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Staff at the Phoenix Theatre in Livonia demonstrate what a concession transaction will look like when the theater reopens. Associate managers Bryan Gerathy and Heather Canary, right, sell popcorn to general manager Ronnie Yount.

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Dental office closure was temporary nightmare for patient

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No worries, Manal Chamseddine thought, when she agreed in February to be fitted for a permanent dental crown at Midwestern Dental in Canton Township.

Midwestern was paid up front for the procedure – Chamseddine contributed \$150 out of pocket, with the remaining cost covered by her insurance plan – and she was fitted with a temporary crown for two to three weeks until the permanent piece was ready.

Then the coronavirus pandemic reared its ugly head, closing down dental practices and most everything else for close to three months.

The Canton Township resident expected the process to continue smoothly once dental practices were allowed to reopen by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on May 29, but she quickly learned that nothing is guaranteed during a pandemic.

“Once dental offices were allowed to reopen, I didn’t hear from Midwestern. I thought, ‘Why aren’t they calling me?’” Chamseddine recalled. “I called and emailed them with no response. On (June 8), I visited the office in person and discovered that the lights were off and the front door was locked.

“There was a gentleman outside the office, too, waiting to get in. He said he had a 10 a.m. appointment.

“I saw other people sitting in their cars outside the office, waiting for the doors to open.”

The doors never opened – and apparently they never will. Midwestern Dental shut down its operations for good, without notifying its patients.

“I thought to myself, ‘I’m doomed!’” she said. “I’m out the money I paid. I don’t have the crown. I figured there was no way my insurance company is going to pay twice for the same procedure.”

After sharing her predicament on social media, Chamseddine learned that files from Midwestern had been relocated to Redwood Dental, approximately one mile from the closed office.

“I’m confused as to why I had to learn about this from Facebook and not directly from Midwestern Dental,” Chamseddine said. “I work in

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Movie theaters prepare for expected reopening

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It took closing down for more than three months for Tearis Reid to realize the magic of movie theater popcorn.

The vice president of operations for Phoenix Theatres said he’s gotten so used to being around the salty, buttery smell of the movie theater staple that he doesn’t typically notice it. But he said it sparked something in him when the company fired up its poppers for the first time in months.

“I don’t even notice the smell of popcorn anymore,” he said. “When we fired up that popcorn popper and I smelled it again for the first time in three months, it was amazing.

“I was like, ‘I miss the taste, I miss the smell.’”

It’s certain Reid isn’t alone: for the last three months, movie theaters have been shuttered by the state, closed down to help stop the spread of COVID-19, a virus that has infected more



Gerathy demonstrates the use of a disinfectant spray that Phoenix Theatre employees will use to clean all seats in the theater between showings.

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Teens share stories of teacher, ex-coach charged with CSC

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Now in the grips of the criminal justice system, a Northville High School math teacher was known by some students as a friend, tutor, mentor and father figure.

For others, he was a touchy, creepy personal-space intruder who, once arrested, prompted them to share those

experiences with police.

Early this year Northville Township police talked to and heard from Northville students about their teacher Jason William Dean, who has been charged with five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in a case alleging a sexual relationship with a student a decade ago.



Dean

The 36-year-old Livonia man then was teaching at Cedar Crest Academy, a private K-8 school near Clarkston. He was coaching soccer and basketball for the school when authorities allege he became fixated on a 14-year-old female student.

She has told investigators she was sexually assaulted on school grounds, at after-school events and at other locations.

He is also a former Livonia-based Michigan Hawks soccer coach.

A Feb. 5 Northville Township police report indicates his behavior with students was at least questionable at Northville High School and led to prosecutors reviewing evidence for a fourth-degree CSC forcible contact charge.

A partially-redacted police report

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Carjacker escapes from Westland Food Store parking lot

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Westland police are looking for a man suspected in a May 25 carjacking outside Westland Food Store on Venoy Road.

The man is described as being in his mid- to late-20s, at least 5 feet, 7 inches tall, of thin build and with short dark-colored hair.

Police shared a video of the white man running toward another man in the parking lot, reaching behind his back, as if reaching for a weapon, and then entering a vehicle and driving south on Venoy Road.

The carjacker had a large tattoo on the right side of his chest and was wearing green camouflage shorts at the time.

The stolen vehicle is a black 2009 Toyota Corolla with a "thin blue line" and "thin red line" American flag stickers on the rear windshield.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 734-722-9600.

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Westland police suspect this man in a May 25 carjacking outside Westland Food Store.
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I-96 corridor shooter seeks to vacate conviction

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Raulie Wayne Casteel, the shooter who scared motorists along the Interstate 96 corridor in 2012, is seeking to have his conviction overturned.

In 2014, the Wixom man was convicted of several felonies, including terrorism, for shooting at vehicles along the I-96 corridor in a series of attacks that had spanned four counties two years earlier.

Court records show Casteel filed a motion in the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court in December.

His trial was handled by the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

A spokesperson for the AG's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to the motion, Casteel claims he was denied his right of due process due to his counsel's failure to raise an insanity defense.

Additionally he said his appellate counsel was "ineffective for failing to present a claim of ineffective assistance of trial counsel for counsel's failure to raise an insanity defense."

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld his conviction in response to previous appeal in 2015.

In that appeal, he alleged he was denied the right to present expert testimony regarding his mental illness.

The appeals court disagreed, saying a diminished capacity defense is not applicable under Michigan law.

The court also refused his argument that evidence in his case was not sufficient to support the jury's conviction on the terrorism charge.

Insanity defense

Casteel is seeking an appointed attorney, his conviction overturned and a hearing to resolve the issues raised in the motion.

Casteel says in the motion that his trial counsel should have recognized the symptoms of mental illness.

"After his arrest Mr. Casteel expresses his demons or thoughts to counsel and law enforcement alike. His delusions are not the thoughts of a mentally stable person," Casteel's motion says.

A doctor at the Center for Forensic Psychology found Casteel competent to stand trial but concluded he did suffer from mental illness.



Casteel

"Counsel's failure to raise an insanity defense was not only ineffective assistance of counsel but it deprived his client of the treatment he would receive from a mental health facility instead of the limited care he received today in the M.D.O.C.," the motion says.

Three-day shooting spree

Casteel was sentenced in February 2014 to 18-40 years in prison for his three-day shooting spree in which he fired a 9-mm pistol out the window of his vehicle, targeting 23 separate vehicles.

The incidents began Oct. 16, 2012, and stopped Oct. 18 that year, occurring in Livingston, Oakland, Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

An expansive task force was formed to identify the shooter, which was made possible when a motorist in Livingston County provided detailed information about the shooter's license plate.

At trial, Casteel testified that he was not trying to harm people, but was shooting at cars because he was told to by a coded message he received in a Detroit Tigers game and because the long lines of traffic triggered the "demons" in his mind.

His paranoia included believing people were targeting his family and that military aircraft were flying over his home when he lived in Kentucky.

"I saw a long line of traffic, felt fear and anxiety and shot," Casteel testified in January 2014. "I can't testify to the number, but I did fire at cars, yes."

The jury, however, agreed with prosecutors' argument that Casteel's actions were deliberate and premeditated.

In addition to terrorism, the jury convicted Casteel of felonious assault, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intention, intentional discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Casteel also was sentenced in Oakland County to up to 12 years in prison for the shootings that occurred on Wixom Road in Wixom.

His sentence was part of a plea deal with prosecutors, in which Casteel pleaded no contest but mentally ill to nine counts of assault with intent to cause great bodily harm less than murder.

Casteel is housed at the Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe.

His earliest eligibility for parole is November 2030.

Dad says seizure caused teen to crash into library

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A Milford teen seems to have experienced a seizure at the wheel before he crashed into the Milford Public Library earlier this month.

According to a police report, officers visited the Family Drive building at 9:24 p.m. June 12 after they saw a vehicle with extensive rear damage nearby.

The driver's father said he was helping his son, 16, practice how to navigate parking spots and drive between lines when the crash happened.

When backing out of a parking spot, the teen seems to have suffered a seizure, stepped on the gas pedal and backed into the library.

There was damage to both the vehicle and building. Library officials said some wall repairs are needed.

The teen was not injured.

Police: Man caught fondling himself in Canton parking lot

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A 56-year-old Northville resident is accused of exposing and publicly fondling himself outside the Kroger grocery store on North Canton Center Road in Canton Township.

Township police said the Northville man committed aggravated indecent exposure in front of a female on June 15.

Online court records indicate an arraignment on the felony charge has taken place, and the man is scheduled for more court appearances later this summer.

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Macaroni Grill in Livonia appears closed for good

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Could an Italian restaurant along the Haggerty Road corridor not reopen its doors after the coronavirus pandemic? All signs point to it.

The Romano's Macaroni Grill, 39300 Seven Mile in Livonia, appears to have closed permanently.

While a sign in the door says the Italian restaurant is temporarily closed, other signs point to its closure being permanent: Google lists the eatery as permanently closed, the restaurant does not appear on the Macaroni Grill website, and there are stickers indicating inspection department violations on the front door. The location's page on the company's website also displays an

error message when visited and the restaurant's phone number appears disconnected.

A message seeking comment on the restaurant's status was sent to Macaroni Grill but not returned by press time. The company's website does not list Michigan as a location for any of its restaurants.

Tax records indicate the restaurant was built in 1993. Information on the violation listed on the city of Livonia's online property inquiry states the restaurant closed March 20 and that a complaint was first looked into earlier this month regarding a vacant or abandoned building. A follow-up is expected to take place July 6, according to online documents.

Jerome Hannah, the city's director of



Livonia's Macaroni Grill at Seven and Haggerty has apparently closed for good. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

inspection, said since the building has been vacant for more than 90 days, it would require inspection and the correction of any outstanding violations

before occupancy could occur, per the city's ordinance on vacant and abandoned buildings.

If the restaurant remains closed, it joins several others across the region that have closed their doors in recent weeks. Several restaurants in Westland, Plymouth, South Lyon and Milford have shuttered their doors since dining rooms closed down in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The restaurant closing its doors would not be the only such restaurant to close along Haggerty Road in Livonia in the last year. The Claddagh Irish Pub on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile closed down in December after operating for 15 years.

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State puts coronavirus field hospital at Suburban Collection Showplace on pause

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The second field hospital opened by the State of Michigan to care for COVID-19 patients has closed its doors for the time being.

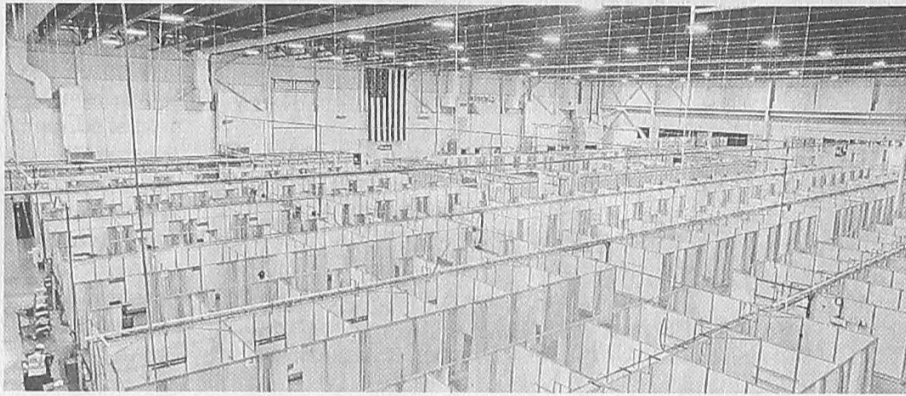
The state placed the field hospital at the Suburban Collection Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River in Novi, on a temporary hold after the number of coronavirus patients needing hospitalization decreased across the region.

The state last discharged a patient from the facility June 11 and closed it down June 19, said Michelle Grinnell, a state spokeswoman. The center, which cared for 16 patients since it opened in late April, was staffed by Ascension Michigan employees.

In a statement, the state announced the closure was a result of efforts made to reduce the spread of the coronavirus over the last few months and the lack of needing overflow space to hospitalize those who have contracted COVID-19.

"Ultimately, it is the best scenario possible for Michigan that Stay Home, Stay Safe efforts, the continued practice of social distancing, an economic re-opening strategy based on data, and the incredible efforts of our health care providers have ensured as we are in a position to pause the SCS Regional Care Center, even as we remain ready for whatever may come next," the statement read.

Despite not accepting patients at the time, the state said the closure was a pause and the field hospital could be re-activated if the number of COVID-19 cases grows in the future. The state



The state announced June 19 that the field hospital at Suburban Collection Showplace has been closed as the number of coronavirus hospitalizations declines across the region. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

signed a six-month lease to use the convention center earlier this year that runs through the end of September. The lease is for \$1.1 million per month and can be canceled by the state with a five-day notice.

Hospitalizations across the region for treating COVID-19 patients have declined significantly. Beaumont Health - which has hospitals in Farmington Hills, Wayne, Royal Oak, Troy, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe and Trenton - reported 143 hospitalizations of coronavirus patients as of June 19, which is down from the peak of 1,101 in early April.

Combined numbers from the St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Mercy Health - which has hospitals in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Pontiac, Howell, Chelsea, Grand Rapids, Shelby and Muskegon - list 30 coronavirus patients across the system as of June 18. Of those, there are five confirmed cases at St. Mary Mercy

Hospital in Livonia.

The closure of the field hospital comes several weeks after the first such facility was opened by the state: the treatment facility at the TCF Center in downtown Detroit closed in May.

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Farmington Hills man wins \$376K from lottery

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A Farmington Hills man thought his mind was playing tricks on him when he won \$376,090 from the Michigan Lottery.

"I was emptying my pockets after doing some work in the garage when the ticket fell out," the 41-year-old said in a release. "I scanned the ticket with the Lottery app and when the confetti popped up on the screen, I thought my mind was playing tricks on me."

The man, who chose to keep his identity anonymous, bought his winning ticket at Mac's Liquor II, located at 22399 Northline Road in Taylor. The winning numbers, 01-03-09-22-34, were drawn April 28 in the lottery's Fantasy 5 jackpot.

He spent \$1 on the ticket.

When he picked up his winnings at the lottery headquarters in Lansing, the man told employees he plans to buy his dream car, a Corvette, and a new home with the small fortune.

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Notice of Public Hearing CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICATION NO.: #2361-0620
APPLICATION: Margate Residential Development - Cluster Housing Option (CHO)
APPLICANT: Mr. Tim Loughrin, Robinson Brothers Homes
PROPOSED ACTION: Consideration and Approval of a Cluster Housing Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 15, 2020
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting Cluster Housing Option (CHO) consideration and approval on Tax ID No. R-78-056-99-0019-000, R-78-056-99-0018-002, and R-78-056-99-0007-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, as amended. The property is located at 9295 N. Canton Center Road, 9319 N. Canton Center Road, and a portion of 45801 Ann Arbor Road. The site is zoned the R-1-S, Single Family Residential district. Section 22.1 of the Zoning Ordinance permits optional methods of development and arrangement of single-family structures on parcels less than forty (40) acres as a Cluster Housing Option in the R-1-S District. The applicant is proposing a residential condominium development (30, single family, detached homes) on 10.58 acres with access onto Canton Center Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Department (second-floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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customer service and to handle this the way they did is unacceptable.”

Once Chamseddine contacted Redwood Dental, she discovered that all of her files and her permanent crown had been transferred to Redwood.

“As it turns out, the dentist who worked on my crown, ‘Dr. T’ (Dr. Mays Tokatly) gathered up all of her patients’ files before the Midwestern Dental office was closed for good,” Chamseddine said. “She works for Redwood now and she was able to secure my permanent crown. I am forever grateful to her.”

“I totally understand that some businesses have been devastated by the COVID crisis, but I am disappointed Midwestern didn’t handle this better, especially considering this is a health issue.”

Midwestern Dental’s permanent closure spurred the creation of another Facebook page that has been set up as a place where former employees can find new employment and former patients

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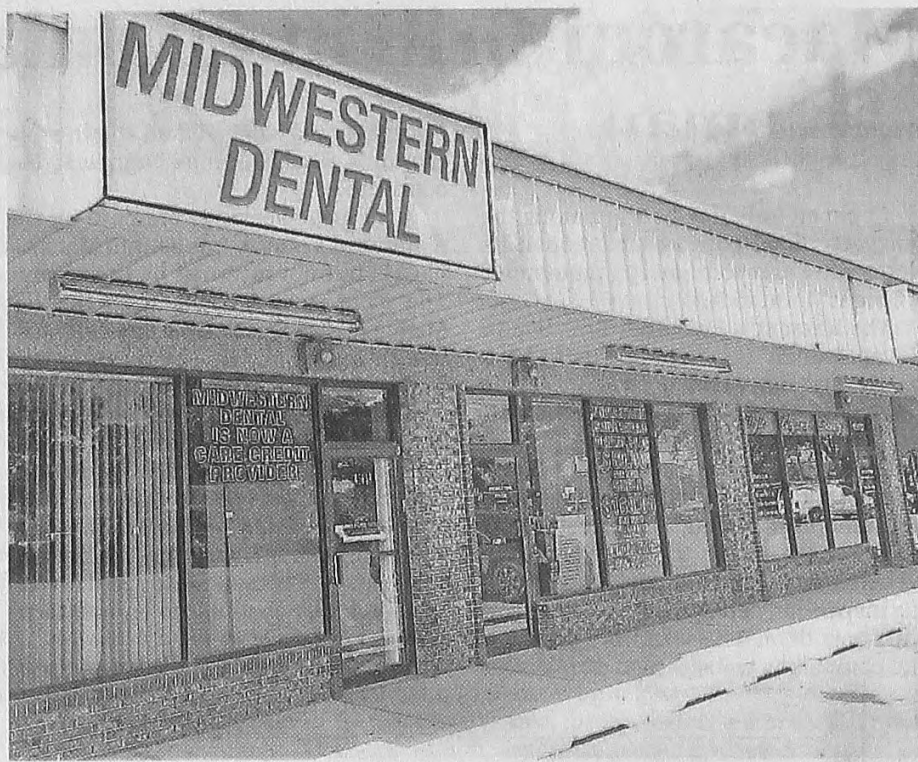
Manal Chamseddine

can find a new dental office.

According to posts on the Facebook page, many of the former Midwestern patients are being redirected to either Comfort Dental Spa or Redwood Dental.

Former patients have inquired about their Midwestern membership plans, and former patients with braces have used the page to find new dental professionals.

Contact Ed Wright at edwright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



Canton’s Midwestern Dental has closed for good, leaving patients in the lurch. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Teacher

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included statements from several Northville students in Dean’s classrooms.

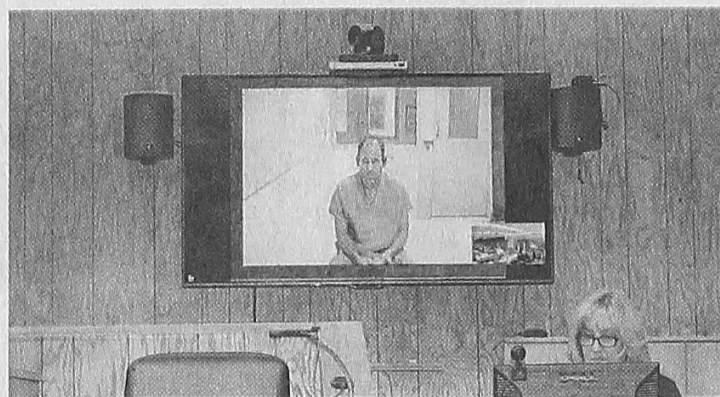
Students described Dean as seemingly welcoming with a genuine concern for the students.

“All the kids were like best friends with him. They would always go to his classroom and talk to him because his room was like a safe space,” one student told police.

Students told police the teacher would sometimes buy lunch for female students, let students borrow his car and would meet them outside class for tutoring. One mentioned babysitting for Dean. In those statements, students told police nothing inappropriate ever happened.

Other students painted a less rosy picture.

A student alleged the teacher “groped” her butt “a little bit” as well as traced his finger in a cutout opening in



Jason William Dean appeared by video for his arraignment on two criminal sexual conduct charges Jan. 30 in Waterford’s 51st District Court.

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the back of her shirt.

Another student talked about his invading personal space and his comments on students’ outfits. She said he told her if “she (wore) a nice outfit, he would not mark her tardy.”

Dean waived his preliminary examination on three CSC counts in Clarkston’s 52-2 District Court and was set for a June 25 arraignment on the charges in Oakland County Circuit Court. He was scheduled for a June 26 probable cause conference in Water-

ford’s District Court on the other two counts.

Northville Public Schools sent a letter to families Jan. 29 addressing the initial allegations upon Dean’s arraignment. He was placed on administrative unpaid leave and ordered to stay away from school property and events. He also was banned from contact with Northville students.

“We do not have any reason to believe, at this time, that the allegations and charges involve any current or for-

mer Northville student,” Superintendent Mary Gallagher said in the letter that she shared this week with Hometown Life.

She said in an email response for this story that Dean has been with the district since fall 2015.

“Charges of this nature are deeply troubling,” Gallagher said in the email. “The safety and emotional well-being of our students, families and staff is of paramount concern to us as a school district.”

Gallagher emphasized that the district notified families of Dean’s past and current students and advised them to contact the school district and law enforcement regarding their concerns and anxieties related Dean’s alleged behavior.

A Feb. 19 township police report indicated Gallagher “wishes to go forward with criminal prosecution” because Dean apparently missed the deadline to submit a disclosure form about his arraignment.

A felony warrant was issued, according to Plymouth’s 35th District records. svela@hometownlife.com

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Theaters

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than 59,000 Michiganders. But as summer arrives, many are looking forward to reopening to premiere some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters.

Theater owners believe they'll be ready for customers in July, though they admit the experience will look very different than it did six months ago. Theaters will be at a reduced occupancy, leaving many seats open. Employees will wear face masks. More options will exist for contact-free ticketing. Such measures are key to bringing back audiences.

"We'll be working hard to bring products they want to see," said Anthony LaVerde, CEO for Emagine Entertainment. "We'll get over this challenge... and we'll come out stronger on the other side."

Reopening next month will only be possible if the state allows it. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer relaxed restrictions on businesses throughout June, allowing retailers and restaurant dining rooms to open their doors for the general public June 4 and June 8, respectively. Movie theaters are already allowed to reopen in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula at reduced capacity.

Whitmer says the rest of the state is expected to follow suit in the coming weeks, though there's no timeline as to when that will happen.

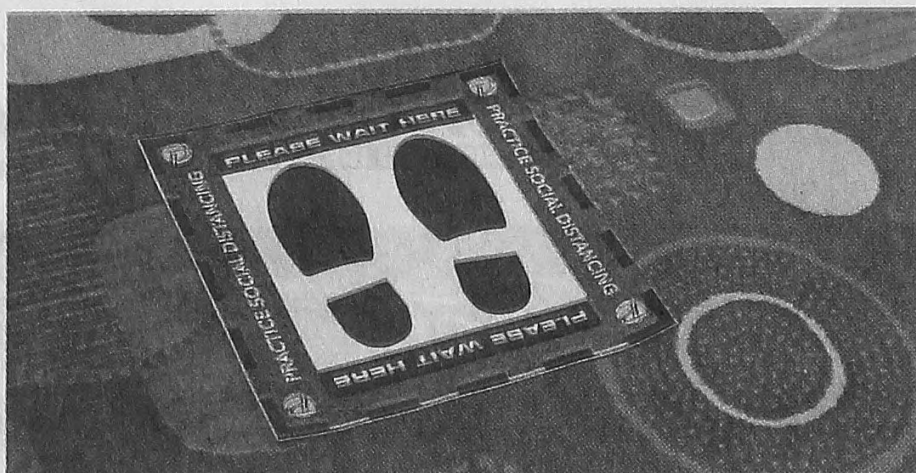
For Emagine — which operates theaters in Novi, Canton, Birmingham and Farmington Hills, as well as others across Michigan and the Midwest — the closure has given the chain time to make some changes and work on projects.

One of those includes deep-cleaning all its theaters from top to bottom, even going so far as to remove seats and clean under them, flushing every line at the concession stand and adding cleaning procedures for when guests return.

Debra Neil, owner of The South Lyon Theater in downtown South Lyon, said she planned to head to northwest Michigan to see how some of the smaller theaters are reopening.

She said she's getting everything ready in preparation to reopen by the time "Mulan" hits theaters July 24.

"We're doing everything we can to be safe and sanitary," she said. "There's a lot of distancing in the theater."



A marker shows where patrons waiting in line at the Phoenix Theatre in Livonia should stand to practice social distancing. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

What to play?

Perhaps one of the biggest challenges is to figure out what to show in theaters. Hollywood has delayed releases for the blockbusters usually kick off the summer season, including "Black Widow," "Wonder Woman 1984" and "Top Gun: Maverick."

The first major movie planned for release is "Unhinged," starring Russell Crowe. That film comes out July 1, and the Phoenix Theatres hope to have it playing for audiences.

The linchpin of the summer movie season comes weeks after, when "Tenet," a film directed by Christopher Nolan, is scheduled for release. Between "Tenet's" July 17 release date and the release of "Mulan" on July 24, theater officials hope to bring crowds back.

"We're hoping that's a solid date," said John Scanlan, the chief operating officer for Phoenix Theatres, which operates a theater at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and the State Wayne in downtown Wayne. "Those are the big movies we're trying to get."

In the meantime, theaters are experimenting with playing older films to entice viewers to return to the theater.

Emagine recently reopened its lone theater in Wisconsin, in Lake Geneva, and opted to play classics and recent releases such as "Back to the Future," "Wonder Woman" and "The Goonies."

Opening the theater, LaVerde said, gave the company a great gauge for what works and what doesn't as it plans to reopen across the Midwest.

"Our thing is learning proper staffing

levels, what lines work, what lines don't," he said. "It was nice to have the Geneva opening as a test market."

Phoenix Theatres owner Cory Jacobson considered bringing in some films originally scheduled for a film festival in Iowa to his other locations in Michigan and Massachusetts. The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival typically takes place in the spring in Dubuque, Iowa, but was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think all of this is appropriate for all of our cinemas," he said. "I would rather present films from independent filmmakers right now since we do have the space and do something creative and try something new."

What customers can expect

Theater-goers will have a very different experience when they return to theaters across the region. Reminders will be present everywhere to keep six feet away from other patrons not in their party, from markers on the ground at the concession stand to seats being roped off inside the theater.

Technology plays a role in connecting theater patrons to the theater, as well. Phoenix Theatres has rolled out assigned seating at its theaters so customers can select their seats before arriving. There, spacing will take place to keep patrons distanced from each other.

"The computer's already deleted all the chairs we don't want you to sit in," Jacobson said. "You can only pick up the chairs that are available and the social distancing is done by the computer."

Emagine plans to take the experience to the next level: in addition to selecting seats ahead of time, the company is developing an app that would allow customers to order concessions through their phones and pick up their order at the concession stand or have it brought to them in the theater.

Theater-goers at Emagine will also have a specific way of entering the theater, with aisles limited to one-way to enter and exit the theater, similar to what many grocery stores have done to minimize interactions.

"We're trying to prevent folks crossing in the aisle or crossing in the steps," LaVerde said. "We've provided arrows to basically keep the flow of traffic in one direction."

Cleaning will take place in between each show, which will probably mean fewer showings throughout the day to give employees time to clean. Phoenix Theatres will use a food-grade spray on each chair in between shows that kills viruses and bacteria.

While employees will wear masks, the general public at Phoenix Theatres and Emagine will be encouraged, but not required, to do the same. Those who want a mask at any Emagine theater but forgot one can pick one up from an employee at no charge, LaVerde said.

Neil said she's thankful she thought to rearrange some of the seats at The South Lyon Theater when new ones were installed in 2017. Those arrangements will make it easier to keep parties separate from one another, she said.

"We've been measuring and looking at the distance between the aisles," she said. "I'm really glad we did that."

Her theater in the heart of downtown South Lyon has additional challenges: special events such as school gatherings and birthday parties have all come to a halt. With many disruptions to those schedules, Neil said she's looking to find other types of entertainment to bring into the theater on a regular basis, including trying to attract The Moth to come north from Ann Arbor.

She knows returning to the theater will happen one way or another, and she's ready to invite the community back in for a night of entertainment.

"People in the community are still going to be doing things eventually," Neil said. "We will be there."

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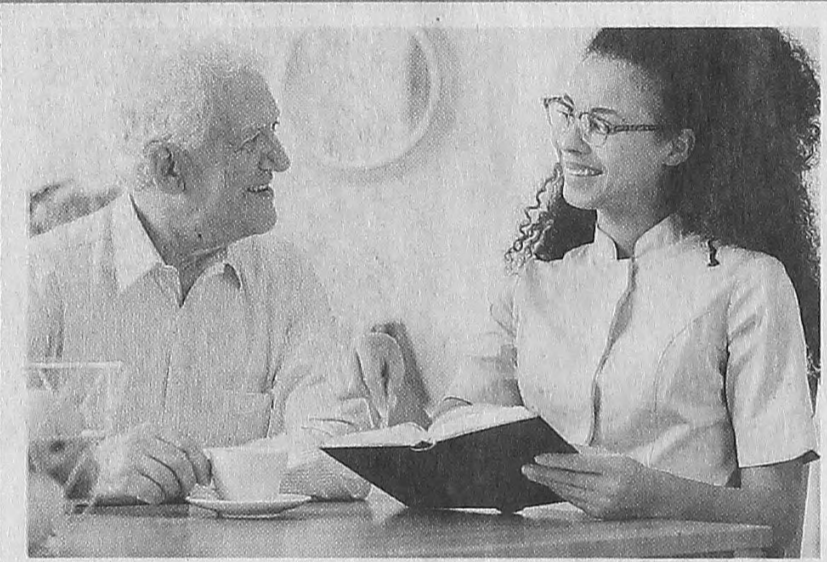


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Slazinski attempts to change narrative at Bloomfield Hills

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Tanner Slazinski had a front-row seat to what John Paddock accomplished at quarterback in his final year at Bloomfield Hills.

As a freshman on the junior varsity roster, Slazinski watched in the 2017 season as Paddock threw to his brother Ty, taking over a locker room with the leadership of a senior quarterback.

"John actually taught me how to throw a football, like at a high school level," Tanner Slazinski said.

After Paddock left to go play football at Ball State, Slazinski slid into the role as the Black Hawks quarterback - beating a senior for the starting job as a sophomore - playing the past two years behind center.

After the team struggled in the Oakland Activities Association Red Division for each of the past two seasons - finishing with a 4-14 record - Slazinski is now in the position that Paddock was when he was a freshman.

Slazinski has the voice that Paddock once commanded, and he wants to change that win/loss record.

Even though Slazinski has held the quarterback job for two seasons, the leadership role was not automatic from the start.

"I knew that what I (could) be senior year, that guy who is always breaking down the huddle and all that, I kind of had to shy away from that just because I was a sophomore and I kind of had to play with a chip on my shoulder during practice," Slazinski said. "Let everyone know I was the man through actions and how I played instead of vocally."

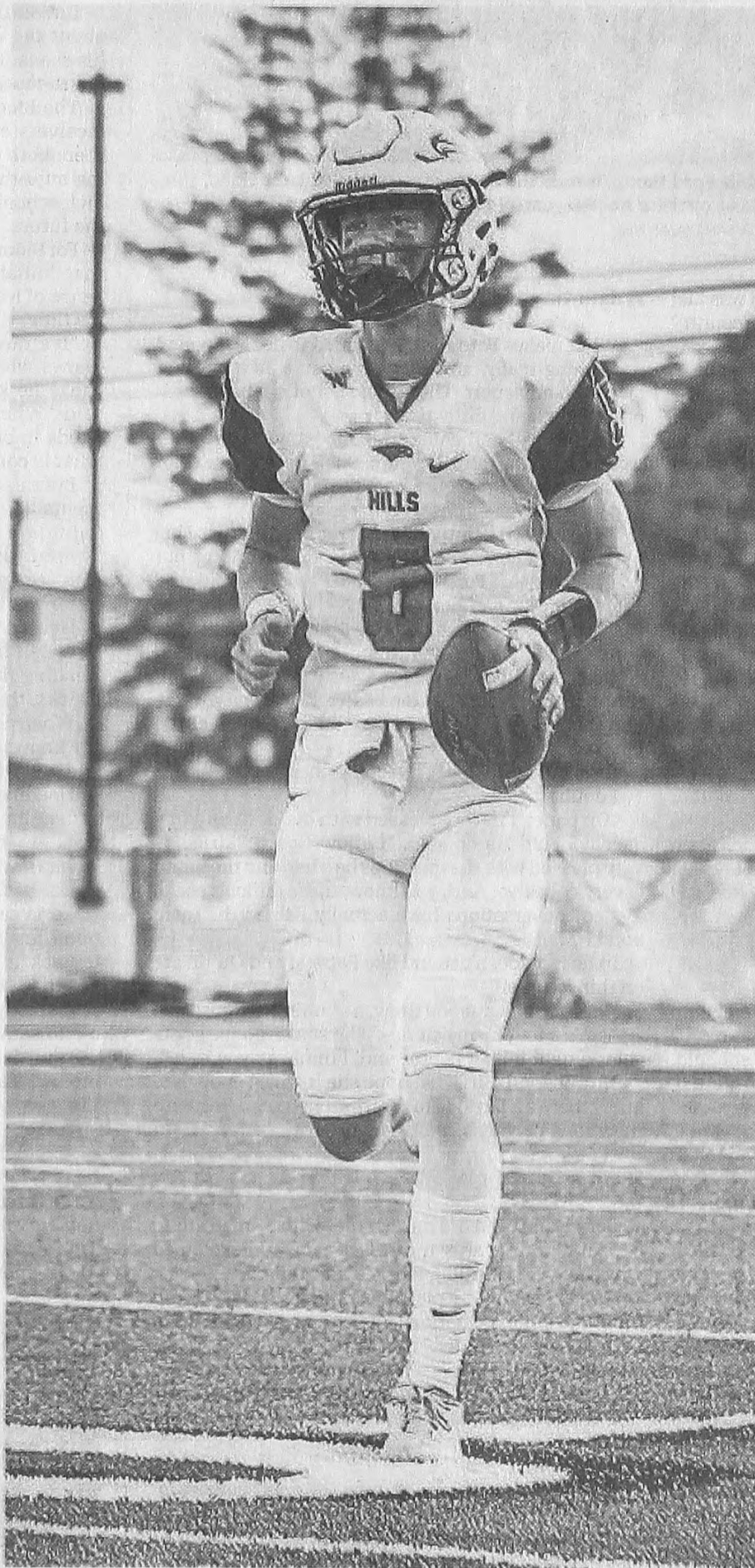
For the Bloomfield Hills quarterback, the starting job did not mean that the learning process was over. Instead, it had only just begun.

That was where Donovan Dooley came into play.

As the founder of Quarterback Academy, Dooley has helped quarterbacks like Paddock, Sam Johnson III, a Walled Lake Western graduate, who plays for Boston College, and D'Wan Mathis, who went from Oak Park to Georgia.

Dooley has been working with Slazinski since his sophomore season, saying that the quarterback has developed an appetite for the game, gaining knowledge of coverage, defensive

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Tanner Slazinski, entering his third season as the starting quarterback at Bloomfield Hills, finished his junior season with 23 passing touchdowns and 1,900 passing yards, completing 71% of his passes. COURTESY OF TANNER SLAZINSKI

Miles takes next step - to Alaska - in career

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Detroit Catholic Central does not play a physical brand of hockey.

Instead of a "dump-and-chase" type of approach, the Shamrocks, like many teams vying for a Michigan state hockey title each season, come into each game with a play-driven mentality, one reliant on set-ups and speed.

This is the kind of game Brendan Miles was built for from the time he began skating at age 4, taking the ice with a stick in his hands shortly after.

This is the brand of hockey that brought Miles into the Shamrocks' starting lineup as a junior, helping Catholic Central win the 2019 state title and come two victories away from a repeat in 2020, before the postseason tournament was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This is the brand of hockey that helped Miles accumulate accolades, such as being named first-team All State, and earn the high school hockey player of the year award from the Detroit Free Press as a defenseman his senior season.

This is the brand of hockey that caught the attention of the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the North American Hockey League, where Miles will play starting in September.

For a Catholic Central team head coach Brandon Kaleniecki described as being filled with "gamebreakers," he said Miles had this special ability to shut down opposing offenses and force turnovers, then turn around and set up scorers in transition like Andrew Dooley and Kyle Gaffney.

"It's, 'What are you going to do to stop it? What is the game plan to stop a

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Brendan Miles (12) had five goals and 11 assists for Central Catholic, which finished with a 22-5 record this year. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills alum Daniel Settecerrri was voted to the CoSIDA Academic All-American team. HOPE COLLEGE

Bloomfield Hills alum Settecerrri voted to Academic All-American team

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Daniel Settecerrri can make his way around a golf course - he's also no slouch in the classroom.

The Hope College golfer and Bloomfield Hills High School product recently graduated from Hope College with a degree in biology and a 3.99 grade point average. He also has been voted to the Academic All-America NCAA Division At-Large Teams, as selected by the College

Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A three-time All-MIAA golfer, Settecerrri joins a prestigious group of Hope CoSIDA Academic All-Americans as a second-team selection in the at-large category.

"I am so honored to receive this award," Settecerrri said. "I think it's a testament to the quality of the academics and athletics there are at Hope. I'm so faithfully supported by mentors, family members, teammates, coaches, athletic trainers and friends. Their encourage-

ment along the way is what makes this award so meaningful and so special to me."

Despite the cancellation of spring competition during COVID-19, CoSIDA continued its sponsorship of the Academic All-America awards program. Student-athletes were selected based on career statistics.

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No honeymoon necessary as Ford Hamp takes Lions' reins



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Sheila Ford Hamp, who was named the Lions' new owner on Tuesday morning, said a beautiful thing just four hours after taking her new job.

"I am a very competitive person," she said during a Zoom call with reporters. "I grew up playing competitive tennis and you know ... boy, I hated to lose, so I still hate to lose. So that's my message to the fans, I'll hate to lose as much as they do."

Granted, that can be nothing but words — we've heard plenty of empty promises from the Ford family over the last half-century or so.

But if there is one consistent criticism of the Ford family, it's that they don't care about building a winner, that owning the team was just a *fun* family activity, an excuse to jet around the country while raking in all kinds of cash.

So let's hope Ford Hamp means it. Let's hope it means that a loss will wreck her day — no, her week — just like the fans. Let's hope that a loss eats at her stomach. Let's hope she will fire team president Bob Quinn and coach Matt Patricia if the Lions don't show "major improvement," as she said.

Unfortunately, that's open for interpretation for a team that won just three games last year. I hope that means a 9-7 record at the very least.

Ford Hamp replaces her 94-year-old mother, Martha Firestone Ford, who is said to be in good health.

"It was really my mother's decision," Ford Hamp said.

But Ford Hamp shouldn't get a honeymoon. She has been working with her mother for years as an understudy, going to games and NFL meetings, and played a role in putting together and — more importantly — keeping this front office and coaching staff together. It was, she said, "definitely a joint decision" with her mother and siblings.

So this season is on her as much as her mother. Even though Ford Hamp was technically put in charge on Tuesday, she had all kinds of power before this announcement.

Small signs of progress

When Ford Hamp graduated from Yale, she met with former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle.

"All I wanted to do was go work for the NFL," she said. Ford Hamp talked to Rozelle about it. "And he literally cannot think of anything for a female to do way back then," she said.

Now, she's the team owner — there are six women in that role in the NFL right now. So that's progress. One woman replacing another is another beautiful thing.

But she will be different from her mother.

"Well, for one thing, I can do a Zoom call," she joked. During the call with reporters, Ford Hamp came across as funny, humble, likable and someone who has the sense to admit when she doesn't know everything.

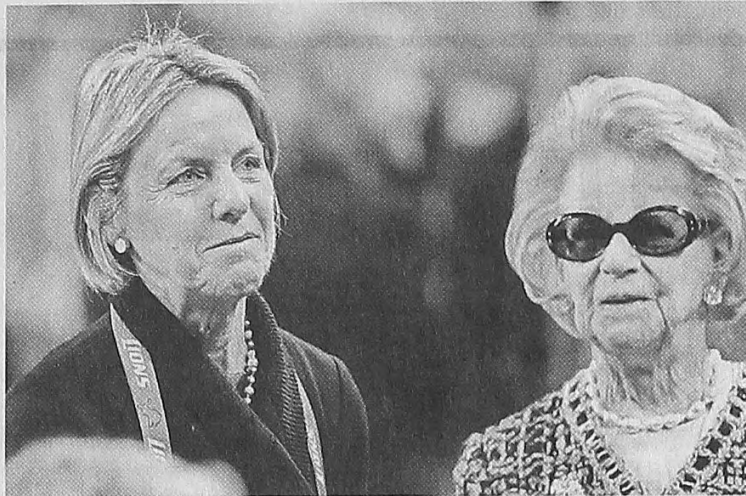
"I'd like to learn way more about our analytics team, for instance," she said, uttering that sentence for the first time in family history. "I know they're excellent, but, you know, I kind of want to get briefed on what they do. So, I mean, I think there'll be things that I may dive into a little more deeply than my mother or my father would have."

And yet she had a deft touch when handling a question about social unrest.

She said she would support players if they knelt during the national anthem.

"I think the understanding is completely different now," she said. "I think people, most people, really understand what the kneeling was all about."

To me, that's another small sign of progress, not being stuck in old beliefs.



Sheila Ford Hamp, left, is the new owner of the Detroit Lions, taking over for her 94-year-old mother, Martha Ford, right.

PAUL SANCYA/AP FILE

A daunting task

What makes Ford Hamp qualified to be the owner? Nothing really, and that's the same as any other owner, in any sport. There is no list of qualifications, other than being filthy rich.

Hamp has been going to Lions games since they were played at Briggs Stadium. She's been a vice chair for six years, and has been active on NFL committees and attended meetings with her mother.

"First, you walk into those big rooms with those big black leather chairs, and they're kind of daunting, but you get over it," Ford Hamp said. "And she did and showed me kind of how to do it."

There was a refreshing honesty in that statement, admitting that this is daunting.

Good. She should feel the weight of this moment, the pressure of an entire fan base, aching for a winner. She should feel the expectation and pain of an entire fan base.

So should we expect sweeping changes? I doubt it.

"On paper, I'm very pleased with our draft and free agency," Ford Hamp said. "I know Coach Patricia is very pleased with the meetings he's had and the group is very cohesive. And, you know, these difficult social justice conversations have actually helped the team bond."

In fact, it doesn't sound like Patricia and Quinn are on thin ice at all.

"Well, I think, for one thing, a winning organization — there's a lot of consistency," she said. "You've got to get the right mix of people and, I think, stay with it."

No question. But I just hope she is smart enough to know there's a flip side to that argument. Staying with the wrong people is, well, the Ford way.

No mention of playoffs

Ford Hamp and her mother met with a small group of beat reporters after the 2019 season and explained why they were keeping Patricia and Quinn.

"We expect to be a playoff contender (in 2020) and those are our expectations, which we've expressed to both Bob and to Matt," Firestone Ford said.

Her daughter didn't mention playoffs on Tuesday. And that is slightly disappointing.

But I do hope that when a coach goes 9-20-1, Ford Hamp will have the courage to fire him.

Oh, wait.

She played a role in keeping Patricia, betting on consistency over on-field production.

So while I found Ford Hamp's words about hating to lose refreshing and hopeful, forgive me if I'm skeptical.

The Ford family is the Ford family.

And Ford Hamp is an extension of the status quo, until she proves otherwise.

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alignment and protection as he has gotten older.

"His confidence has grown," Dooley said. "His delivery was a bit elongated at first, so he has shortened that up. He's starting to be sure of himself, but he is a hell of a competitor, and he's definitely going to move his team forward."

After throwing seven passing touchdowns his sophomore season, Slazinski finished his junior season with 23 passing touchdowns and 1,900 passing yards, completing 71% of his passes. He is also the only player in the Michigan High School Athletic Association to throw five passing touchdowns in back-to-back games.

But Slazinski's workouts with Dooley are not only about the relationship between a quarterback and his coach. It's also about the relationship between a quarterback and his receiver.

The Bloomfield Hills senior brings out one of his receivers each session with Dooley, working with them both on communication and timing and making sure that what Slazinski is learning outside of high school practices are applied on Friday nights in the future.

For Bloomfield Hills head football coach Dan Loria, that initiative by his senior quarterback shows a sense of leadership he has seen Slazinski develop in his time with the Black Hawks.

"It's rare when I let a kid correct a kid, but he knows what he is talking about with receivers because he knows what the expectations are," Loria said. "When we talk about the plays, this is where he needs to be, and if I miss something, I totally trust what is coming out of his mouth."

But this season is not only about playing on Friday nights. It's about creating an opportunity to play on Saturdays in the future.

Slazinski has six offers, including two from Division I programs, and has a dream to play in the Mid-American Conference.

He said those schools know he can throw the ball, but want him to be bigger than he was last season. Heading into summer workouts with the Black Hawks, the senior gained 26 pounds.

When asked about his quarterback's ceiling, Dooley knows that Slazinski will play college football, and will win games, no matter the program.

Heading into 2020, Slazinski's focus is winning games for one program: Bloomfield Hills. Moving back down to the OAA Blue, the league where the Black Hawks finished 9-1 in 2016 under Paddock, the senior has big expectations.

Loria says the entire offense has higher expectations, just with the fact that he has a returning quarterback.

But Slazinski knows it's more than that. He knows his senior year is the final time he will be able to show off, to show he is like Paddock.

"I'm definitely one of those guys that has that moxie," Slazinski said. "The kind of a-hole look walking away, the guy that plays with the chip on his shoulder."

"I'm definitely going to let people know that I am having fun."

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Bloomfield Hills QB Tanner Slazinski has six offers, including two from NCAA Division I programs, and has a dream to play in the Mid-American Conference. COURTESY OF TANNER SLAZINSKI

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player that can do some of those things and influence things that way?" Kaleniecki said. "Whether they just tried to be physical or whether you tried to play a certain way, he had the ability to still make an impact in whatever the situation was."

Setting Miles' hockey future

Miles started developing his skills early on, continuing to improve as his love of the game continued.

Miles worked with Kim Muir, a former figure skater, who helped him develop speed on the ice, especially backwards skating.

The lessons clicked as Miles improved, practicing each day and showing off what he had learned on the ice with his travel team, switching to AAA after middle school.

And after enrolling at Catholic Central for his freshman year, Miles caught a glimpse of his hockey future.

He attended a Shamrocks hockey game and watched the student section. He could feel the electricity of the building.

To him, it was a different atmosphere altogether.

"A lot of schools, they say they have some sort of brotherhood, but it's just a totally different story at CC," Miles said. "There's really no hating on each other. We're pretty much a big family. We've got each others' backs, and I think that I saw that my freshman year, just going to school."

When Miles joined the hockey team as a sophomore,

Kaleniecki gave him an opportunity not many sophomores on a perennial state title contender receive: consistent and big minutes.

But the Catholic Central head coach knew what he was getting when he inserted Miles into the starting lineup.

"He can create an odd-man rush just with his ability to skate, moves his feet so well that he can create space for himself and other players and then he can jump up into a play because of his speed," Kaleniecki said.

The head coach said he saw that instinct, talent and ability from the moment Miles first took the ice.

But what developed over time, and what became so dangerous for opponents was when Miles matched that talent with confidence.

"The three years we had him, you could see him starting to gain the confidence in himself to do that, trusting not only what we are telling him, but trusting his own instincts with it," Kaleniecki said. "Don't necessarily wait for the game to come to you in certain situations with his ability. You got the puck on your stick, you can make something happen, or you see the opportunity to get up the ice the way you skate, trust that is what you should do."

Last season, Miles put up impressive numbers for a defenseman. He had five goals and 11 assists for the Shamrocks, who finished with a 22-5 record and ended the season awaiting a state semifinal matchup against Byron Center.

But Miles was noticed more for what statistics could not quantify.

"I wouldn't call it freedom, but knowing that we are solid on the back end — we have someone that can influence the game from the back end in that way — certainly was a huge difference," Kaleniecki said.

Miles views himself as a part of a larger machine with CC, coming into each season with the confidence that a state title was possible.

When joining the Shamrocks, that was part of his expectation that he would help bring Catholic Central closer to its goal at the end of each season.

"You are not going to a high school where it could be up in the air whether you are winning or not," Miles said.

While Miles' focus was on the team in his three years with the program, he did get some personal attention.

He said the Fairbanks Ice Dogs had been impressed with his ability from the beginning, offering him a roster spot as soon as they were able to at the beginning of November.

Although Miles wanted to wait it out to make a decision, he knew the NAHL was going to be the place for him as soon as he was offered.

Now, Miles' goals have shifted, yet stayed the same in a way: He wants to be one of the top guys in the Ice Dogs' lineup in his first year, winning a championship, just like he would have done with the Shamrocks.

Miles said he has worked hard up to this point to earn the notoriety he has earned in his three years with Catholic Central hockey.

However, he knows his hockey story has just started, even though one chapter may be closing.

"It hasn't really ended. It has, kind of, just begun, in a sense," Miles said. "I have put a lot of work in what I have done, but there also is a lot more of what's to come."

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Big Ten athletes will be able to take knee

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As the Big Ten Conference launches a voter registration drive for more than 9,500 student-athletes while also announcing an Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, Commissioner Kevin Warren told USA TODAY Sports that conference athletes would be able to kneel during the national anthem if sports are played this fall.

"I'm going to personally empower student-athletes to express their right to free speech and peaceful protest," Warren said in a phone interview Sunday. "What I have to do as a leader, I know my words matter, I know my actions matter and I will work through over these next couple months where I stand, and they know I stand together with them in all that I do."

Asked if that means Big Ten student-athletes would not be prevented from

kneeling, Warren replied, "Correct. That's part of the beauty of the country that we will live in. Individuals are encouraged to express their rights to free speech and also peaceful protests."

Warren, who is African American, would not say if he would personally take a knee during the anthem. "I want to hear what's important to our coalition and what's important to our student athletes. I want to listen." Warren said his decision to start the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, which will be comprised of about 180 student-athletes, coaches and officials from the 14 conference schools, stems in part from his personal history.

"As a Black man in society, understanding the issues Black people in society have faced, my parents would talk to me about Emmett Till from the time that I was a kid," he said. "Then with what's happened this year with Breonna Taylor,



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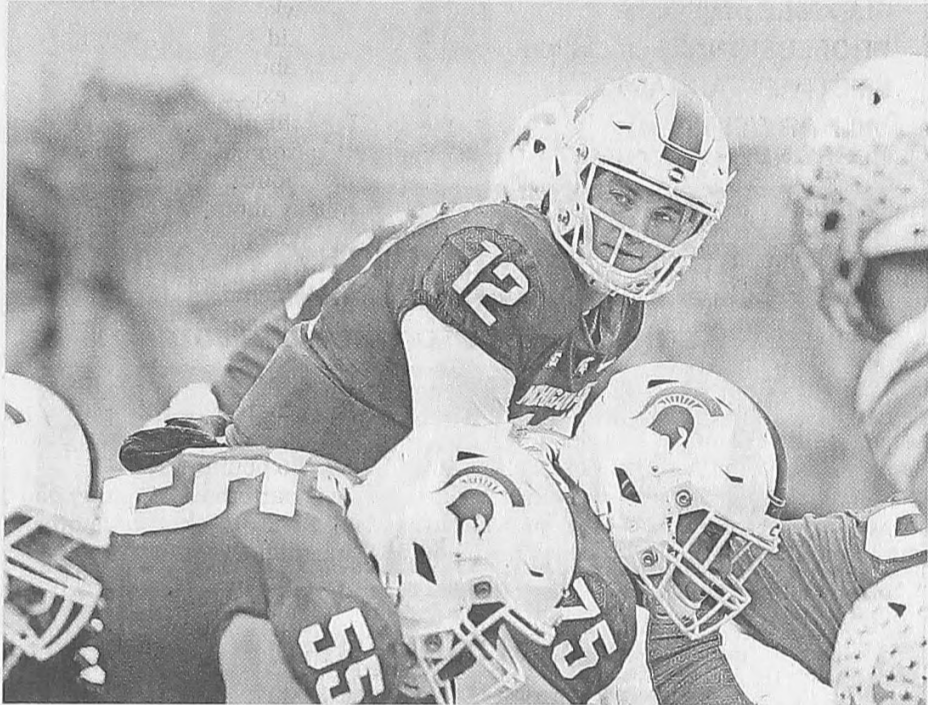
Commissioner Kevin Warren said the conference's new Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition fits "hand in hand" with the voter registration drive that seeks to make sure every Big Ten athlete is registered to vote in the Nov. 3 presidential election.

high school, knowing this community in and out, then to watch that video, and then I thought of how many times there was no video to watch, and if that had occurred probably a few hours later two streets over with no video, they would have ended up saying Mr. Floyd was resisting arrest. That happens so many times."

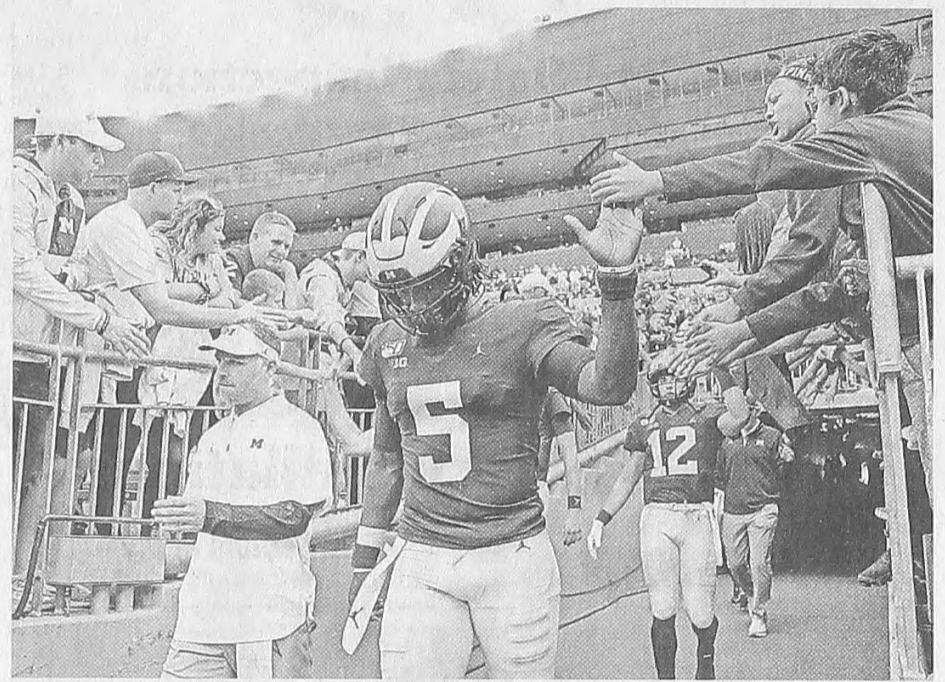
Warren said the conference's new coalition fits "hand in hand" with the voter registration drive that seeks to make sure every Big Ten athlete is registered to vote in the Nov. 3 presidential election.

"I believe in any year, but especially this year and especially where we are as a society, that voting is the top way to influence issues that are going on from a social justice or social injustice standpoint," he said. "We want to do everything we can to encourage others to vote, to vote ourselves and to make sure that we don't allow voter suppression to occur."

Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd and spending 15 years of my life in the community in Minnesota working for the Vikings, raising our kids, them going to



Michigan State's Rocky Lombardi runs the offense against Ohio State on Nov. 10, 2018, at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE



Michigan quarterback Joe Milton high-fives fans before the Middle Tennessee State game on Aug. 31, 2019, at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE PHOTO

The NCAA Division I Council approved a six-week plan to start the college football season as scheduled.

The Council also approved a less in-depth plan for men's and women's basketball. Now that players can return to campus, they'll be allowed voluntary workouts and up to eight hours of virtual nonphysical activities through July 19.

Once the clock strikes midnight, mandatory summer activities for eight hours per week (virtual and in-person) can begin. That period ends after eight weeks, the university's first day of classes or Sept. 15, whichever comes first.

But basketball games don't start until November. Between now and then, a second spike of the coronavirus could force everyone to rethink the 2020-21 season.

Right now, football is at the forefront of the decisions being made.

Here are the details of the NCAA's six-week calendar and what it means:

Voluntary workouts continue - for now

Voluntary workouts are underway at four of the five in-state Division I schools: Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan. Western Michigan is expected to start soon.

The NCAA's plan allows for these workouts to continue until mid-July. These workouts aren't required, and players can't be penalized for not showing up. Athletes can't be observed by the coaches, but they'll receive supervision from the strength and conditioning staffers.

Where Ohio State has had football players sign an acknowledgment of risk waiver. Colleges in Michigan haven't taken that route.

Some are making players take COVID-19 and antibody tests, while others

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only seem concerned if a person shows symptoms. Most programs are holding workouts in small groups, allowing limited access points to facilities, sanitizing equipment, often, checking temperatures daily and making everyone wears a mask.

EMU isn't letting football players inside the athletic building. Instead, the Eagles are holding voluntary workouts at Rynearson Stadium and the practice fields.

Team workouts begin

Players can start mandatory workouts July 13, which is 25 days before the first permitted preseason practice. Teams will be allowed to require eight hours of weight training, conditioning and film review each week until July 23.

This assumes the season begins the weekend of Sept. 5. Teams playing the weekend of Aug. 29 can start mandatory workouts as early as July 6.

With this rule, there aren't major changes.

Welcome to walk-throughs

From July 24 through Aug. 6, teams can participate in up to 20 hours of football activities per week without going over the daily four-hour limit. Players must get at least two days off within

these 14 days.

In each week, eight hours can be used for strength and conditioning training, six hours for walk-throughs and six hours for meetings. These meetings can include film reviews, team sessions, position meetings, one-on-one conversations and more.

During the walk-throughs, teams can use a football, which allows players and coaches to begin preparing for the season.

Sure, there won't be pads, but it lets players re-familiarize themselves with the playbook and gives skill players a chance to compete.

For U-M and MSU, there's uncertainty at the quarterback position. The Spartans could go with Theo Day or Rocky Lombardi. The Wolverines are mulling between Dylan McCaffrey and Joe Milton, with Cade McNamara as a dark horse candidate.

U-M offensive coordinator Josh Gattis said last month the team is "nowhere near having a front-runner" between the three quarterbacks to replace former starter Shea Patterson.

McCaffrey completed 10 of 20 passes for 116 yards and one touchdown with 13 carries for 67 yards and one TD last season. Milton completed 3 of 7 passes for 59 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Meanwhile, McNamara took a redshirt.

"It was a little bit unfair, because they're still not taking the reps needed," Gattis said. "They were still taking back-up reps because we had to prepare. Shea was our starter. There were no ands, ifs or buts about it. And he was the best guy suited to give us the best opportunity to win on Saturdays."

"We want a healthy quarterback competition. We want a balanced quarterback competition where we can give those guys the right reps needed."

In East Lansing, replacing former starter Brian Lewerke with a brand new coaching staff means the job is up for grabs. Day only threw two passes last season; Lombardi played eight games, completing 7 of 21 passes for 74 yards and two interceptions.

Through walk-throughs, coaches should be able to get an idea of what the 2020 season holds from a depth chart perspective, especially at quarterback, before fall practices get underway.

Fall practices as scheduled

The model approved by the NCAA doesn't make adjustments to the 29-day preseason practice period, which can begin Aug. 7.

As long as everything goes smoothly, those 25 practices will lead to the start of the 2020 season as originally scheduled.

These are the dates for in-state season openers:

- Eastern Michigan at Kentucky, Sept. 3
- Western Michigan vs. Colgate, Sept. 4
- Michigan at Washington, Sept. 5
- Michigan State vs. Northwestern, Sept. 5
- Central Michigan vs. San Jose State, Sept. 5

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Settecerri

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baseball, softball, track and field/cross country and an at-large program that includes sports for which the NCAA sponsors a championship.

Head men's golf coach Scott Lokers is thrilled that Settecerri is among the 90 men's and women's honorees in the at-large category.

"I am so glad Daniel decided to come to Hope College," Lokers said. "Daniel is brilliant in the classroom and an incredible competitor on the golf course. But

even more importantly, Daniel is a young man who lives out his faith and truly cares about other people. He has had a profound impact on our team and on my life."

This fall, Settecerri earned All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors for the third time in his career with a second-team selection. He recorded an 18-hole average score of 75.0 during MIAA play, eighth-lowest in the conference. He was an All-MIAA First-Team selection as a junior and a sophomore.

Settecerri helped the Flying Dutchmen post consecutive Top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championship in 2018 and 2019. The sixth-place finish in 2018 is the

highest in team history.

In April, Settecerri was chosen as recipient of the HOPEYS Be Strong. Be True. Male Athlete of the Year honor during the athletic department's annual awards ceremony.

The HOPEYS: Be Strong. Be True award goes to a Hope College junior or senior male and female who demonstrates the true essence of being a student-athlete and embodies the Division III motto of Discover, Develop, Dedicate. This student-athlete is in high academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.75), plays a significant role on the team and is involved in the Hope and Holland community.

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4 ways to strategically develop your employer branding

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It's probably not news to you that hiring has gotten more complicated in recent years. Longer time-to-hire, higher costs, more variables in the pipeline, reaching the best candidates: all have made the recruitment and talent acquisition process into a bit of a hiring crunch. Add to that a buyer's market for job seekers and it means your organization needs every advantage it can get. Employer branding is not only the first thing to do to improve your hiring, it's also one of the most important things you can do for your organization's long-term recruiting health.

It's important to separate your employer brand from your organization's outward-facing brand marketing. The latter is important in cultivating customers and partners, but the former is what you need to make sure you're putting the right talent in place. Consider your employer brand as a separate type of marketing. To that end, you should be able to answer these questions, if you want a secure sense of employer brand:

What makes you an appealing place to work?

What is the public perception of your organization as an employer?

What is your employee value proposition (EVP)?

Approximately how many of your current employees would recommend you as a place to work?

How much visibility do you have into your current employees, and the potential employee pool?

If you're looking to develop a strategy to shore up your employer brand, thinking critically and openly about those questions (and improving the responses, as necessary) is the place to start. Af-



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ter that, there are steps you can take to make sure you're developing your employer brand in a way that improves your hiring.

Clarify your mission

Your company website or career platform may be the first experience someone has of your company. You want to make sure you're presenting a cohesive mission statement and voice in any public-facing platform that potential employees will see. Make your company's goals, values, and culture clear, and be sure to play up the factors that make your company unique, or at least better.

Know your employees

If you don't really know how your employees think of you as an employer, it's time to do some research. These are people who were already selected to be part of your team, and they bring the most relevant perspectives on what you're like as an employer. Surveys and requests for feedback (particularly anonymous ones) can provide you with the constructive information you need to make sure you're the high-quality workplace you want to be. You may learn some uncomfortable or surprising truths from this kind of research, but this whole thing is about being better –

not being comfortable.

Understand what the public hears and says about you

Sites like Glassdoor give former employees to give anonymous feedback about their experience, for the reference of those who might be thinking about applying at a certain company. Online reviews can be a mixed bag at best—people with axes to grind can often outweigh genuine perspectives. However, it's important to know what people are saying about you, positive or not. This can help you figure out which positives to emphasize as part of your employer brand, and also which negative perceptions you'll be fighting.

Use metrics and marketing tools to assess your employer brand

These are the same methods you'd use to track your customer marketing, brand awareness, employee engagement, and other data points that inform your marketing decisions. The information you get as you get deeper into the employer branding process will help improve your strategies moving forward.

Investing in your employer branding strategy is one of the best things you can do to future-proof your recruitment and hiring. By refining your employer brand and ensuring that you're appealing to the candidates you want to attract, you'll be less affected by the ups and downs of the talent acquisition trends of the day.

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- 28 By way of
- 29 — Babies
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- 31 Thing swung on a court
- 34 Undermined
- 38 Federal case, so to speak
- 39 Countrified
- 40 See 42-Across
- 41 German's "one"
- 42 With 40-Across, headwear for doing laps
- 46 William Tell wielded one
- 50 Nine-footer with 88 keys
- 53 Game with a cue stick
- 54 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
- 55 Bakery treat
- 56 Atypical pets
- 57 Taco sauce brand
- 59 Everyone, in German
- 61 Topic in question
- 62 Beddy-bye clothes
- 65 Gravity-defying party decoration
- 69 Have a go at
- 70 Reply to "You are not!"
- 72 Spoiled stars' problems
- 73 Running back Smith
- 75 Pro at PR
- 78 Crude abode
- 79 "Hud" actress
- 80 Morales of film and TV
- 84 Pinocchio, for one
- 86 Rosary's nonreligious relative
- 88 Like a spud-slicing GI
- 89 Aide to Santa
- 90 Some small batteries
- 91 Holiday tree topper
- 92 Really mad
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- 9 Slender fish
- 10 Force to rise
- 11 Shutting in
- 12 Fuel gas
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- 14 Grid stats
- 15 Annul
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- 17 Smell awful
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- 19 Turn to 000
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- 74 Some minors
- 76 Boxing combo
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- 82 Some Snapple products
- 83 Cruise stop
- 85 Big brand of nonstick cookware
- 86 Joking types
- 87 Cowshed site
- 90 It's faster than adagio
- 92 Laid down the lawn?
- 93 "The Queen" star Helen
- 94 Seventh — stretch
- 95 Ward of TV
- 96 Fidel of Cuba
- 97 Sounded off
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- 100 "Zorba the Greek" novelist Kazantzakis
- 101 John — (tractor maker)
- 105 Lacks entity
- 106 Play units
- 107 Greek letters
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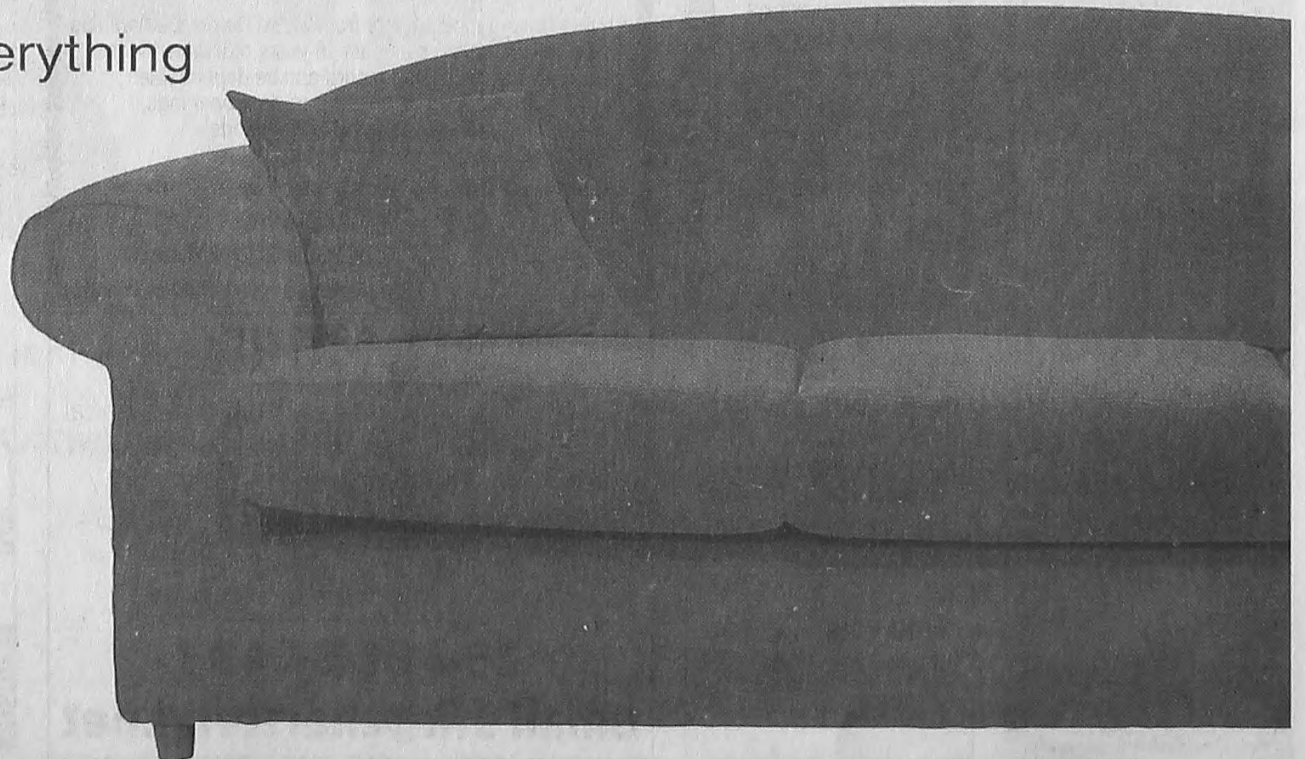
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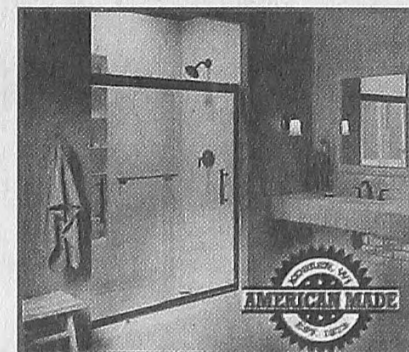
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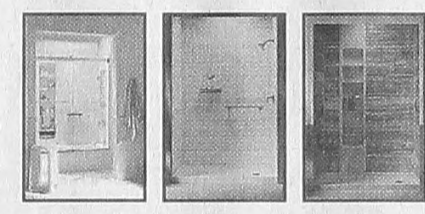


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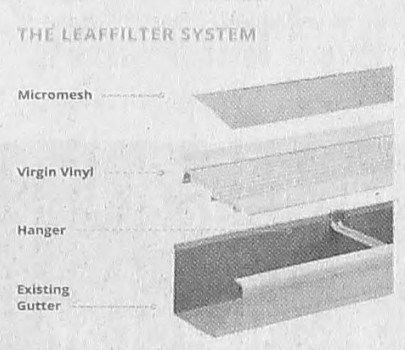
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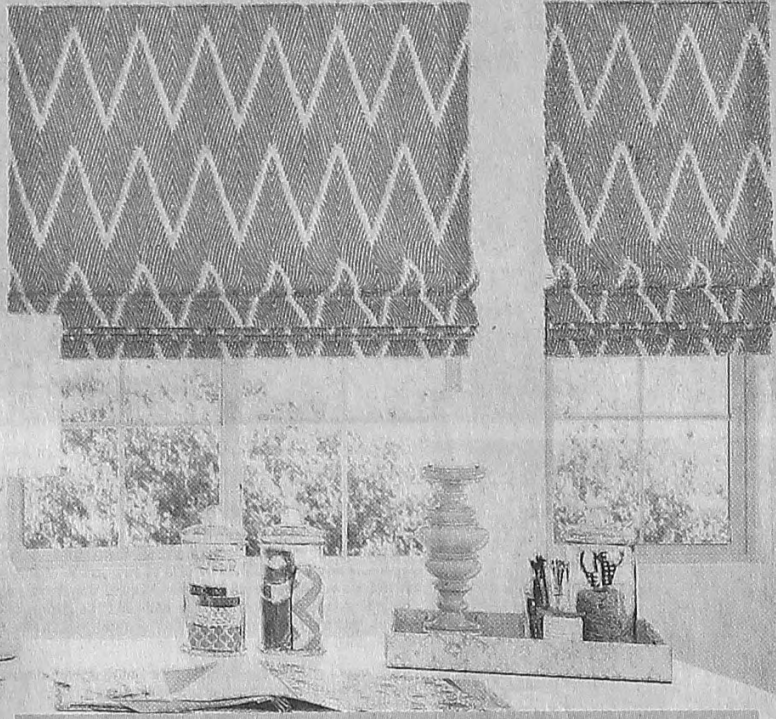
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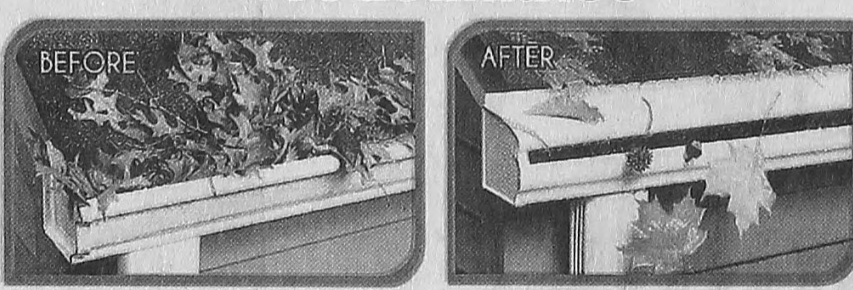
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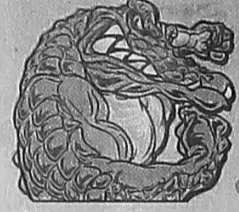
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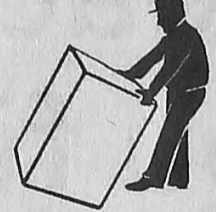


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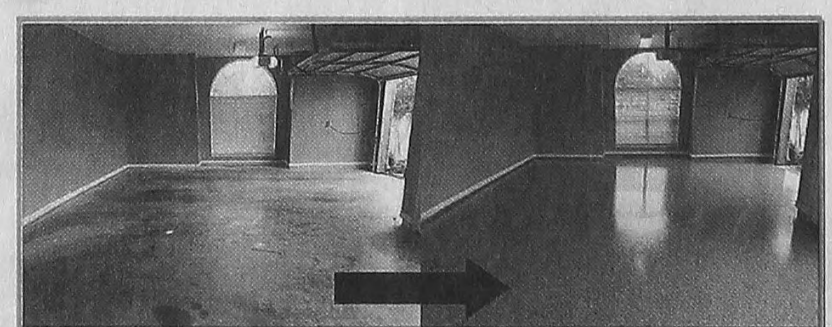


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