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Contaminated stormwater pond near Salem landfill worrisome

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The nature that has flourished for centuries in western Northville Township has a steadfast army of allies determined to protect it from the towering threat of a neighbor known as the Arbor Hills landfill.

In early May, the Northville Township Board of Trustees voted to authorize Supervisor Mark Abbo to file a lawsuit if Green For Life — the owner of the mammoth landfill that looms in neighboring Salem Township — does not clean up the landfill's act.

Under the watch of former owner Advanced Disposal, the sprawling dump was notorious for racking up odor violations — a habit that has been curtailed but not completely erased, watchdogs note, since GFL bought the site in fall of 2020.

A report obtained via a Freedom of Information Act request by David Drinan of the Northville Township-based The Conservancy Initiative revealed that an unlawful level of potentially hazardous PFOS (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid) was found in a stormwater pond that empties into Johnson Creek, the only designated trout stream of the Rouge River.

Drinan's FOIA request unveiled that two samples of the main stormwater detention pond located near Napier Road taken on April 2, 2020, contained 94 ng/l and 400 ng/l of PFOS. Michigan Rule 57 limits the PFOS in surface water (non-drinking water) to 12 ng/l.

The stormwater pond where the samples were obtained regularly drains to Johnson Creek.

Studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency indicate that PFOS can cause reproductive and developmental, liver and kidney, and immunological effects in laboratory animals. Both chemicals have caused tumors in animals, according to the EPA website.

Matt Konieczki, an environmental analyst for The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) said the state is monitoring the Johnson Creek situation.

"A second sample needs to be collected from the pond stormwater pond so we can get a better idea of what's

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Andrea Perry scoops up some popcorn, for which fans have already been flocking to the Milford Independent Cinema. The cinema recently reopened under new management after a major renovation. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Milford Independent Cinema opens its doors

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Milford rolled out the red carpet to welcome the movies back to town.

The village saw the old Milford Cinema reopen May 12 with a new name, look and feel. Now called the Milford Independent Cinema, the smell of popcorn is back at the theater at 945 E. Summit.

"People have been really excited," said Rich Trice, one of the board members of the nonprofit now running the theater. "Popcorn's been going out the window because people can't wait to get movie theater popcorn."

The movie theater opened in the same location where the Milford Cinema operated for decades in the plaza

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Fans and special guests gather May 14 outside the cinema at 945 E. Summit in Milford to celebrate its grand rededication ceremony.

South Lyon veteran honored, again, as communities gear up for Memorial Day

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The military has acronyms for when things go awry.

The late World War II veteran LaVerne Huyck may have seen a few snafus in his life.

Nearly 30 years after his death, he was in the midst of another this week when he received his second headstone at his burial place in the South Lyon Cemetery, formerly believed to be unmarked.

But the final epitaph on his story has all the markings of respect.

"The funeral home had no record of the (original) stone, no one had any record until we went to put it in," Dayna Johnston said. "What we are doing is placing that stone, because he earned it."

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Help draw the next legislative district map

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Voters, start your engines. Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission kicked off its first round of public hearings, a milestone for the new commission charged with drawing Michigan's political districts for the upcoming decade.

The commission has scheduled 16 public hearings around the state. The full schedule is available on the commission's website, michigan.gov/micrc. Upcoming hearings include 6 p.m. June 1 at Dort Financial Center in Flint; 6 p.m. June 3 at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn; 6 p.m. June 8 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi; and 6 p.m. June 10 at Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac.

The constitution states commissioners must hold at least 10 of these hearings throughout the state in order to explain the new redistricting process and hear ideas from the public about their plans. They must hold a second round of hearings after drawing potential maps for congressional, state house and state senate districts.

Michigan voters created the commission by passing a ballot proposal in 2018 that was pitched as a solution to gerrymandering, or the practice of drawing political maps to benefit one party.

The commission consists of four Republicans, four Democrats and five politically unaffiliated members. A majority of commissioners must vote to adopt a final plan, including at least two from each party and two

unaffiliated members.

Commissioners face a challenging inaugural year. They will rely on Census data to draw fair political districts, but the U.S. Census Bureau may not release the data needed to draw congressional and legislative maps until late summer, months behind schedule. In April, commissioners and the Secretary of State asked the Michigan Supreme Court to extend its constitutional deadlines for drawing and adopting new district maps.

Commissioners also must consider input from "communities of interest," or any group that shares a cultural, historical or economic characteristic and wants to be represented in politics. It's a nebulous definition that could include groups like clients of a regional food pantry or members of a synagogue.

Members of communities of interest can tell commissioners how they want to be considered in political maps at the upcoming hearings or online. But few know that; a University of Michigan survey conducted last year found 41% of local officials were unfamiliar with the commission.

"We are keenly aware that the average person in the State of Michigan does not know that this commission exists and about how important this work is," commission Executive Director Suann Hammersmith said during a virtual press conference.

Commissioners need public comment now in order to draw fair maps later, Vice-Chair Rebecca Szetela said. They launched a communications campaign about the upcoming hearings.

"We really are relying on people to participate in this process," she said. "It's designed to be participatory and we need that public feedback to do our jobs."

The commission has budgeted \$320,000 for the upcoming hearings and \$400,000 to communications and outreach. Its overall budget is approximately \$3.15 million for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30.

The upcoming public hearings will be translated into Arabic, Spanish and American Sign Language.

The public can attend virtually or in-person. Masks and social distancing will be required at in-person events, and capacity limits depend on the venue of each hearing, commission Outreach Director Edward Woods III said.

Public comments also can be submitted through the commission's online portal, michigan-mapping.org, or to PO Box 30318, Lansing, Michigan, 48909. People can call 833-968-3729 (833-YOU-DRAW) to ask questions about the redistricting commission, but not to submit public comment.

The commission hopes to get 10,000 individual public comments, Woods said. He acknowledged that it has been difficult to reach people who don't have internet access, particularly in rural areas.

"If there is anyone who has a connection in the rural areas that can assist us in getting out our message, call me," he said. "We don't want to leave anyone behind, so we're going out there, we're trying to be proactive, but if we're missing a group or missing an opportunity, get in touch with me so we can make it happen. We do not want to leave anyone behind."

Banquet halls applaud lifting of capacity restrictions

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One of the last major events held in the region before the COVID-19 pandemic took place at Livonia's Burton Manor.

That event, held March 9, 2020, featured Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

giving a speech on her plans for fixing roads and other issues facing Michigan. Little did Burton Manor owner Sam Mass know that the program would essentially be the last big event in the Livonia banquet center before the world shut down.

Fast forward more than 15 months later,

Whitmer delivered some big news Thursday for people like Mass: capacity restrictions long in place to help slow the spread of COVID-19 will be lifted this summer, allowing for banquet centers to hold largescale events for the first time in more than a year.

"I sat there listening to it. I stopped everything I was doing and watched it live," Mass said of the press conference Whitmer held in Midland to announce the changes. "My initial reaction is as skeptical as I've been over the last year, (yet) I could not hold back a smile."

Mass and other banquet center owners have watched as other sectors of the state reopened. State regulations have only allowed 25 people in rooms of banquet centers, no matter the room size. That's left owners frustrated as they watched other businesses, like restaurants, operate at 50% capacity.

Now, with restrictions being lifted by June, banquet centers are preparing for larger-scale events, especially as wedding season arrives.

"We're excited to be able to serve the community again," said Brian Lehman, executive chef

at Bakers of Milford. "We're kind of one of the biggest banquet halls in the area and we've missed everybody."

"The whole team is really excited to serve the entire community again."

The restaurant and banquet center at 2025 S. Milford Road in Milford Township held some small events and has some weddings planned later this year. Lehman said the fall is currently busier than the summer is expected to be with groups scheduling farther out in advance.

Whitmer announced May 20 that outdoor capacity restriction would be completely eliminated June 1 and indoor restrictions would go to 50% capacity. On July 1, all indoor capacity restrictions will be lifted, along with the mask mandate.

The announcement comes as Michigan continues to see massive decreases in new infections of COVID-19, though rates continue to be higher in the Great Lakes State than many other states across the country after a spring that saw Michigan with the worst case rates in the country.

The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., in downtown Birmingham, had several calls Thursday afternoon inquiring about increased capacity

in the banquet space, said Kitty Adler, senior sales manager. While callers are inquiring about celebration of life events, showers and personal events, there's also a demand for the business events that have largely gone online in the last year.

Not meeting in person, Adler said, decreases that facetime that takes place after the official events at the hotel that happen in places like restaurants downtown.

She said there's a demand for the return of those kinds of events again after such a long delay.

One of the biggest issues banquet centers could face is staffing. Paul Wegert, managing director at The Inn at St. John's, said they typically have about 350 employees during their busiest season. Today, they have about 110 on payroll.

"I've got to find 240 employees real quick," he said.

Adler said the Townsend has been able to use much of the staff in the hotel for events and is in a good position to move forward, but agreed that staffing banquet facilities will be a challenge.

"We will continue to add to our staff as we move forward," she said. "We are working with

core staff, we've been holding our own. But everybody is going to need more people in taking care of more guests."

Wegert said they're excited to be able to host the Concours d'Elegance event in July at the center at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth Township after the restrictions go away, something they were hopeful would happen in time. Bringing in those thousands of people for the event is a big deal for the space, Wegert said.

"We've been on pins and needles as if that was going to happen or not this year," he said.

Mass said while the restrictions are lifted, the banquet center at 27777 Schoolcraft will continue to work with clients on their level of comfortability. If some guests want additional restrictions, Mass said they'll accommodate those requests.

Livonia's State of the City took place at Burton Manor in late April, the first major event the center hosted since that luncheon with Whitmer.

The event, which was livestreamed but had limited guests inside, served as a fitting bookend for Mass and Burton Manor after holding that luncheon with Whitmer's speech in March 2020, Mass said.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted the following Zoning Ordinance amendments.

- **Ordinance #04-19-21Za** amends the Zoning Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.06 Cady Street Overlay (CSO); Article 15, Section 15.01 Schedule of Regulations; and Section 15.02 Footnotes to the Schedule of Regulations, to eliminate remaining references to a building height overlay district that was replaced by the Cady Street Overlay (CSO) District in 2015. The ordinance was introduced for first reading on April 19, 2021, and adopted on May 17, 2021. Ordinance effective June 4, 2021.

- **Ordinance #04-19-21Zb** amends the Zoning Ordinance, Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions, to add provisions addressing attached garages in basements of a dwelling in the maximum floor area ratio calculation for single-family and two-family residences in the R-1B First Density Residential District, and R-2 Second Density Residential District. The ordinance was introduced for first reading on April 19, 2021, and adopted on May 17, 2021. Ordinance effective June 4, 2021.

- **Ordinance #04-19-21Zc** amends the Zoning Ordinance, Article 18 General Provisions, Article 19 Site Plan Procedural and Approval Process, and Article 24 Administration and Enforcement, to allow the Planning Commission to require a performance guarantee for implementation of site improvements in a final site plan, to add a description of acceptable performance guarantees, and the administration of such guarantees. The ordinance was introduced for first reading on April 19, 2021, and adopted on May 17, 2021. Ordinance effective June 4, 2021.

The complete text of the ordinance amendments is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Chapter 18 Businesses to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments Within the City Limits of the City of Northville

At its regular meeting on June 7, 2021, the Northville City Council will consider second reading and adoption of a proposed amendment to Chapter 18 Businesses, which prohibits Marihuana Establishments within the City limits of the City of Northville. The ordinance is set to expire June 30, 2021. The proposed amendment would remove the ordinance expiration date. All other provisions of the ordinance would remain in effect.

Meeting Location and Participation

The meeting will be held via video conference as allowed by City Council's Local State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. The following is a link to attend the meetings:

June 7 at 7pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83076934410>, US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 Webinar ID: 830 7693 4410

Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. Log in instructions, electronic meeting information, and a user guide can be found at: <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cmw/One.aspx?portalId=11895863&pageId=13505469#city>. OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the City Council section of the webpage, then scroll down to the link for the Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance amendment is available for review on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Government, Governing Documents, and Proposed Ordinance Amendments) or at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

Written comments can be submitted by email to mmassel@ci.northville.mi.us, by mail to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Manager's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or by using the City Hall 24-hour drop box.

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Authorities shoot barricaded gunman in Milford

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A man is recovering in police custody after a member of an Oakland County Sheriff's Office special response team shot him, concluding a barricade incident

that lasted about four hours in Milford.

Milford police confirmed the incident began shortly after 1 a.m. May 24 because a man in the 800 block of Commerce Street was screaming "Call 911."

When officers knocked on the door, the man fired a weapon but would not open the door or come outside.

The county's special response team helped develop a strategy to establish contact with the gunman and members were present when the man came outside at about 5 a.m. holding a long gun.

He was taken to a hospital, where his injuries were not considered life threatening, according to police.

Veteran

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Johnston, now 58, was just 15 when she began volunteering with Huyck in organizing the Memorial Day parades in which he had long had a part. The decorated Army veteran was a founding member of the South Lyon VFW Post, and honored his fellow vets by establishing the original Veterans Memorial, known as "The Rock," at the southwest corner of Liberty and S. Lafayette streets decades ago. It was moved in 2019 to McHattie Park.

Huyck died alone on Christmas Eve 1993 in South Lyon, his only living family member believed to be a niece.

His cremation was handled by Phillips Funeral Home.

Johnston did not learn of Huyck's death until January 1994 and assumed he'd received a gravestone.

Twenty-six years passed and last Memorial Day, while there would be no parade in the pandemic, volunteers would, as always, place flags on the graves of veterans.

"I said, 'I really want to make sure Verne gets one on his grave,' and they said, 'I don't know where that is,'" Johnston recalled.

Johnston said there may have been confusion over the spelling of Huyck's name, or perhaps that he is not buried near other veterans and maybe also due to transposing the plot numbers, that no one could locate a headstone.

Heartbroken over her belief that Huyck had lain in an unmarked grave for three decades, Johnston set about fixing things. She reached out to Buddy to Buddy, a program that advocates for veterans, and found volunteer Jon Luker to assist.

Luker, a veteran himself, said honorably discharged veterans are entitled to a host of burial benefits, including a stone or medallion, flag, and honor guard ceremony at their funeral service.

Still, some veterans don't always get these honors.

"I do know that it is a common situation," Luker said. "I've dealt with funeral homes in the Ann Arbor area that bury vets who have no one looking out for them, six or seven times per year. ...

"A marked military grave helps us to remember the sacrifice and highlights to the living the importance of the need for individuals to serve in the future."

Johnston believed that no one had filed the proper forms for Huyck.

Luker went through the proper channels to get the new marker, which besides Huyck's name includes his birth and death dates and identifies him as PFC US Army World War II and a recipient of the Purple Heart, Marshall Islands.

Huyck also received the Bronze Star for his combat service in the

Marshall Islands, although Luker and Johnston did not have precise details on what actions led to his receiving the medals. Johnston noted he never talked about his time in the service.

"In a nutshell, the Marshall Islands was the beginning of an attempt to get a base close enough that we could prevent the Japanese Navy from doing anything important in the Pacific Ocean," Luker said. "It was bloody hand-to-hand combat in digging Japanese troops out of holes in the ground and cement bunkers they had built into the hill."

"A lot of people know about the Marines in Iwo Jima, and this was the same thing except for the Army."

When Huyck's new headstone arrived this month, the city DPW went to the plot where Huyck is buried and was surprised to find there was already a marker.

South Lyon Deputy Clerk Judy Pieper had no record for the foundation being poured and said it had obviously been there for quite some time.

Regardless, she said the new marker is a beautiful tribute.

"It's a beautiful stone and gives him all the recognition he deserves from being in the military, how can that be a bad thing?" she asked.

Johnston said Phillips Funeral Home employees told her it was the largest military stone they had ever seen.

"Verne is getting the stone he deserved," Johnston said. "He was a little quirky, and a lot of people didn't like him, but I loved him because he taught me respect for veterans and the parade."

Jack Middleton, South Lyon VFW Post Secretary, said he believed Verne would have been very touched by Johnston's efforts to do right by him.

"This year, we'll put two or three flags for Memorial Day on his grave," he said. "He was a great person for South Lyon."

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Area Memorial Day observances

The **South Lyon** Memorial Day Parade begins at 9 a.m. May 31, traveling south on Warren Street to Lake Street (10 Mile Road), east to Reynolds Sweet Parkway, south to Striker Street to South Lyon Cemetery. Attendees are asked to wear masks and continue to social distance. There is to be no passing out of flyers or candy and attendees are asked to not follow the procession into the cemetery as in years past. The service at the cemetery will be broadcast on Channel 19 and live on Facebook.

Milford veterans plan a Memorial Day honors ceremony will be held at noon May 31 at the Veterans Memorial Monument in Central Park in Milford. Attendance will be limited and current health guidelines will be in place unless restrictions are terminated before the event. Brief early morning ceremonies are also planned at 8 a.m., Central Park; 8:30 a.m., Oak Grove Cemetery; and 9 a.m. Milford Memorial Cemetery.

A **Novi** Memorial Day ceremony will be aired on the City of Novi's Facebook page at 9 a.m. May 31. Mayor Bob Gatt will host the event alongside U.S. Navy veteran and City of Novi Deputy Director of Community Development Larry Butler. Novi High School's Sahana Raja will sing the "National Anthem" and "America the Beautiful."

Northville will hold a Memorial Day Tribute 11 a.m. May 31 at Rural Hill Cemetery, 215 West Seven Mile Road.

The City of **Birmingham** will host a Memorial Day ceremony at 10 a.m. May 31 at Shain Park, which can also be seen live on the city's Facebook page. Social distancing will be maintained for those who wish to attend in person. Masks will not be required at the event, per new state guidelines. Veterans' participation is encouraged. The patriotic program will include addresses of historical interest, Mayoral address, and wreath laying at the monuments in Shain Park. Civil War reenactors will assist in the service. This year's service will commemorate the Korean War.

Livonia Parks and Recreation will hold a Memorial Day ceremony 9 a.m. May 29 at the Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington roads, complete with military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music. Afterward, visit the Memorial Wall that honors those Livonia veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Wayne-Westland Veterans Memorial Day Parade will be held 1 p.m. May 30. The parade will start at John Glenn High School, heads west on Marquette Road, north on Carlson to the William Faust Public Library and stops at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Westland. A small ceremony is planned at the end of the parade.

The **Plymouth** Memorial Day parade is set for 10 a.m. May 31 and moves throughout the neighborhoods in town. It starts at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer. 88.1 The Park will provide live coverage. Find the complete parade route online at plymouthmi.gov.

Commerce Twp. man arraigned on murder charge in wife's death

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Vincent Vuichard had scratches on his face when he opened the door to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies on a recent morning.

The 63-year-old man told deputies that he and his wife "got into it," which raised alarm about the welfare check they were assigned because of a suspicious text from Tatiana "Tanya" Vuichard's phone. The text coincided with her absence from work.

By the conclusion of their visit, deputies would have Vuichard in custody and on his way to Oakland County Jail.

He was arraigned May 20 on a felony open murder charge which, if it sticks, will challenge the jury to decide whether the crime was premeditated.

Prosecutors assert there is evidence showing Vuichard killed his wife, a Novi Community Schools administrative assistant.

When seeking a warrant in Novi's 52-1 District Court, Sgt. Shawn Werner said deputies who visited the Vuichards' Chesapeake Circle home in Commerce Township on May 17 knocked for several minutes. Eventually, the front door opened.

"Deputies asked what happened," Werner said in court. "He said that he got into it with his wife last night. He said that Tatiana was gone and she wasn't at the residence."

However, there was blood on Vuichard's shoe. Deputies walked through the residence to see if Tanya Vuichard was in the home, and their search included a tour of the master bedroom and master bathroom.

Deputies noticed a comforter rolled up on the bathroom floor.

According to Werner, "They asked Mr. Vuichard what was in the blanket (and) he said, 'My wife.'"

Vuichard was placed in handcuffs, and deputies returned to the comforter, which was wrapped around plastic garbage bags. Inside was a deceased Tanya Vuichard with a slashed throat.

Deputies also searched a Ford Escape in the garage. The car held two more garbage bags. One contained bloodied clothing, plus a bloodied shower curtain and towels. The other contained gloves, bleach bottles, and cleaning supplies.

A medical examiner ruled that the slashing wound to the neck was the cause of death.

Bond was denied during the May 20 arraignment, where Vuichard appeared on a video screen instead of in the courtroom.



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Teacher sentenced to prison in student sexual abuse case

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A metro Detroit soccer coach and teacher and the former student who told police he sexually abused her apologized in court during his sentencing, but only one was called a “bad actor” by the judge.

Jason Dean, 37, of Livonia said he was sorry for the pain he caused the victim and his family before he was committed to nine to 30 years behind bars for five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The woman who was once his eighth-grade student at Cedar Crest Academy in Springfield Township apologized for ultimately going to police.

For her, there was no other choice.

“I was stuck with the decision of reporting versus not reporting,” she said during the May 20 sentencing. “I was stuck with the decision of ensuring that this does not happen to another child. Obviously, I chose to report because I couldn’t live knowing what I know and not doing anything to prevent it from happening again.”

Dean was arraigned in early 2020, when he still was teaching at Northville High School. The woman had told investigators Dean sexually assaulted her in 2010. The sexual abuse began with Dean taking a special interest in the soccer and basketball player. The illegal activity concluded with months of sexual acts at places that included Dean’s classroom and a secret apartment.

After he was arraigned, reports of inappropriate conduct and grooming behavior surfaced at Wayne Memorial and Northville high schools. Dean also once coached girls for the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks.

“She has stated to Your Honor that she continues to bear the scars of these sexual abuse offenses,” prosecuting attorney Shannon O’Brien said.

Dean pleaded no contest to the five CSC counts. His attorney Nicole Blank Becker said Dean has been forthcoming about making terrible choices during his late 20s. She said he has taken responsibility for that chapter of his life.

Dean has told her that he wanted closure for the victim and to not put her through more drama.

“I can never fully experience being in your shoes but hopefully this day can provide comfort, lead to healing and start to patch some of the wounds that exist,” he added.

Judge Yasmine Poles said his statements finally implied “an ounce of remorse” but said he should be more focused on the actions that prompted the victim to talk to investigators.

The judge accused Dean of using his position of authority, along with the school district and coaching program, to prey on his victim.

“You need to be reminded of that,” Poles said. “I’m not going to allow you, as a bad actor, to place negativity, however, on our teachers and our counselors and our coaches within our community.”

She concluded by noting that Dean’s children are around the same age that his victim was and asked what kind of punishment he would want for any person who did the same to them.

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Man, two dogs die in I-96 collision

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A man driving in the wrong direction on Interstate 96 near Novi Road died after he collided head-on with another vehicle during the early morning hours of May 23.

The other driver was last known to be in serious condition at an area hospital. However, the victim’s dogs did not survive the crash.

According to Michigan State Police troopers, they received calls about the wrong-way driver shortly before 3 a.m.

The driver, in his 30s, apparently was driving west in the eastbound lanes. Both drivers were hospitalized, but the wrong-way driver was pronounced dead while under hospital supervision.

Troopers said in a Twitter report that it’s too soon to tell whether narcotics or alcohol were factors in the crash. Autopsy results and other reports are pending.

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Pond

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going on,” Konieczki said. “Looking at the report, we’re not sure what the exact cause of the PFOS is; it could be a number of things.”

PFOS is found in food-packaging materials and commercial household products, namely non-stick Teflon, according to the EPA.

If future samples of the water sources near the landfill continue to show the presence of PFOS, fines and other levels of enforcement could be in order, Konieczki said.

EGLE said seven private residential wells near the landfill were sampled for PFOS and all were below the criteria for

drinking water.

PFAS results for the seven residential wells and one Type II well were below the Part 201 criteria for drinking water.

Drinan, a Northville Township resident and the vice president of The Conservancy Initiative, said the presence of PFOS in a storm-water pond adjacent to the creek is worrisome.

“I’m not a toxicologist, so I’m not exactly sure of the damaging effects the PFOS has on fish in Johnson Creek, but if the levels are higher than what the state allows, it can’t be good,” Drinan said. “The odor complaints are down since GFL bought the site, but it’s only been a few months.”

GFL General Manager David Seegert said his company is working toward remedying the environmental issues related to the landfill.

“We understand the community’s concerns of PFOS and how it relates to the Johnson Creek,” Seegert said. “Our environmental consultants have conducted recent PFOS testing of the surface water, are evaluating results, and are proposing additional testing be conducted.”

“Our environmental consultants attribute the presence of PFOS to historic, not current, issues. The primary cause of the PFOS presence is believed to be due to the use of foam to fight the recycling facility fire in November 2016.”

Abbo said the resources needed to file a formal lawsuit against GFL are in order.

“But I’d really prefer to negotiate to find a resolution to this,” he said. “I could file a complaint tomorrow if necessary. This has been going on for too

long and (GFL) needs to convince us that these problems are going to be fixed, sooner rather than later.”

The Conservancy Initiative said it supports Abbo’s hard-line stance.

“From day one, Supervisor Abbo and the Board of Trustees have stressed strict compliance with environmental regulations at the landfill as the means to eliminate the odors and protect Johnson Creek,” said Drinan. “While meetings with the township and GFL have provided some improvements, a lot more needs to be done.”

“The Conservancy Initiative is standing with the Board of Trustees as they fight to protect our community and our natural resources,” Drinan said.

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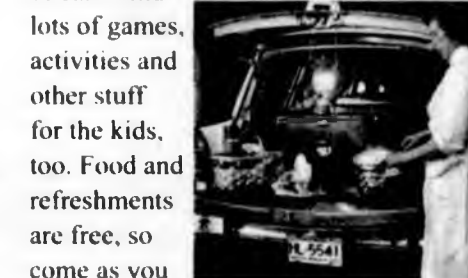
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Cinema

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with Matti's Fresh Market. It closed last year during the shutdowns connected to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving Milford without a movie theater for the first time in decades.

"Anyone who's lived in Milford knows what a treasure this cinema was and what a tragedy it might be gone for good," said Isaac Perry, another board member for the nonprofit, during the theater's grand opening celebration May 14.

The group behind the Milford Independent Cinema then formed last fall and begun fundraising to bring movies back to town. They secured sponsors to pay for the rehabilitation of the theater, which now sports an art deco theme throughout.

The group was able to secure enough funding to reopen the theater, using all its donations to get it ready.

The mission, Trice said, will remain the same as it had been previously: bring quality entertainment to the Milford area.

"It was the importance of the communal film experience to the community and to us," he said. "We've always made that part of what we're telling folks and we're going to stay true to that."

New seating was brought in, new décor adorns the walls and the snack bar has seen a facelift. Those seeking a snack during a film will find nothing but local Milford goodies, including coffee from Proving Grounds, candy from Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe and even vegan cookies from the local Beyond Juicery + Eatery.

It's been an especially tough year for movie theaters, including smaller ones. The COVID-19 pandemic saw theater close across the country last spring, re-opening many months later before being forced to close again in the winter due to increased COVID-19 cases. Fewer films were distributed and those originally planned for theatrical releases were either shelved until this year or release on streaming services.

Larger theaters such as the nearby Regal UA in Commerce Township closed for months and some have had to close altogether, such as The Lyon Theater in downtown South Lyon.



Andrea Perry, left, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Milford Independent Cinema.

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"It has not been an easy endeavor to update this space. ... We've made the time because this is a priority. And here we are."

Isaac Perry Board member

Showings at the Milford Independent Cinema will take place Wednesday through Sunday with one showing on weekdays and two showings each weekend day. The theater kicked off its new run with showings of "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" to mark that film's 20th anniversary. Trice said the theater had several dozen guests for the showings, including a few who drove from places like Ferndale and Owosso to attend.

Adult tickets are \$7, and children/



Enzo Gutierrez points to a movie poster of a film currently showing at the Milford Independent Cinema.

senior tickets are \$6.

Trice said a mix of film variety will take place, with family-friendly movies

and R-rated movies, with many films airing for roughly two weeks, Trice said. To see the upcoming films and buy tickets, as well as donate to the nonprofit, visit milfordcinema.org.

Perry said the work the group put into bringing the theater back to life was tough, especially with many of the board members who work as teachers in area schools. But completing the project and bringing the theater back to life was always an important achievement, Perry said.

"It has not been an easy endeavor to update this space," he said. "All of us have full-time jobs, we've been volunteering time whenever we can make space."

"We've made the time because this is a priority. And here we are. We're thrilled to have you guys here."

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In the two days leading up to his team's KLAA championship game against Hartland, Livonia Stevenson head baseball coach Rick Berryman

turned up the dial on his team's pitching machine.

In practice, each hitter took turns facing 90-mph pitches, forcing them to be quick, to be short to the ball.

"(Berryman) uses the word 'velocitized,'" senior catcher Landon Macek

said. "It gets your hips through quicker and gets you shorter to the ball, so you have more time to read pitches and get used to hitting faster pitches."

When Macek came up to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning, runner on second base in a championship game locked at 8-8, that was his main thought: be short to the ball.

The senior drove the ball just over the

head of Hartland first baseman Aidan Rockel, getting centerfielder Collin Hanrahan home and giving Stevenson (27-6) the 9-8 walk-off win against Hartland (24-3-1) for the program's first KLAA championship.

"They buy into our coaching philosophy and, to the best of their ability, they

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Plymouth senior Zoe Weber, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in January, celebrates a score with her teammates on senior night against Canton.
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Girls lacrosse player sets aside lymphoma fight for senior night

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Zoe Weber stood in the Plymouth girls lacrosse huddle before the team's senior night against Canton. She knew she was going to play, somehow.

Weber and teammate Erin Donnelly concocted the scheme: Donnelly, a fellow senior, would check herself out of the game with five minutes to go, giving Weber the chance to play for the first time in more than a year.

Plymouth head coach Steven Rooney was not aware of Weber's plan. But he, along with Weber's parents, were planning to make it happen for her even sooner.

"We were in the huddle before and he went through the starting lineup," Weber said. "He was like, 'Zoe, you're going

to be starting on low attack.'

"I was like, 'What?'"

Playing was an opportunity Weber craved, something she took for granted until Hodgkin's Lymphoma took the majority of her senior season away.

The diagnosis

In November, Weber knew that something physically was not right. Her throat was bothering her, but she attributed it to allergies. But it didn't stop, leading to chest pains she had never felt before and issues with swallowing.

In January, Weber had enough. She told her parents to take her to the doctor. Those examining her told Weber and her parents they thought initially it was

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Weber, foreground, played all but 39 seconds in the first half.

Momentum carries Novi boys track and field to regional title

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Heading into his first season as the head coach of Novi's boys track and field team, Danny Taylor had an idea of what he wanted it to look like.

A veteran of the Wildcats' coaching staff for the past seven years, Taylor wanted to put forward his idea of a

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Novi senior Miles Brown knows what his coach is suggesting, but he calls it something different: an army. It's a battalion that doesn't expect to win, but does everything in its power to make it happen.

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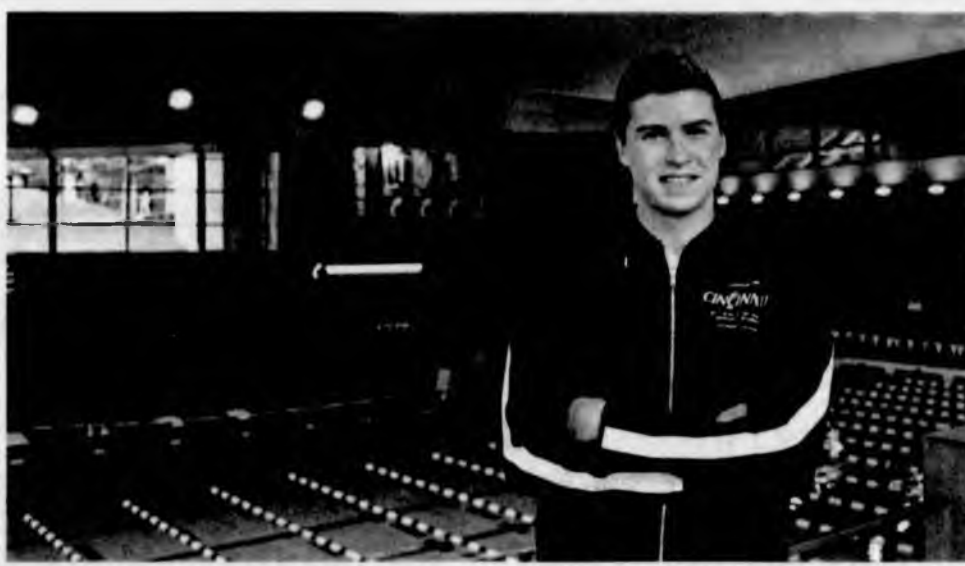
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She took a pass, running through a slew of Canton defenders, finding an opening in the middle of the goal. She found her shot, watching the ball scream past the goalkeeper for her first goal of the season.

Weber nearly collapsed, emotions overwhelming her as her teammates flooded the field. It was what she had been waiting for.

"Just being on the field, getting those goals and after the goals, everybody coming and hugging me and everyone cheering," she said. "It was just a special moment for me just being out there."

To Rooney, it was a moment for everybody, watching his whole team celebrate, seeing how invested they are in each other, how supportive they are of

each other.

And for Doug Weber, it was the moment he wanted to see from his daughter, in a way that showed off what she had been for Plymouth previously.

"They didn't have to let her do anything," he said. "She did it on her own."

Return to the sideline

Since Zoe's diagnosis, the Weber family has seen an outpouring of support from those around them.

Friends, family and people in their community have united to provide emotional and financial support, including a prom set up by the Shed Neck Foundation: a non-profit organization that helps teenage cancer patients in the Plymouth-Canton area.

"I think it's a credit to Zoe, how she is so well liked by everyone," Doug Weber said. "She has touched so many people in a positive manner in her life. In a selfish way, it kind of makes Kim and I feel like we did something a little bit right in raising her."

But on senior night, Zoe Weber did not want all of the attention to be on her.

As she approached the tunnel to take the field, her mother said Zoe asked her why each player had a purple ribbon on their sticks.

"This isn't cancer night, it's senior night," Kim Weber remembers hearing from her daughter.

Zoe Weber just wanted one normal night; a night where she could put her lacrosse skills on display with no stipulations, without Hodgkin's Lymphoma weighing her down, limiting her ability.

Senior night was as close as she could come to normalcy in her senior season, scoring two goals and recording an assist against rival Canton and ending the night with a prom proposal from her boyfriend.

Now, Weber knows what she is capable of. She knows she can play lacrosse, not to the level she was at previously, but at a level she feels she can sustain as she works herself back to full strength as her treatment nears its end.

However, Zoe's parents and coaches made clear this was a one-time thing: that she would not be able to take the field for Plymouth again this season.

"You did great. You did awesome. You exceeded my expectations, and I think you probably exceeded your own expectations," Rooney said his message to Zoe Weber was. "You have to kind of take that to the bank for right now."

"Give the treatment that final run, get healthy because you have a college career ahead of you."

Weber knows returning to the sideline will be hard. She knows coaching Plymouth for the rest of the season will be difficult.

But the feeling that she had scoring her first goal of her senior season is something she will never forget.

"I really had an amazing time and I wish I could have that again," Weber said.

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The Northville boys track and field team cruised to victory at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Region 5 championship.

The win earned the Mustangs their first regional title since 1968 and only the second in school history.

"I'm so happy for these young men," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "This has been a long time coming."

The Mustangs topped the 15-school field with 136 points. Canton was next with 96, followed by Livonia Franklin (64.5), Salem (60), and Plymouth (55).

"Salem beat us head-to-head earlier this spring, so we were the underdogs coming into this meet," Dalton said.

Dalton said the team has come close to winning a number of times in the past.

"This isn't the most talented team we've had, but every guy we put out there was selfless yesterday and today," Dalton said.

The meet was split into two days with the field events held at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte on Thursday while the running events were held at River Rouge High School on Friday.

After the field events were tallied, Canton scored 68 points and held a commanding lead over the Mustangs, who scored 28.

"I thought we performed really well in throws and jumps," Dalton said. "But a 40-point deficit is a steep hill to climb."

Leading the charge for the Mustangs was Ty Schembri.

The junior won the 400-meter (50.71), took fourth in the 100-meter (11.71), and anchored the seventh place 800-meter relay. That team, with Emmanuel Tchongang, Andrew Xiong and Logan Dooley, finished in 1:37.21.

Schembri went on to win the 200-meter in 23.04 seconds after entering the event unseeded since he had not competed in that distance this year.

"Ty puts the team before himself as an individual," Dalton said.

Senior Jacob Meek also turned in a solid day for Northville. Meek teamed up with Brandon Latta, Jake Bulat and



Northville's girls and boys track and field teams took home regional titles in 2021. COURTESY OF TIM DALTON

Nathan Hayes to win the 3,200-meter relay in 8:05.04. He also finished the 3,200-meter run in 9:55.77 in fourth place.

Meek led the Mustangs in the 1,600, finishing third in 4:29.51. He was followed by Brady Heron (4th, 4:34.91), Brock Malaikal (5th, 4:35.94), Noah Eckenroth (6th, 4:38.09), Matthew Krahe (7th, 4:38.80), and Hayes (8th, 4:40.94) who all finished in scoring positions.

Latta finished his day with a third-place finish in the 800-meter (1:58.04) and anchored the winning 1,600 relay with Tchongang, McCallum, and Matthew Krahe.

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After the 2020 track and field season was canceled, the Northville girls lost a number of varsity contributors. But during the 2021 season, the Mustangs have continued where they left off in 2019.

The Mustangs won their ninth consecutive regional championship Friday, tallying 164 points. KLAA West foe Plymouth was the closest challenger to Northville, scoring 87 points. Dearborn Edsel Ford finished third (67), followed by Livonia Churchill (59), Wayne Memorial (48), and Canton (40).

"We put a lot of time earlier in the week looking at our lineup, and we put our best team out there today," Dalton said.

The Mustangs never looked back from leading the meet after the field events concluded on the first day.

Delaney Hopkins won the discus with a throw of 111' 4". Natalie Kearney took second, throwing 110' 4". In the shot put, Chyna Johnson continued her impressive season with her second-place finish (37' 1").

Kaylee Chirgwin jumped five feet in the high jump which was good for third place. Juliana Imbuzeiro (4' 10") was fifth. Alia Bournay and Keira Courtney both scored in the long jump, leaping 15' 7" (4th) and 14' 10" (6th) respectively.

Northville was also solid on the track. Senior Yasmine Mansi won two individual events for the Mustangs and contributed on two winning relays.

She started her day in the 3,200-meter relay with Ella Christensen, Emily Gordon and Gina Couyoumjian, finishing in 9:47.30.

In the 1600-meter, Mansi broke the tape in 5:11.17. Christensen finished second in a personal-best time of 5:13.09.

Mansi also won the 800-meter in 2:16.29 — a personal-best — before teaming up with Gordon, Elle Slater, and Angel McCray to win the 1,600-meter relay (4:03.15). Gordon (2:21.01) and Couyoumjian (2:21.74) also scored in the 800-meter, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

McCray also scored high for Northville. She took second in the 400-meter (59.22), third in the 100-meter (13.10) and anchored the runner-up 400 relay with Mela Salah, Courtney, and Bournay.

Jennie Line, in only her third race of the season, won the 3,200-meter (11:08.59). Christensen also scored in the event, taking fifth in 12:05.03.

Freshman Abby Byers took third in the 100-meter hurdles, missing out on the second automatic state qualifying place by five-hundredths of a second.

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"These girls stepped up when they needed to," Dalton said.

Representing the Mustangs at the MHSAA state final meet will be McCray, Mansi, Christensen, Johnson, Hopkins, Slater, Bournay, Gordon, Couyoumjian, Line, Kearney, Salah, and Courtney.

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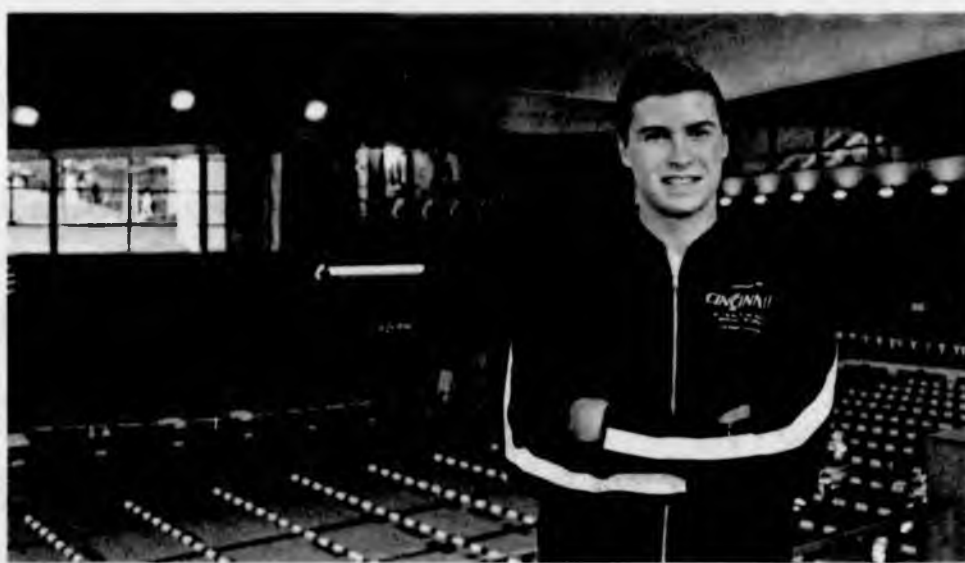
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Rooney watched Weber give her all on the field, questioning what the aftermath of this effort would be. The Plymouth head coach trusted his senior to know her limits, to make sure she would get her moment, but safely.

Her moment came soon after she first gained possession in the first half.

She took a pass, running through a slew of Canton defenders, finding an opening in the middle of the goal. She found her shot, watching the ball scream past the goalkeeper for her first goal of the season.

Weber nearly collapsed, emotions overwhelming her as her teammates flooded the field. It was what she had been waiting for.

"Just being on the field, getting those goals and after the goals, everybody coming and hugging me and everyone cheering," she said. "It was just a special moment for me just being out there."

To Rooney, it was a moment for everybody, watching his whole team celebrate, seeing how invested they are in each other, how supportive they are of

each other.

And for Doug Weber, it was the moment he wanted to see from his daughter, in a way that showed off what she had been for Plymouth previously.

"They didn't have to let her do anything," he said. "She did it on her own."

Return to the sideline

Since Zoe's diagnosis, the Weber family has seen an outpouring of support from those around them.

Friends, family and people in their community have united to provide emotional and financial support, including a prom set up by the Shed Neck Foundation: a non-profit organization that helps teenage cancer patients in the Plymouth-Canton area.

"I think it's a credit to Zoe, how she is so well liked by everyone," Doug Weber said. "She has touched so many people in a positive manner in her life. In a selfish way, it kind of makes Kim and I feel like we did something a little bit right in raising her."

But on senior night, Zoe Weber did not want all of the attention to be on her.

As she approached the tunnel to take the field, her mother said Zoe asked her why each player had a purple ribbon on their sticks.

"This isn't cancer night, it's senior night," Kim Weber remembers hearing from her daughter.

Zoe Weber just wanted one normal night; a night where she could put her lacrosse skills on display with no stipulations, without Hodgkin's Lymphoma weighing her down, limiting her ability.

Senior night was as close as she could come to normalcy in her senior season, scoring two goals and recording an assist against rival Canton and ending the night with a prom proposal from her boyfriend.

Now, Weber knows what she is capable of. She knows she can play lacrosse, not to the level she was at previously, but at a level she feels she can sustain as she works herself back to full strength as her treatment nears its end.

However, Zoe's parents and coaches made clear this was a one-time thing: that she would not be able to take the field for Plymouth again this season.

"You did great. You did awesome. You exceeded my expectations, and I think you probably exceeded your own expectations," Rooney said his message to Zoe Weber was. "You have to kind of take that to the bank for right now."

"Give the treatment that final run, get healthy because you have a college career ahead of you."

Weber knows returning to the sideline will be hard. She knows coaching Plymouth for the rest of the season will be difficult.

But the feeling that she had scoring her first goal of her senior season is something she will never forget.

"I really had an amazing time and I wish I could have that again," Weber said.

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Baseball

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change and adapt to a style of hitting to be successful," Berryman said. "That hit exemplifies that. Those big, stupid swings are being eliminated. They are doing positive things that lead them to success. They are taking coaching well."

But that line drive over the head of Hartland's first baseman was just a culmination of a comeback in which the Spartans remained locked in despite the circumstance.

Early on, senior starter Coltrane Rubner was on. He set down nine of the first 10 batters he faced, eight via strikeout. He even helped Stevenson to an early two-run lead, hitting a solo home run in the first inning.

But after a runner reached via an error in the fourth inning, Rubner began to crumble.

The starter allowed five runs on three hits and an error, watching as Hartland took his team's lead with a two-RBI double by Brendan Buback. When Rubner came back out in the fifth, he allowed a single and a two-run home run by Bruce Jellison, leaving the mound with his team trailing 7-2 without recording a single out.

"We made a lot of mistakes that inning," Macek said. "It was a long inning and everyone was there for each other. That was the goal: to pick each other up, one after another."

In the bottom of the fifth, Macek said the Stevenson offense began to play Berryman's brand of selfless baseball: hitting to move the guy ahead.

The first three Spartans loaded the bases on three walks and senior Aidan Arbogast started the damage: hitting a two-RBI double to bring Stevenson back to within four.

"After I hit that first double, (Hartland) didn't do anything after that," Arbogast said.

Stevenson second baseman Justin Burns brought two more runs in on an RBI double in the next at-bat, scoring himself on a wild pitch to bring the deficit to within one.

In the sixth inning, Arbogast came through again, lacing a double to score Macek to tie the game.

In relief of Rubner, Arbogast shut the Hartland offense down on the mound in the final three innings, allowing one run



Shane Samborski, left, congratulates teammate Aiden Arbogast after he scores a run against Franklin.

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on two hits, two walks and one strikeout.

"When we were down 8-2, we didn't give up," Arbogast said. "We kept going up and up and up in the dugout, getting up on each other in the dugout, causing passed balls and runs, helped us get a bunch of base hits."

To Berryman, this is what he has wanted his team to be like all season, pointing to Rubner, Arbogast and senior Griffin Kilander: his longest-tenured seniors who have carried the team from a leadership standpoint.

When Hanrahan opened the seventh inning with a walk, shortstop Johnny Beer walked up to the plate and immediately laid down a bunt, advancing the winning run to second and setting up Macek for. It was something Berryman preached from Day 1: selfless baseball.

It's the brand of baseball that allowed Stevenson to earn a win against Hartland: the No. 1 team in the state according to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

It's an approach that starts with not trying to be the hero, not trying to do too much. It's being quick to the ball. It's remembering those practice sessions against the 90-mph pitching machine.

"I'll be damned if it didn't work," Berryman said with a grin.

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Spartan Griffin Kilander, left, is congratulated for a complete game victory, which Stevenson won 3-1 over Franklin.



Stevenson came back in the seventh inning against Hartland to earn a KLAA title.

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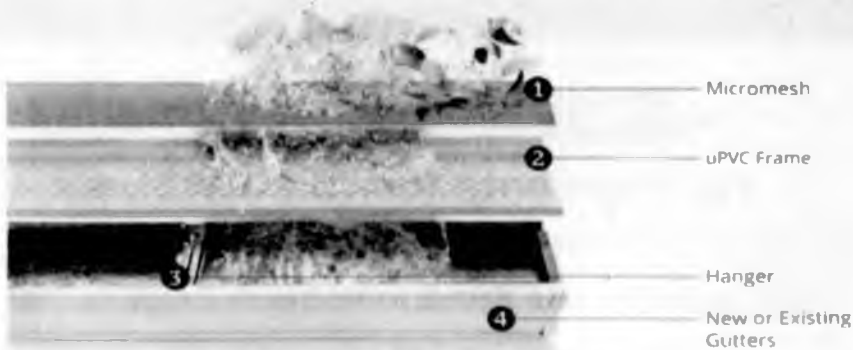
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CC baseball falls short in CHSL semifinal

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Almost no one has been able to beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's in 2021. The Eaglets came into the Catholic High School League semifinal with an unblemished league record, falling only once to Saline in 30 games.

Detroit Catholic Central knew that coming in. The Shamrocks saw the Eaglets four times in the regular season. They knew what to expect.

Heading into the pair's fifth meeting, Catholic Central head coach Ryan Rogowski wanted to see one thing from his team: fight. And while his team fell to St. Mary's for the fifth-straight time, 7-2, he left with the satisfaction that the goal was reached.

"We know they're the unicorn," Rogowski said. "We know we want to go after them. But my guys fight. We don't care who they are. We respect them 1,000%, but they put their pants on just like us. We're not scared of them. We want to come out and beat them."

"But we know, at the same time, what we're tackling

and I'm so proud of these guys. They fought."

On paper, facing an anomaly in St. Mary's junior right-hander and Clemson commit Brock Porter, it did not look pretty for the Catholic Central offense.

The Shamrocks did not record a hit until the fifth inning — a single by sophomore Jordan Scott — striking out 13 times in seven innings.

But facing what he viewed as a major-league-level arm, Rogowski saw his offense spark up a bit late, using an RBI single by Evan Haeger in the fifth and an RBI groundout by Josh Getz in the sixth to put runs on the board, something the Shamrocks were unable to do in three-of-four meetings with the Eaglets in 2021.

It was not enough to overcome the four-run outpouring of offense St. Mary's put on Catholic Central senior starter Ian Dixon in the fourth inning: allowing four runs on four hits, including a two-run inside-the-park home run by junior catcher Ike Irish and an RBI triple by sophomore designated hitter Ryan McKay.

Dixon finished the day allowing six runs on six hits and six walks, striking out five.

Through five games against St. Mary's Rogowski saw increments of progress, never changing the outcome, but watching the deficit lessen with each outing.

Now, the Shamrocks' sole focus is on the playoffs, preparing for a district matchup with South Lyon East June 5.

With what he has seen his team do against a team like St. Mary's the Shamrocks head coach his team is heading in the right direction.

"We're going to fight them. We don't care who we play, but man it's important because we know we have South Lyon East June 5," Rogowski said. "That's who we're gunning for, that's now who we can put our sole purpose on and get ready for that. Again, we're ready. We're going to be so ready because we have faced the best."

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Brighton woman wins 24-hour race in North Carolina

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Belt buckles are standard for awards and finisher medals in the ultramarathon world.

But an entire belt?

And not just any belt, but a monstrosity straight out of the WWE?

Winning a 24-hour race certainly came with some unique bling for Loretta Tobolske-Horn of Brighton at the Alexander County 24 Hour in Taylorsville, N.C.

There was a standard trophy, but also a surprise for Tobolske-Horn and men's winner Nick Coury of Scottsdale, Ariz.

"The race directors were so excited to give us these," she said. "They said, 'We have this special thing for you.' They came out with this giant belt in a giant case like a gun case. There's even a place where you can engrave it. They told us we had to put it over our shoulders. I guess that's what wrestlers do."

Tobolske-Horn, 49, won the race by doing 448 laps around the Alexander Central High School track for a total of 111,539 miles.

The second woman was Sally Van Nuland of Greensboro, N.C., who accumulated 104.0698 miles in 418 laps.

It was a battle of attrition, as ultras often are, with some of the prerace favorites dropping out because of heat and the lack of shade.

"The race was challenging, not just for me, but a lot of people," Tobolske-Horn said. "We experienced dehydration. The sun was really intense. The temperatures didn't seem all that high. It was in the 70s. The sun on an open track, maybe that's what was the issue."

"I experienced dehydration very early in the race, around mile 20. I would've liked to just quit. I hurt a lot. We ended up making adjustments to my hydration, getting in more fuels. It happened a few times to me."

Tobolske-Horn experienced muscle knots in her legs and stomach issues because of dehydration, but was able to hold it together and begin passing runners who were having worse days.

She went to North Carolina hoping to run enough miles to qualify for the U.S. 24-hour team that will compete in the world championship in Romania in October. It was the last chance to reach the minimum of 130 miles required to make the team.

"I was on track for a good share of the race," she said. "It just kind of slipped out of range with dehydration issues."

Tobolske-Horn has had some impressive finishes in ultras in recent years, winning the Tunnel Hill 100 in 2019 and placing third in an elite field at the Desert Solstice 24-hour track race last December.

She was given an invitation to Desert Solstice, which requires a qualifying time, six weeks before the race. That didn't give her enough time to properly train for the unique demands of running 100-plus miles on a track.

She devoted more time to the track this time around. Her longest track runs were 20 miles.

"Spending some time on the track was good mentally for me and getting my body prepared," she said.

Her next race is also a 24-hour event, the Six Days in the Dome at the Pettit National Ice Center June 18 in Milwaukee.



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Hartland's national-class archery team began as science program

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The only way Robert Jellison could start an archery program in the Hartland school district was to make it part of the science curriculum.

What does archery have to do with science?

Plenty, with enough determination and creativity. Jellison, who teaches middle school science in Hartland, attended an outdoor education conference in the mid-2000s when he saw a presentation on offering archery as a physical education option. He came back to Hartland and pitched the idea to the physical education teacher, who wasn't receptive.

He found a more willing partner in the school's principal.

"He said, 'If you want to connect it through a science curriculum somehow, feel free to do it,'" Jellison said.

"I tied it through kinetic systems, energy transfers for potential and kinetic energy and the human body system working together different muscles and bone systems. It worked well. The kids love it."

Jellison started an archery program in 2007, one that has become one of the best in the country. Hartland became the first team to win the Bullseye and 3D championships in the same year at the National Archery in the Schools Program national tournament.

The tournament was held virtually this year, with teams shooting on certified ranges near them with officials present to verify scores. In Bullseye, archers shoot at a ringed target, scoring more points for getting closer to the center. In 3D, targets are placed on models of six different animals.

Hartland got together at Ore Creek Middle School to compete. Scores were submitted to NASP and compiled. There were 15,683 archers from 1,065 schools in the event.

"I've had great kids from the start," Jellison said. "This year's group, they were phenomenal. They pulled the plug on the entire national event last year, so they didn't get to shoot. They rank teams, and we finished No. 1-ranked in the nation, but never did get



Hartland High School archers take aim at targets at Ore Creek Middle School during a virtual national championship. COURTESY

to compete for a national title. This year, the kids were happy just to be able to go shoot, because last year they lost the opportunity."

Hartland has 92 students in its archery program at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. The Eagles started at the bottom that first year, but the seed was planted for the current success.

"We went to nationals that year just for fun and came in 138th down in Kentucky," Jellison said. "We've been steadily climbing up toward the podium."

Hartland had its first podium finish by placing third in 2014. After taking second in 2015, Hartland won its first national title in 2016 in Bullseye. The Eagles won in 3D the next year.

Hartland shot 3,459 out of a possible 3,600 in Bullseye and a record 1,742 out of 1,800 in 3D.

Senior Justin Miller won the individual national championship in 3D with a score of 297. He also shot 297 in Bullseye. A score of 300 is perfect.

Sophomore Nadia Tyner was third among girls in Bullseye with a 295. Her twin sister, Nina, shot 293. Nina was the state champion.

By winning the tournament, Hartland qualified to compete in the NASP world tournament June 10-12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Novi Schools mourns death of administrator who 'radiated life'

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Tanya Vuichard was known and loved throughout the Novi Community Schools, working at several buildings throughout her 20-year career with the district.

Now that school family is mourning her sudden, tragic death, which is being investigated as a homicide. Her husband, 63, was taken into custody as a suspect and remains at the Oakland County Jail.

"She was a great employee," Superintendent Steve Matthews said. "She had a spark about her. She loved life and made you feel like you were the most important person when she spoke with you. She was a really valued employee in the district and will be deeply missed in our Novi community."

In her most recent role at the Early Childhood Education Center, Vuichard was in charge of centralized enrollment for the district. Matthews said the position was well-suited to her as she met every new family and made them feel welcome.

Vuichard had just received her 20-year employee recognition this year. Over the past two decades, she served as secretary at several buildings, a receptionist at the administrative building and then became administrative assistant for the community education department. In 2017-18, she was honored as support staff person of the year by the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education.

"This is a traumatic time for all of us," Matthews said. "She was a wonderful person, radiated life and was a really positive spirit."

Vuichard had spoken to her colleagues of a granddaughter she was very proud of, and two children she adored. Matthews said she was also a "big Michigan



Tanya Vuichard lived at the Maple Crossing condo development in Commerce Township. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

State fan."

Sheila Holly, executive assistant to Matthews, knew Vuichard for her entire 20 years in the district.

"She was a bubbly ray of sunshine, and if you talked to her on the phone, you could hear the joy coming through her voice," Holly said. "She was a pinnacle of positive energy, she was just amazing. We are going to miss her. She has left behind a lot of sad people."

Vuichard lived in the Maple Crossing condominium development in Commerce Township, off of Maple Road near Walled Lake.

Those living near her Chesapeake Circle address and willing to speak anonymously about her death said they did not know her well. They were shocked to see the police officers outside her home the morning of May 17.

Someone had reported that she did not arrive for work and called police, prompting sheriff's deputies to check on her.

Track

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his pole vaulters — Nicholas Dembinski and Spencer Goodman — finished first and second in the event as the only two competitors to clear the bar at the regional meet.

Saturday morning continued that momentum: opening the day with a first-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay, leading to personal championship finishes by Brown, who broke his own school record in the 400-meter with a 48.21, while adding a first-place finish in the 800-meter.

"Miles Brown is must-see track and field," Taylor said. "Any time he laces them up and he steps on there, you know that you are going to get something special. What he's been able to do as a leader on this tack team is unbelievable. Just watching his determination — the way he runs, the way he carries himself — I mean, he's a great young man with a great head on his shoulders and he has a bright future ahead of him.

Senior Raymond Wu, the first-place finisher in the 110-meter hurdles and second place in the 300-meter hurdles, and senior Matthew Gustitus, who posted a regional title in the 1,600-meter, while finishing second to Brown in the 800-meter by .07 seconds, later held the momentum, helping Novi to the regional title.

"I'm really grateful to be on the Novi team," Wu said. "I have so many friends, and we're cheering each other on."

Heading into his senior season with Novi, Brown really didn't know what to expect, but it was not this level of success.

He had an idea that the Wildcats would be solid with its core of distance runners, but thought the field and sprint events were wild cards, having not competed in them for two years after last year's spring season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Brown could not make expectations because success, he said, comes from a whole team effort. Through the unknown, Novi has delivered, combining skill and a bond that the senior said is unlike anything that he's experienced.

"I think we have made the most of it, that's for sure," Brown said. "We're the closest the track team has been in my four years, that's for sure. Definitely used to be more spread out in different event groups. Now, I would say, we are all one specific team."

It's a bond that got Brown through the last leg of the 4x400 relay.

The Novi senior knew he was not going to catch up to U-D Jesuit and Oak Park. And he was tired, "deceased," he described it.

But as Brown turned to face the last 100 meters, the last straightaway, he heard cheering behind him from the No-



Novi senior Miles Brown earned two individual regional titles while helping the Wildcats' 4x800 team to a first-place finish.

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Seaholm senior Audrey DaDamio, left, won each of her three events at the Region 7 meet, and had a personal best time in the 800-meter.

vi girls 4x400 relay team egging him on, giving him that boost of adrenaline he needed to finish, placing third and beating the state qualifying time by .13 seconds.

With this team, this level of support, Brown is confident. Novi has shown what it can do against KLAA opponents. Now, it has shown what it can do against regional opponents.

The goal now is within reach, something Brown said he would not believed if you told him four years ago.

"The goal is always to win," Brown said. "Can we do it? I'm not sure. But I have faith.

"It's not out of our wheelhouse."

DaDamio shines for Seaholm

Audrey DaDamio came into the regional meet as the favorite in the girls 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter races. Leaving Farmington Saturday evening, the Seaholm senior was regional champion in each.

Finishing seventh in the 1,600-meter and fifth in the 3,200-meter at the Division 1 state meet as a sophomore, DaDamio paved her way to another chance at a state title, breaking her personal record in the 800-meter dash with a 2:13.81.

In her first-place finish in the 3,200-meter race, the Seaholm senior lapped each opponent that she faced.

Seaholm finished sixth at the Region 7 meet, as Oak Park took the victory with 135 points.

A first-place finish by junior Abby Fush in the long jump and a second-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay helped Mercy to a third-place finish, 47 points behind Detroit Renaissance.

Novi finished fourth with 54 points and Farmington was fifth with 51, with senior Valladian Pallett finishing first in the shot put and the discus. Livonia Stevenson finished eighth with 41 points despite junior Erica Molnar finishing first in the pole vault.

Behind Novi in the boys regional, Farmington finished third with 71 points, as junior Peter Baracco took home the regional title in the 3,200-meter, finishing in 9:46.82, and junior Jake Steslicki finished first in the discus.

Nicholas Devereaux finished as a regional champion for Brother Rice in the long jump, beating teammate Cole Lacanaria by .25 inches to secure the first place finish.

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Congratulations! You finished the final interview, and they offered you the job. Now, it's time to negotiate your salary. If you're like most veterans transitioning to a civilian job, it will be your first time fielding an offer, and it's important to advocate for the salary you deserve.

A staggering one-third of veterans in 2018 reported being underemployed in their current position. This figure isn't too surprising considering how military salaries are determined. While civilian companies usually have a pay range in mind that's open to discussion, the military pays based on a predetermined scale.

Like any skill, negotiating is an ability that can be learned and perfected. Keep these tips in mind to become a salary negotiation expert.

1. Your potential employer is your ally, not your adversary

You should approach conversations about your salary as something you and the employer will work through together. Try using language like:

"I'm very excited about this opportunity, and I look forward to working together on this."

"This company will be wonderful to work for, and I'd be happy to accept an offer in this range."

By making your negotiation a team effort, you give your employer an opportunity to be your champion. You should provide factual



reasons why the higher salary is justified so that the company can feel confident about boosting your pay, and everybody wins.

2. Do your research

Research is a key part of salary negotiation and helps to ensure you won't be underpaid. You can leverage company or industry knowledge about what people in your role and city typically earn to confidently determine your salary ask.

Try countering the company's offer with a salary that's slightly above the industry average, and then be prepared to negotiate down. It's likely you'll land on a final number that makes both you and the company happy. For example, if the average entry-level design engineer in Los Angeles makes \$65,000 to \$70,000, you could ask for \$75,000, and negotiate down to

around \$71,000.

3. This is business, not personal

When you negotiate your salary, you are negotiating a transaction — the exchange of money for your work, skills and expertise.

Don't bring up your personal expenses as justification for a higher salary. Instead, lean into a more sturdy argument and focus on how you can benefit the organization. You should create a list of your abilities and accomplishments and how those will translate to company capital. Initiatives you've led or processes you've improved are great examples to bring up.

4. Define your walk-away point

Once you've honed in on your target salary range, it's also

important to identify the minimum salary you will accept. If a company declines to meet your walk-away number, it might be time to move on to different opportunities. Your range and walk-away point are things you should keep in mind during the negotiation, but they aren't numbers you need to disclose to the employer right away, or at all.

Remember that employers usually anticipate a counteroffer, so even if the initial offer is higher than your walk-away point, there's still an opportunity to negotiate.

5. Never say a number first

In a salary negotiation, you should never be the first person to suggest a salary number or range. Instead, let the employer lead the conversation. That way, you won't miss out on potential income by starting with a pay range that's too low, or risk forfeiting your offer by suggesting a number that's too high. Try saying something like:

"Can you provide a range that is commensurate with my education and experience, and we can discuss it from there?"

"Let's start the conversation with what the previous employee in this position was earning, and we can go from there."

You shouldn't feel pressured to provide a salary range or history on any job applications either. Write "negotiable" in the space allotted for salary information, and discuss it with the employer after a job offer is extended.

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43 Apple on a desk
44 Latin "that is"
45 "— So Fine"
46 French for "man"
47 Set into motion
50 Charles Chaplin's title
51 Eileen of "Clue"

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59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
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65 Lacerate
69 Dove shelter
70 Use all of
71 Afro-Brazilian dance
72 Riddle, part 5
78 Scrupulous insistence on traditional rules
79 Disturbs
80 Source of some bran
81 Havana natives, to
82 Novelist George
83 Braying beast
84 Shooter of small balls
87 Bard's "before"
88 End of the riddle
94 Huge battle
95 Bereft, poetically
96 Khaki color

- 97 Riddle's answer
107 Back-baring blouse
108 "— think so!"
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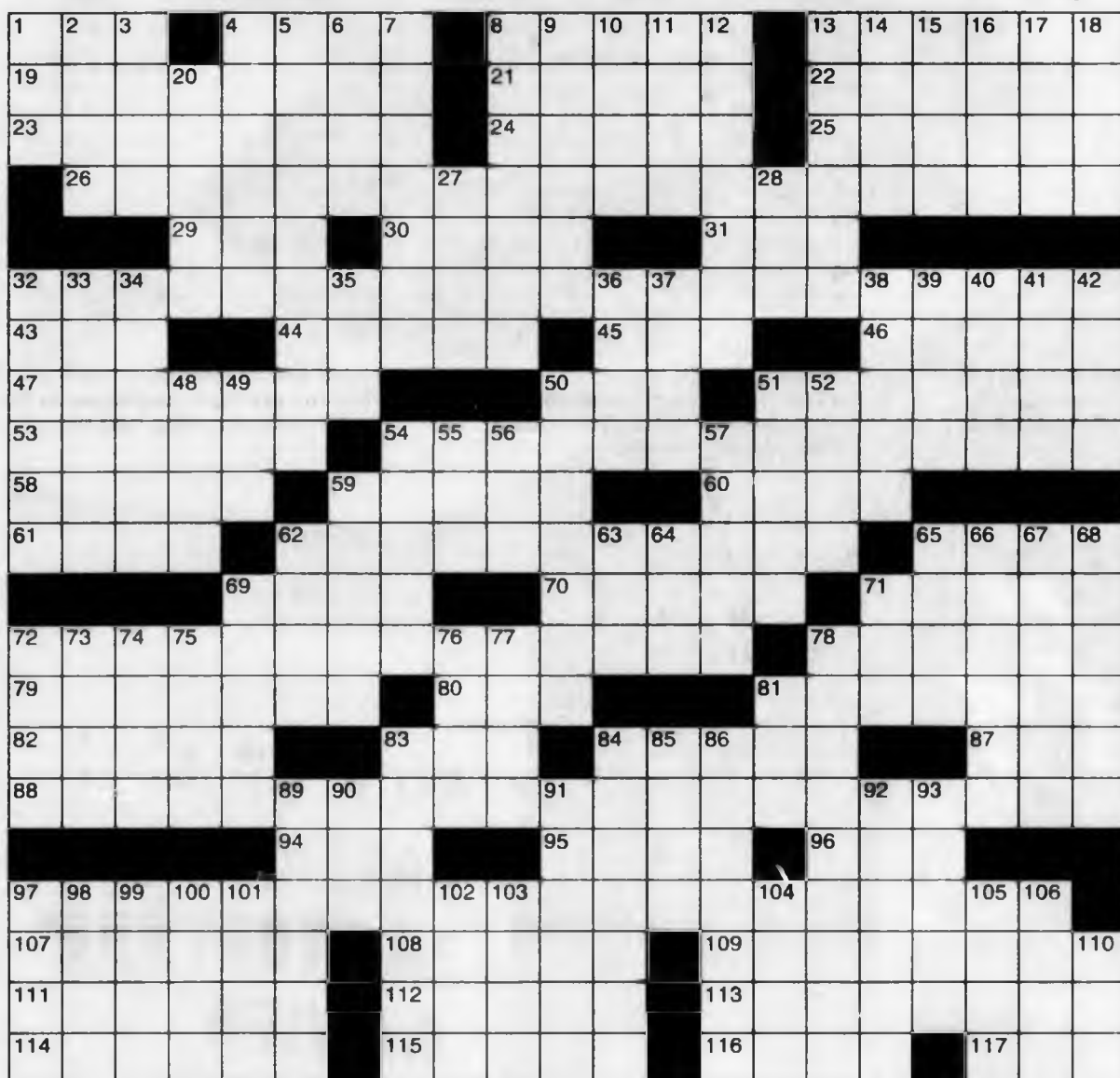
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5 Second-most populous place in South Dakota
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9 700-mile-long African river

- 10 Intro studio course
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12 Range of the Appalachians
13 Actress Hedy
14 Composer Khachaturian
15 — Reader (magazine)
16 Turn a — ear
17 Hence
18 Hair colorer
20 "I love you," to Juanita
27 — Christian Andersen
28 Opposite of old, in Germany
32 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction"
33 How cards are sometimes dealt
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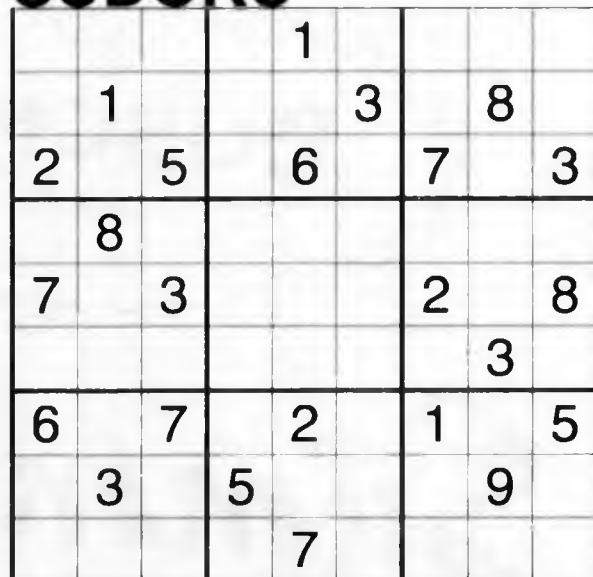
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64 Sleuth, in old slang
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67 Sop up
68 19th-dynasty pharaoh
69 Greek island
71 Deli hero
72 "Oh, ri-i-ight"
73 — contenders (court plea)
74 "Take — from me ..."
75 Take an ax to

- 76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned
77 Waist wear
78 Pokes a hole in
81 Chew the —
83 Helicopter rescue, say
84 Three 19th-century literary sisters
85 Arctic chunk
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89 Friends of Snow White
90 Mart start
91 Like flashy jewelry, informally
92 Least frequent
93 Not fulfilled
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98 Possesses, in Shakespeare
99 Bride of Lohengrin
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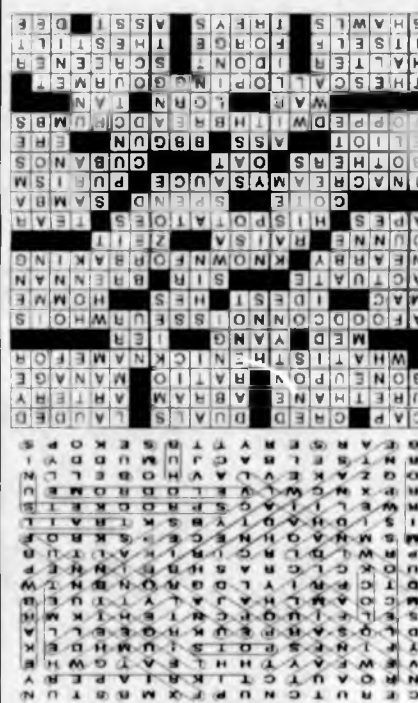
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