Thieme; two nephews, Stacey Shaneyfelt and Edwin Shaneyfelt; two nieces, Deena Felver and Cynda Stults; two daughters-in-law, Anette Stults and Gina Stults.
She was preceded in death by three sons, Chris, Rick and Nick Stults.
Funeral services will be Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the



Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Alan Crull presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or Jay County Humane Society.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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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.

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Indiana has two taxes on gasoline: the 7% state sales tax and a tax directed to infrastructure projects. The road projects tax that's currently 32 cents a gallon is set to go up by 1 cent in July. The sales tax charged at the pump is calculated monthly and the state revenue department determines it based on the statewide average retail price over a monthlong period.
Politicians don't have power over the price of gasoline, Pollak said, and all they can really do is pause taxes or use oil reserves to help decrease the price slightly.
"This is supply and demand. This is not a political thing," Pollak said.
According to Bloomberg News, the COVID-19 pandemic put a large dent in global oil demand as fewer people were driving to work daily. Crude oil prices fell below \$0, which meant gas prices were fairly low in 2020. As a result of the low prices, energy companies and major oil exporting countries in OPEC cut down crude oil production. U.S. oil demand is about back to where it was pre-COVID, but oil production takes a lot longer to restart than oil consumption as idled wells can't be easily restarted and drilling new wells takes time.
Marie Eisenstein, associate professor of political science for Indiana University Northwest, said politicians could have an indirect impact on gas prices through policy.
For example, stopping construction of The Keystone XL crude oil pipeline sends a message "about commitment to environmental improvements or hostility toward the oil industry" depending on a person's viewpoint, Eisen-

stein said.
According to Reuters, only about 8 percent of the pipeline had been constructed and it was years away from sending Canadian tar sands oil to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. Much of the refined oil product would likely have been exported to countries in Europe or Asia.
"To the extent that decision makers in the energy industry, and other organizations, view the decision to halt construction as indicative of future policy decisions — for or against oil — it causes changes in the market and possibly in company decisions," Eisenstein said.
A company could, for example, switch from investing in crude production to other energy sources in anticipation of future policies, Eisenstein said.
"Individuals and businesses change their behavior in response to changes in government policy," Eisenstein said.
In addition to policy, Eisenstein said, the government adding money into the economy amid the pandemic has led to inflation, which is impacting gas prices.
"These have a cumulative effect," Eisenstein said.

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Board seats up for election

Two board seats are up for election at Jay County Civic Theatre's annual meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. To nominate someone for election, email jaycountycivic@gmail.com.

The group will seek volunteers for its show selection committee and give a brief update on its strategic planning process, with a meal to follow. Members are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. Music, karaoke and games will also be featured at the event.

Hosting derby

West Jay Optimist Club will hold

Taking Note

its free fishing derby next weekend.

The Jerry Nelson Memorial Fishing Derby is scheduled for 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at 9848 W. 600 South, Redkey. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

The derby is for those ages 3 through 17. (Participants younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.)

There will be awards for biggest fish and most fish, and there will be a casting contest. Door prizes will be provided for all participants, and lunch will be served.

Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Sentiment lies in observation

By KWAME DAWES

Of course, the "elderly couple" in Adrienne Christian's witty and tenderly observed poem "Portrait of Pink, or Blush," likely, if they are like me, do not imagine themselves to be "elderly," but what they will appreciate is the sensuality of Christian's observation.

The delicate sentiment in the poem lies in the sug-

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gestion that it is Christian who may be the blushing voyeur at the end of the day, and that, of course, is lovely and generous.

Portrait of Pink, or Blush

when today at a bistro

an elderly couple in jeans, leather

bomber jackets, and heeled boots

stepped down from their stools

to stand and go home—

him behind her,

his bomber jacket zipper

a spine at her back,

him wrapping on her scarf

the heart-shaped cookie she nibbled

the shape of her mouth,

that cookie, puffy,

with still-soft icing white and rose—

I learned

the anthropology of blush

American Life in Poetry We Sing, Edited by Lenard D. Moore (Blair/Carolina Wren Press, 2020.) Introduction copyright ©2022 by The Poetry Foundation. The introduction's author, Kwame Dawes, is George W. Holmes Professor of English and Glenna Luschei Editor of Prairie Schooner at the University of Nebraska.

Wife rethinks polygamy choice

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our 40s. Last year, we decided to make a very big change in our lives. We decided to seek out a second wife (sister wife) for my husband. I was completely on board with it at first. He reached out to a woman he knew years ago and asked if she would consider joining our family. However, I started getting this feeling that she wasn't the right woman to bring into our family. She ignored many of my in-depth questions about why she wanted to live this type of life.

I have expressed to my husband that I no longer want her in my life and it has reached the point that I no longer want to live a plural lifestyle. I felt bad that I'm the one who changed my mind, so I agreed to allow them to continue a relationship — as long as they keep me out of it, and he keeps her out of my home and my life.

I don't understand how he can continue living this way, living two separate lives and be OK with it. We've been together more than 20 years and I don't want to leave, but how can I continue loving a man with my whole heart and soul when he only loves me with part of his? — SISTER WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Relationships such as you describe can work

out when all three of the parties involved feel they are equally valued. Some women tolerate their husband having someone "on the side" because they derive some benefit beyond the emotional connection one associates with marriage. That said, in the final analysis, the only person who can answer the question you're asking me is you.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl. My 16-year-old sister has severe depression and an eating disorder. She has been to the hospital twice because of it, and now she has to go to the hospital every day to get her to eat more. Even though people are helping her, I don't think she's getting better. It makes me feel worried and sad.

My mom has me seeing a therapist, and she helps me to feel better, but it's still hard knowing my sister is having such a hard time. I have

never dealt with anything this hard in my life. I wish I could just not have to always think about how sad I am. I really want everything to be normal. Can you tell me ways to not get so upset about everything that's going on? — HAVING A HARD TIME IN IOWA

DEAR HAVING A HARD TIME: I'm glad you are seeing a therapist you can talk to about your sadness and worry. Being able to discuss them with someone you trust and who isn't emotionally involved can be a blessing.

I do have a suggestion that might help you in addition to your therapy. Participate in sports activities and hobbies that keep your mind occupied. If you keep yourself busy, you will have less time to dwell on your sadness and worry. And please, write me again in a couple of months and let me know how you are doing, because I'm hopeful you will be feeling better than you do right now.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

Today

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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 Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

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 Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at El Camino Real restaurant, 220 NW Lincoln Ave., Portland.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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



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Great race stunt was unforgettable

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from June 21, 2000. Of all of the events Jack got to be a part of as a journalist, *The Great American Race* seemed to be one of his favorite. He frequently told stories about his time on the road, stories like the one in this column.)

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

The Great American Race rolled through Indiana last week, and I admit to feeling a bit of an itch to join it.

The two times I crossed the country covering Spirit of Jay County's adventures in the road rally for vintage vehicles were exhausting, but boy, they were fun.

Fun enough that when Tom Kelsey, a California newspaper photographer who doubles as the official race photographer, asked me back in 1997 to be his driver for about half the race, I quickly said yes.

Kelsey's a character, and we've become close friends thanks to our Great Race experiences.

Some of those have found their way into print.

Back in the Saddle



Others haven't.

And when the race rolled through the state last week, I couldn't help but remember some of the crazier moments along the way.

Prime among them was an afternoon in Colorado.

It was the second year in a row that George Reitenour and his friend Alfred Hadley of Noblesville had decided to run Spirit of Jay County in the race.

By then, George was something of a fixture, with his larger-than-life personality, and the car was a standout at every pit stop along the way.

My friend Kelsey was even more of a fixture. He's participated in all but one of the Great Races since the event's inception. And he's known as a pho-

tographer who will do just about anything to get the shot he's looking for.

That part of Colorado is flat and boring at its best. Kelsey and I were traveling in a "pace car," a new car covered with dozens of promotional tickets. I was behind the wheel, and we were moving in and out of the pack, keeping an eye open for something which might make a special photograph.

Somebody, probably Kelsey, remarked that the countryside looked like that scene in "North by Northwest" where Cary Grant gets strafed by the crop duster. What we needed for a great shot, Kelsey figured, was a crop duster.

The next thing I knew, he was directing me to pull into the drive of a farmhouse. He was hoping to get some information on local dusters, but we hit the jackpot. The farmer was a pilot himself. He'd been watching the old cars go by. And his plane was parked behind the barn.

In a matter of about three minutes, the deal was done. At Kelsey's urging, the pilot would

take off and then fly along the straight route the Great Racers were traveling. He'd be flying low, about telephone-pole height, to assure that the airplane would show up in the picture.

As he took off, I steered us back up the road, into the thick of the Great Racers.

What followed happened so quickly that it's hard to describe.

With Kelsey standing up in the passenger seat, the top half of his body out through the sunroof, I started positioning us between cars, keeping enough distance so as not to throw off the concentration of the rally drivers.

The next thing I knew, the car ahead of us was Spirit of Jay County. The second after that, I saw the airplane on the horizon in the rearview mirror. Then I heard Kelsey laughing crazily. The pilot was coming in lower and lower, far lower than he'd been asked to do.

Kelsey kept shooting film as it approached. And by the time it went over us, it was so low that he had to duck back in the car. In the outside rearview mirror, I

could see the left wheel of the aircraft all too clearly. It seemed even with my head.

Then it was over us and closing on Spirit of Jay County. I stepped on the gas and brought us close enough for Kelsey to get everything in the frame.

The pilot buzzed Spirit so closely I feared George would have a heart attack. Then, incredibly, it went even lower, touching a wheel on the pavement in front of the car as a kind of farewell before moving off into the sky.

Kelsey was laughing hysterically. George and Alfred were incredulous when we drove past.

At the next pit stop, they cornered us. You boys know anything about that. They asked.

Our shrugs were unconvincing.

It was a crazy stunt. But the statute of limitations has run out by now.

And the pictures were apparently great. Trouble is, the number on the aircraft was clearly visible. Publication would have landed the pilot on hot water instantly.

Gun violence is a solvable crisis

Dallas Morning News

Tribune News Service

As the murdered children of Uvalde are laid to rest this week, our nation needs to muster the courage and political will to treat rising gun violence and mass shootings as an acute public health crisis.

When auto accidents claimed a large number of lives, government and industry dollars funded research to make cars safer, leading to seat belts, airbags and other now standard safety features. Public health studies that linked smoking to cancer, lung disease and other health risks changed smoking habits. Subsequent legal action held tobacco companies responsible for having hidden the health risks associated with their products.

The Second Amendment protects gun ownership in America. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the individual right to own guns in the Heller decision. In that same ruling, Justice Antonin Scalia also noted that "like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited" and that "the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

Federal dollars are slowly returning to gun violence research after more than two decades on the sidelines due to fears that scientific study would lead to gun control. But gun violence research is funded at about \$63 per life lost, making it the second-most-neglected major cause of death, according to a 2017 estimate in the Journal of the American Medical Association. While mass shootings at schools rightly spotlight the need for school security, more young people have died from gun violence of all kinds than car crashes, which are second, and drug overdoses, which are third.

But as a nation, we need to know more about gun violence. A research letter in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that firearm-related deaths increased 13% between 2019 and 2020, with the biggest jump — a stunning 30% — occurring among those under 19 years of age.

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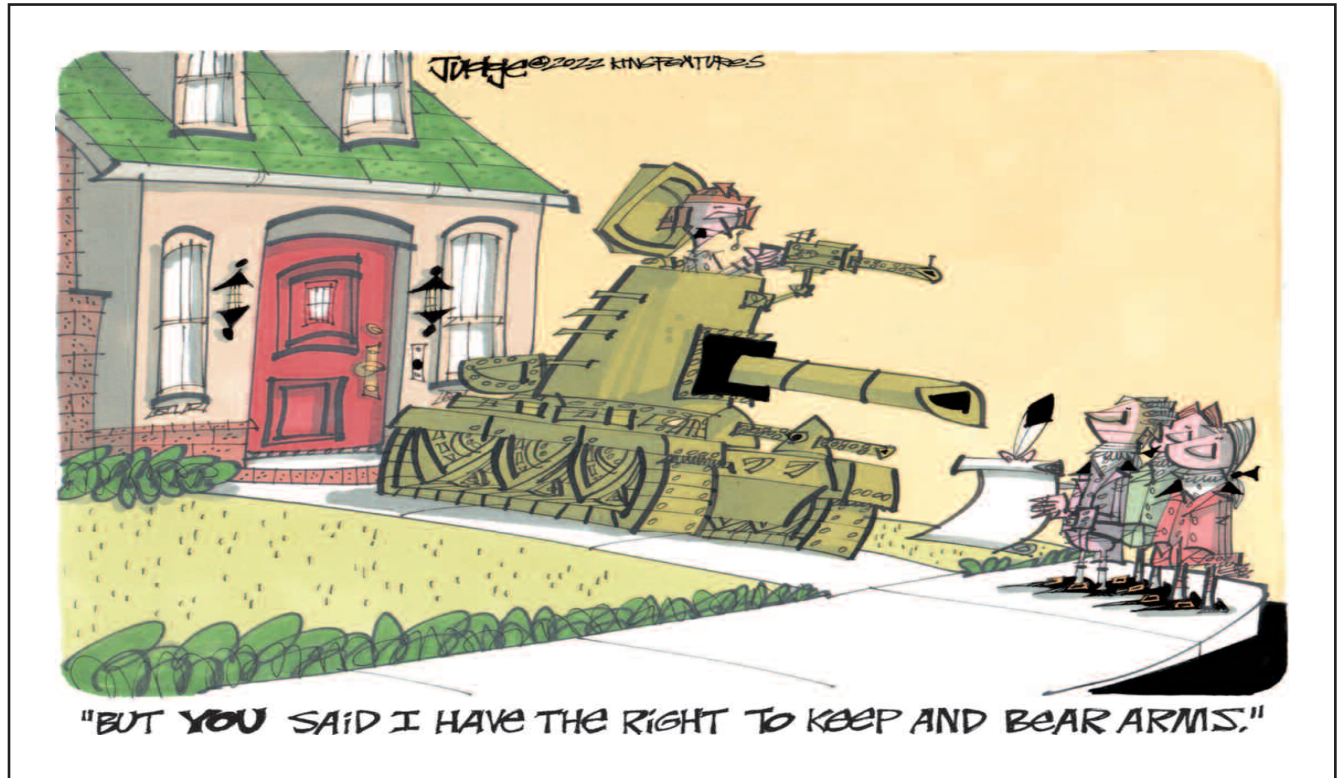
... a more rigorous examination of gun deaths and injuries as a public health crisis will allow researchers to better determine how to prevent such deaths.

And of the 45,222 deaths from gun violence in 2020, roughly 10% were children and teenagers.

But here's the shocker: Roughly 65% of gun deaths among adults were suicides and 30% were homicides. However, among teens and younger Americans, those percentages are roughly flipped, the statistics show.

The nation needs to increase mental health investments and pass sensible gun safety regulations at the federal and state levels. Public support exists for background checks, age limits on weapons purchases, red flag laws and mandatory training for firearm owners. Most of all, the nation has to break the cycle of violence, and a more rigorous examination of gun deaths and injuries as a public health crisis will allow researchers to better determine how to prevent such deaths.

Families and communities wracked by gun violence are forever broken, and the rest of us share their grief and fear that a gunman could mete out carnage on our families and friends. As a society, we must not allow this carnage to persist.



Sanctions fatigue is Putin's obstacle

By LIONEL LAURENT

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The momentum behind Western sanctions against Vladimir Putin is flagging. Even as the European Union toasts its toughest restrictions yet against the Russian war machine — including a partial ban on oil imports — concessions are mounting, from exempting pipeline crude to removing Putin's favorite cleric from the sanctions list.

Hungary's Viktor Orban, an admirer of Putin, is clearly playing a big role in splintering the united front. But the risk of fatigue and waning morale goes well beyond Budapest. The cost of hitting Putin where it hurts — energy — is preying on many leaders' minds at a time of high inflation and economic slowdown, as is the grim sight of Russia's advance regaining momentum after 100 days of fighting.

Along with differences of opinion percolating inside and outside the EU over what an endgame might look like, this doesn't bode well for the near term. Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, who now must reassemble her governing coalition after its collapse last week, is keen to keep tightening the screws on Moscow. But she acknowledges everything will get more "difficult" from here — with little chance of a gas embargo in the next raft of restrictions.

It's time for a different approach — or a "pause," as Kallas' Belgian counterpart, Alexander De Croo, puts it.

There's no easy fix for sanctions fatigue. The "financial weapon" is an imperfect tool that is prone to patchy enforcement and unintended consequences. The unprecedented scale of sanctions against Putin's inner circle, as well as Russia's financial system, airlines and trade, will contribute to an estimated 10% decline

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in Russian gross domestic product this year. But it has not deterred or dislodged Putin.

Worse, there have also been some counterproductive effects. The rising price of energy has lined Putin's pockets while impoverishing importers. Russia's oil-and-gas revenue will be about \$285 billion this year, according to Bloomberg Economics estimates. Throw in other commodities, and that more than offsets \$300 billion in Russian foreign reserves frozen as part of the sanctions.

And while seizing the yachts and villas of wealthy oligarchs feels good, it's jarring to see Western firms leaving Russia sell assets to those billionaires who are effectively too big to be sanctioned.

Even if the long-term answer here will be to go harder and faster against Russia, it will be vital to shore up economic defenses at home first. Barclays Plc estimates a full embargo on Russian natural gas may reduce euro-area GDP by 4% compared to a baseline scenario; without extra economic support for households, the rhetoric of Orban — who tastelessly compares energy sanctions to an economic "nuclear bomb" — will spread.

Already, a YouGov survey from April found European public opinion somewhat conflicted: More than 30% of respondents in seven countries including Spain and Italy advocated investing in trade and diplomacy

with Russia, rather than defense and security.

Without light at the end of the economic tunnel, the public mood might turn. If this war drags on and becomes a test of morale, the West and the EU have the advantage in terms of resources and human capital, as Miguel Otero Iglesias of the Elcano Royal Institute has noted. But that comes with a need to protect the most vulnerable in society; fiscal support should be "inevitable," he rightly adds.

Pandemic-style support measures should inspire Europe's next policy steps, whether via the joint borrowing structure of the EU's recovery fund or "SURE" loans offered to member states to protect employment. Unity really will be strength at a time of rising interest rates and fragile public finances — especially as Putin starts to throttle gas supplies to countries that don't play by his rules.

It is easy to assume, as some have, that the dividing line in this conflict is between those who want to accommodate Putin and those who are on Ukraine's side. This is neither accurate nor helpful. The journey of Italy is especially instructive: Before Putin's invasion, Mario Draghi was mulling deeper gas ties with Russia. He has since supported an oil ban and backed sending heavy weapons to Ukraine despite domestic political resistance.

Yet he has also called for a common response to rising energy costs and urged the U.S. to think "carefully" about what a cease-fire might look like. With sanctions fatigue threatening to set in, it's Draghi's approach, not Orban's, that should inform the West's next steps.

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U.S. Olympic gymnasts, from left, Aly Raisman, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney and NCAA and world champion gymnast Maggie Nichols are approached by Sen. Pat Leahy (D-Vermont) after their testimony during a Senate Judiciary hearing about the Inspector General's report on the FBI handling of the Larry Nassar investigation of sexual abuse of Olympic gymnasts, on Capitol Hill on Sept. 15, 2021, in Washington, D.C.

Omicron shot is 'superior' in trials

By ROBERT LANGRETH
Bloomberg News
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Moderna Inc. said its COVID-19 vaccine that targets omicron generated a "superior" immune response against the variant compared to its original shot in a widely awaited study that could pave the way for another round of boosters in the fall.

The trial is one of the first to examine whether omicron-specific immunizations may offer better protection against the strain currently driving outbreaks worldwide. With the virus mutating rapidly, medical experts are trying to decide when and how to modify vaccines to best thwart existing and future variants. Unlike with influenza, there's no established system yet in place to determine how often COVID vaccines should be updated or administered.

Moderna plans to submit the data to drug regulators in the coming weeks, the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company said in a statement. The magnitude of the antibody increases produced by the booster suggests that COVID shots would not have to be given more than once a year, Moderna Chief Medical Officer Paul Burton said.

"It is not a borderline result, it is really very robust," he said in an interview. "We know that level will decay over time, but being able to boost it up that high is really remarkable."

Moderna shares rose 2.9% as of 9:35 a.m. Wednesday in New York. They've lost about two-thirds of their value since peaking at \$484.47 in August, as concern about the pandemic eases.

Suing ...

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They claim the bureau did not immediately or properly respond to alleged sexual assaults by Nassar first reported to its Indianapolis office in July 2015.

The attorneys claim Nassar assaulted an estimated 90 young women and children between July 28, 2015, and Sept. 12, 2016.

"In July 2015 the FBI received credible complaints from numerous sources and corroborating evidence of Dr. Larry Nassar's sexual assaults of young women and children over the course of several years and across the globe," according to a statement.

"These FBI officials were then able to immediately end Nassar's

predation. However, the FBI was grossly derelict in their duties by declining to interview gymnasts who were willing to talk about the abuse, failing to transfer the complaint to Lansing Michigan where Nassar was continuing to abuse girls, ignoring its obligation to report child abuse to relevant state and federal agencies and lying to Congress, the media and FBI headquarters about their lack of diligence in investigating the Nassar complaint."

FBI representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Federal Tort Claim Act, a statute used to secure a 2021 settlement for victims of the 2018

shooting in the Parkland, Florida, high school shooting.

The victims in that mass shooting reached a \$127.5 million settlement with the federal government.

Nassar sexually abused and sexually assaulted dozens of girls and young women while at MSU and with USA Gymnastics.

"The FBI knew that Larry Nassar was a danger to children when his abuse of me was first reported in September of 2015," Nichols said in a statement. "For 421 days, they worked with USA Gymnastics ... to hide this information from the public and allowed Nassar to continue molesting young women and

girls. It is time for the FBI to be held accountable."

The victims also include those who testified or spoke out in court about their experiences with Nassar.

"I am in utter disgust that the Department of Justice has no concern for the extent of trauma we have lived with since and every day since," said Arianna Guerrero, who was 13 when seeing Nassar in 2014 at MSU for a gymnastic-related back injury. "There are two responsible FBI agents that are living their everyday life with no accountability, but they have left so many victims with unanswered questions, no justice, and little hope left."

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Sports

Shooting for season best

Patriots looking to improve score at regional

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Taking a team to the regional tournament has been a rare accomplishment for the Patriots.

Coach Dave Haines is hopeful his group can further prove they belong in the field.

The Jay County High School boys golf team will compete in a regional tournament for just the fourth time in its 47-year history when it tees off at 8 a.m. Thursday at The Players Club at Woodland Trails in Yorktown.

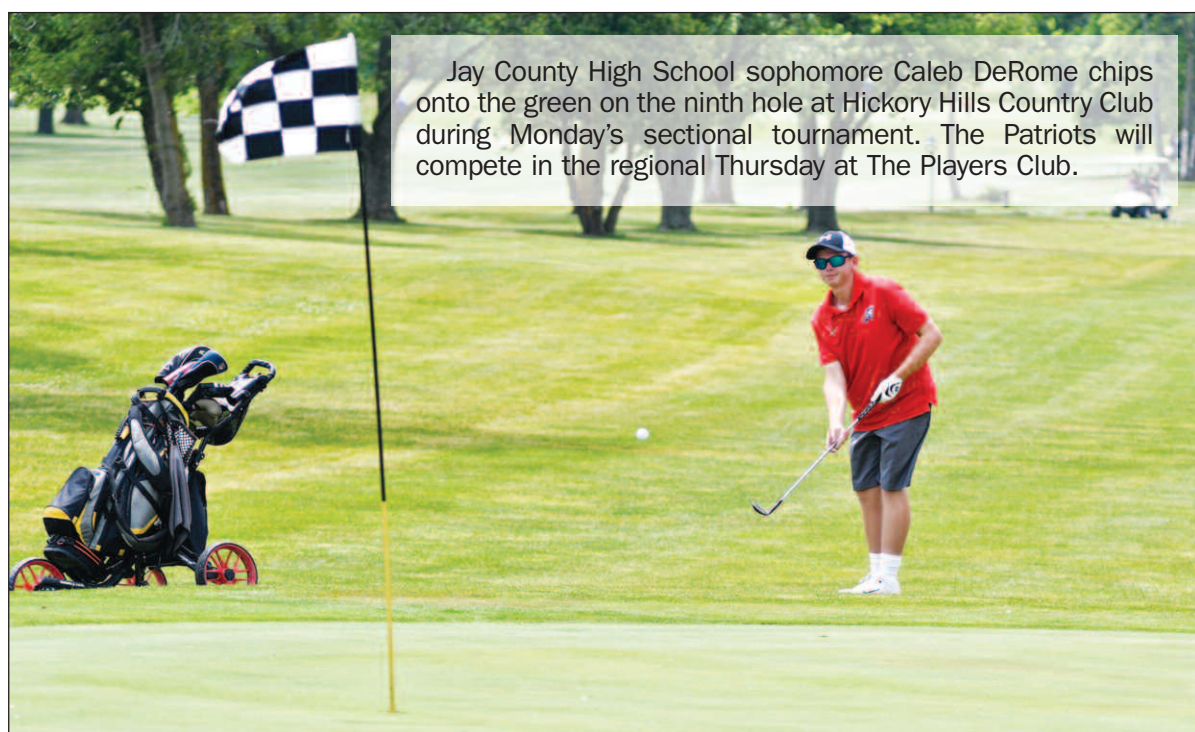
"We've already proven we can shoot in the 330s," said Haines. "We shot 331 at Winchester. So my goal is to break that, to break 330 and shoot in the 320s. Set the bar high and see if we can do that. ..."

"A 360 just wasn't a good score to get to regionals. That typically won't get you there. I would like to show ... that we can shoot in the low 330s or even break into the 320s."

The 360 Jay County shot Monday to finish third at Hickory Hills Country Club was the highest among the regional qualifiers. Northeastern was next with a 345 in the tournament hosted by Union County at Liberty Country Club.

No. 12 Cathedral and No. 13 Noblesville are favored to battle for the regional title after posting sectional championship scores of 303 and 310, respectively.

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Jay County High School sophomore Caleb DeRome chips onto the green on the ninth hole at Hickory Hills Country Club during Monday's sectional tournament. The Patriots will compete in the regional Thursday at The Players Club.

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Jay County knocks off Eels

FORT RECOVERY — The visiting team won six more individual events.

It also won six more relays.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team used those relatively slim margins at the top of its lineup to knock off the Fort Recovery Eels 753-512 Tuesday in the season opener for both teams.

Sweeps in the 8-and-younger and 11-12-year-old boys division led Jay County to its victory. Jackson Westgerdes took the top spot in the long freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke in the youngest age division while Sam Gibson was first in the backstroke, individual medley and short freestyle. For the 11-12-year-old boys, Cooper Glentzer earned wins in the backstroke, individual medley and short freestyle while Carson Westgerdes was first in the long

Local roundup

freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke.

Other triple winners for Jay County were Addisyn Champ, Jordyn Champ, Maria Laux and Josh Monroe.

Makenna Huelskamp took the top spot for the Fort Recovery girls in the 13-14-year-old butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke while Teigen Fortkamp recorded victories in the 15-and-older long freestyle, backstroke and individual medley. For the boys team, Wyatt Gann was first in the 9-10-

year old boys backstroke, short freestyle and long freestyle.

Rockets blanked

The Portland Rockets could not find any offense Tuesday as they lost 11-0 to the visiting Fort Wayne Jackers.

Portland (7-5), which had been averaging 6.7 runs per game, was limited to just three hits against the Jackers. Two of those came from Dakota Durick, while 2018 Jay County High School graduate Max Moser had the other.

Fort Wayne, meanwhile, took control with five runs in the top of the first inning off of Rockets starter Nick Bailey. It added another five runs in the seventh.

Bailey suffered the loss, giving up six runs on eight hits and a walk in two innings of work.

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