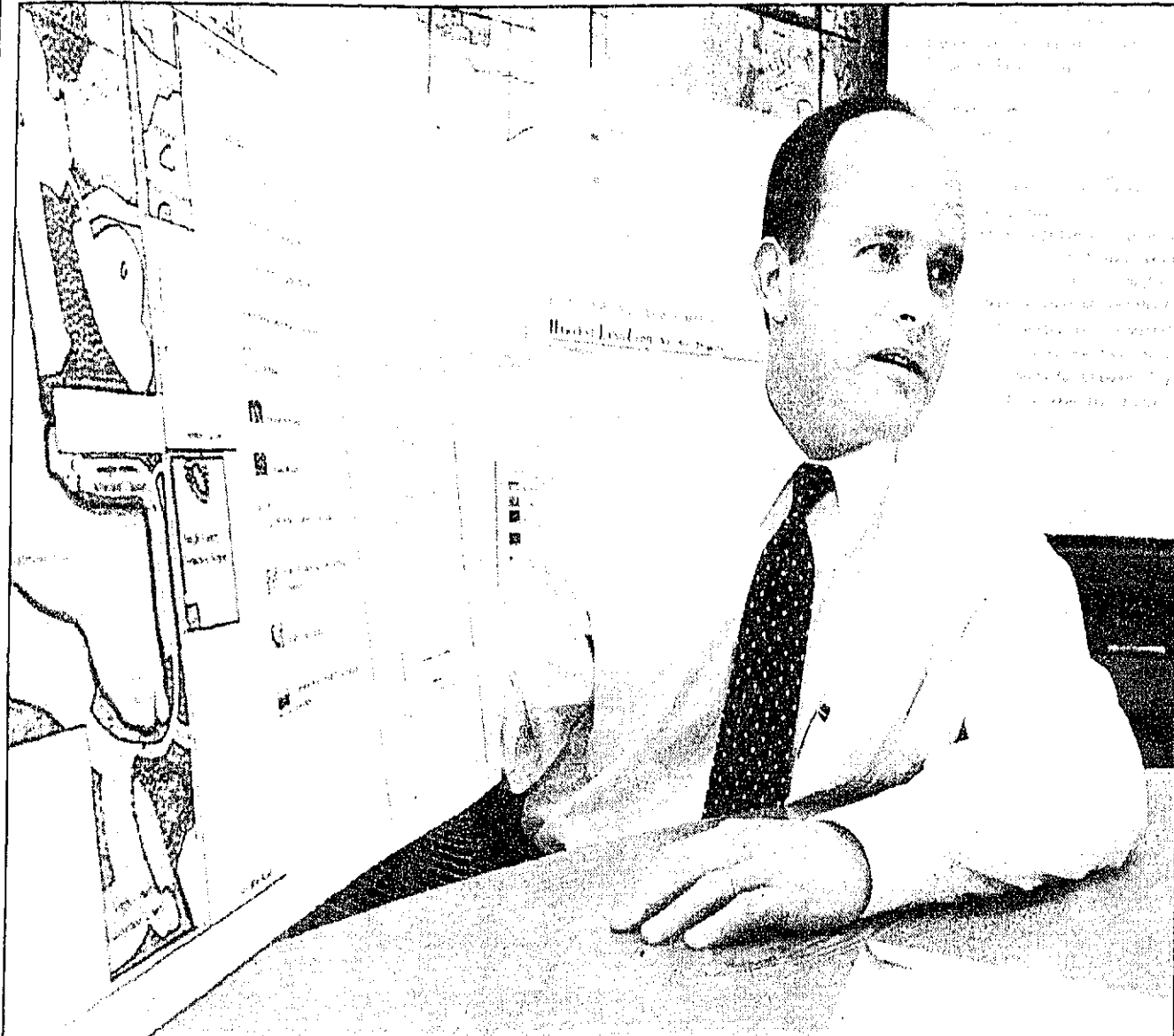


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Steve Weiner, of the Harvest Land Company, displays his company's plans to develop the area near Ten Mile and Wixom roads.

Gravel pit to signature sub

Levy Company unveils plans for 900-acre parcel

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

For 35 years, the Edward C. Levy Company sold the gravel they scraped out of their 901 acres of property on Novi's western fringe.

Today, the mile-long ditch those excavations created is destined to be a lake anchoring an innovative, 1,000-home project. If city officials agree to proposed zoning changes, about half of the woodlands and wetlands at the Ten Mile/Wixom Road site will be



left undeveloped. "We think we have a unique piece of land with outstanding

environmental characteristics. Our plan is based on open-space planning principles with preservation and enhancement of the environment for the residents," said Steve Weiner, of the Harvest Land Company, the firm Levy put together to develop the site.

"We think this is a modern, forward thinking approach to large-scale land development with an emphasis on environmental sensitivity."

In order to keep 50 percent of the acres as a natural recreation

area for hikers and cyclists, Harvest proposes that the homes be clustered.

On Feb. 14, the site plan for the 82-acre Harvest Lake of Novi was submitted to the city's Community Development Department but the project has long been discussed in local planning circles.

Levy's giant tract of land abuts the proposed site of the new Novi Middle School, a proposed elementary school and a 52-acre City of Novi park.

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Capote studies business planning

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

"In economic development you need to make contacts. You can't be a secret agent," said Greg Capote Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Novi.

That's just one of the many reasons Capote says he will spend \$10,000 and four weeks at conferences and seminars this spring and next year learning more about the real estate

process and bringing business to the city. "It's important for him to have professional credibility beyond the basic college degree to upgrade the entire program," said Planning Director Jim Wahl.

In his new position at Novi, Capote plans to complete an economic base study, a business and retention survey and an entrepreneurship assessment as well as benchmark progress, create a Novi Profile, network with other devel-

opment agencies and publicize the city's development potential.

In order to formulate and execute the plan, the planner needs to understand how the companies function and be on the same level of professional development, said Wahl.

"We need to have that level of business sense if we're going to be dealing with these people on level ground," Wahl explained.

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Volunteer has built playstructure before

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
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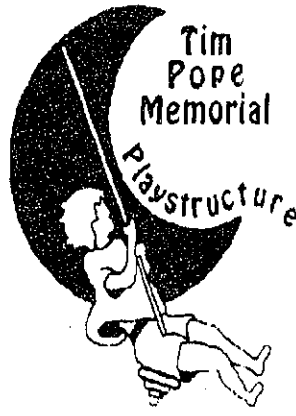
Ann Hartland has done this before.

But the new Novi resident is taking the time again to help create the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape because she knows the importance of building a community and building memories.

"My dad always took us to playgrounds," said Hartland, who helped build a playscape in her previous hometown. "Every Sunday evening. He died about two years before we built the playscape in Pennsylvania. My mother donated a picket in his memory. I always thought, 'He's sitting here watching me play with my children like he used to do.' I hope when Andrew (Pope) is playing he'll think of his dad."

Hartland and her family: husband Ken; Amy, 14; Erica, 10; Evan, 6; and Tim, 5, are getting acquainted with Novi by helping out with the playscape in memory of councilman Tim Pope, who died in 1995 from results of a car crash.

"We moved here the first of August and everyone told me you need to join an organization. Find something that interests you."



Hartland said. She is one of many committee members helping to organize and generate \$130,000 of funding for the playscape to be built at The Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads. The goal is to have the project built in early June, with the help of as many as 500 volunteers.

She attends the committee meetings and helped with the Christmas wrapping fundraiser at Twelve Oaks. She's also ensuring the children of the city stay involved by having kids make a

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Ann Hartland and her children Timothy, 5; Evan, 6; Erica, 10; and Amy, 14, will all be involved in building the playscape.

Eatery design change found unappetizing

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

While the Andris restaurant wasn't on the menu for the Novi City Council meeting Monday, it was on the council's plates - and apparently wasn't found particularly appetizing.

Andris presented each council member with a sealed envelope containing a 13-page request for a reconsideration of his controversial 1980s proposal to build an upscale dining spot directly on the banks of Walled Lake.

Site plan approval for a Port Papadapolis Greek eatery is already in place, but for a location across the street from the water. That's a second choice and at an estimated \$2.5 million the cost/benefit ratio may be too risky, Andris contends.

"Our concern is primarily that we otherwise would not proceed with the restaurant venture and instead develop the allowable retail or other use, or even consider a sale of the property or sale and/or rental for marina purposes," Andris, a former Michigan assistant attorney general, wrote the council in the Feb. 19 letter.

"This is an old wound. It has not healed. There was a legal resolution. To open that wound again is not something I want to do."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen

Council Member Richard Clark said he was "flabbergasted" by the Andris proposal.

"How many times do you have to say no? We bent over backwards to cooperate. I'm at a loss to understand this new proposal ... To put it bluntly, I'm appalled. The answer is no, plain and simple."

However, Council Member Robert Schmid said that Andris has "every right" to come before the city and invited him to go

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Willard named to head Chamber

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Lisa Willard, the new executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce is no newcomer to Novi.

In fact, she's a former president of the Novi Newcomers.

This week, the chamber announced that they have hired Willard, currently the director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce, to take over from Connie Mallett.

She'll be on the job March 10. Willard, now a Milford resident, worked for a year as a preschool teacher's aide for the Novi Community School District and then took the same position with Faith Community United Presbyterian Church from 1982 to 1992.

"I think there are a lot of wonderful opportunities. There are so many wonderful business people in Novi," Willard said Tuesday. "I'm looking forward to getting reacquainted with the ones I know and meeting new business people. Having an office in the Expo Center is wonderful."

Mallett was told in November that her last day on the job would be April 30, but left on Feb. 7. She had been executive director and president of the Novi Cham-



Lisa Willard

ber of Commerce for ten years.

A news release distributed by the chamber this week noted that the board of directors aims to "reengineer the chamber with a greater focus of enhancing the overall membership by the creation of programs."

Between 25 and 30 applications for the post were submitted. Six candidates were interviewed, said

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A view of the lake during the summer months.

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WEST SIDE STORIES

On Saturday, March 1, the Novi City Council will meet at 8 a.m. to discuss possible changes in the local zoning ordinances, among them the residential unit development ordinance or RUD.

Under review is an approach that varies from the long-held Novi philosophy for the development of the western side of the city. The city's master plan calls for one-acre or estate lot subdivisions.

Open space planning, on the other hand, preserves natural features as common ground, while cutting back on individual yard sizes.

With Novi's current RUD ordinance, 860 homes could be built, Weiner said. He is proposing that be pushed up to 1,000.

"Open space planning is a concept that has been popular in the U.S. in the past decade or two. We think this is an opportunity to utilize the principles in our development," Weiner said.

"The idea is creating a community with the most open space. If you take a ten-acre parcel and did ten one-acre lots, you'd have a tremendous amount of private open space, whereas if you set aside a common open space and build lots of lots around it, that's open space planning."

Two years ago, Levy hired Weiner, who previously worked for the Disney Corporation, to head this project. With Disney, Weiner worked in Orlando on hotel development and the housing complex Celebration City. He also spent time in France involved with the mega-corporation's European land holdings and development.

dominants were built along the lake left by the former Thompson gravel mine. Between Beck Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, the 67-acre site was developed by the Beck Development Corporation.

Ultimately, Harvest Lake is expected to spill across Napier Road onto the Levy mine site land in Lyon Township. Over the next ten to 15 years, the goal is to create a mix of housing that will appeal to families, young professionals and empty-nesters, Weiner said.

While not made by glaciers, like Walled Lake, at 169 acres the manmade Harvest Lake is the second largest body of water in Novi. Although not all residents of the new community will actually have lakeside lots, all will be able to enjoy the new lake, picnicking on the shores or launching sailboats, canoes, paddleboats and electrically-motORIZED crafts across its waters, Weiner said. Fish have already found the water.

Large private parks for residents of Harvest Lake of Novi will be linked by walkways, bike paths and roads.

Four types of residences will be offered: luxury single-family detached homes on large waterfront lots; off-water single-family homes on a variety of lot sizes; single family detached cluster homes and single family-attached cluster homes, such as woodlands townhouses.

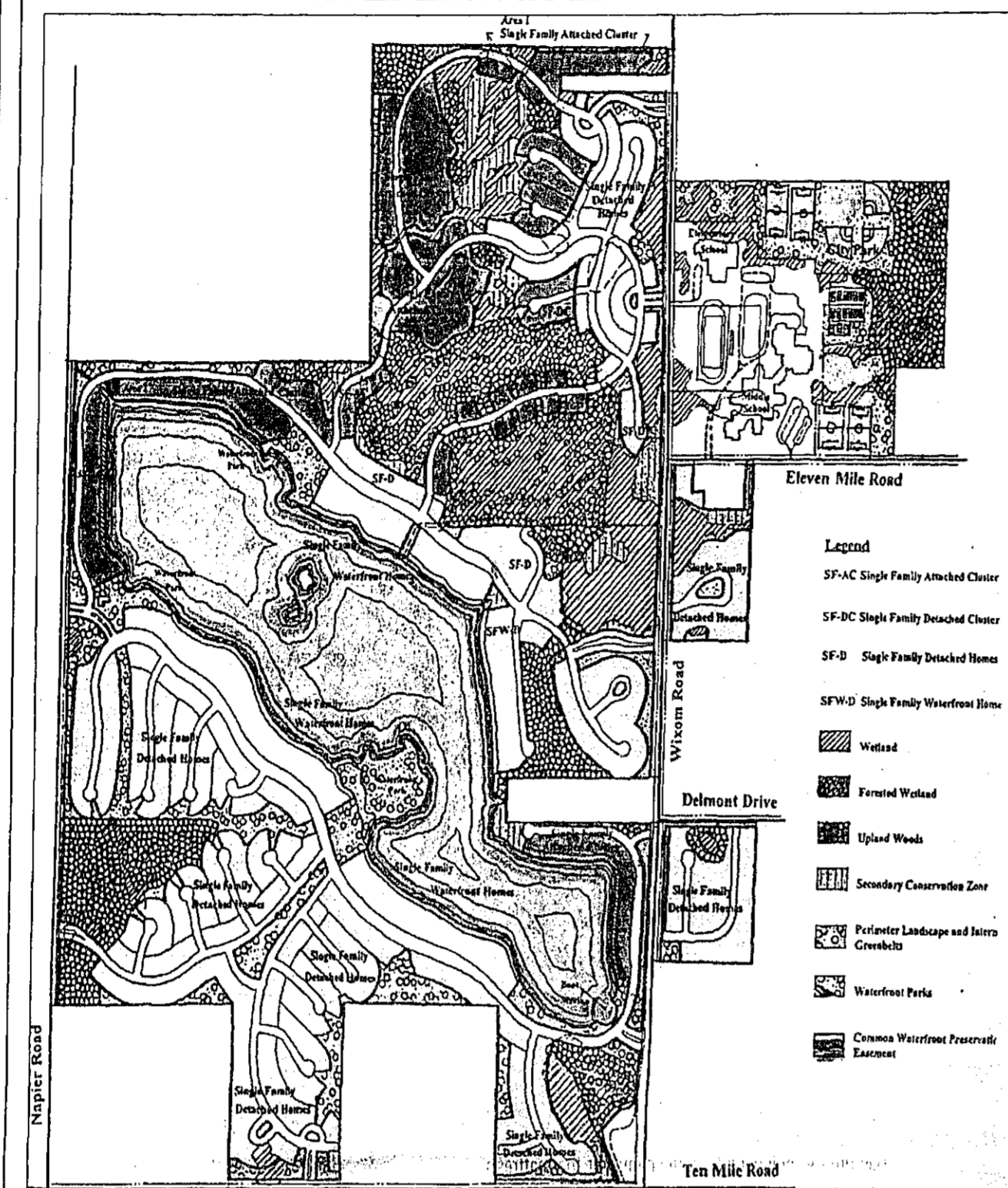
Weiner said it's "premature" to announce the purchase price within the next 30 days. Then, the city will hand over the school sites to the Novi school district in exchange for the Furst Farm.

Kriewall said the purchase price could not be divulged at this time.

The Levy land project could move ahead in sequence with the middle school development.

Levy has long envisioned converting the mining site into a residential community. Recycling a mine into a gold mine of development is not a new concept. In Northville Township, luxury con-

HARVEST LAKE OF NOVI Residential Unit Development



SOURCE: Johnson & Roylinc, with Zaimel Wozniak and Associates

Meeting draws ire of residents

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

After listening to protests from two residents Monday night, the Novi City Council changed the agenda for their Saturday morning meeting from one including possible council action to a study session.

Among the items to be discussed is a revamp of the residential unit development ordinance, RUD. Including modifications proposed by the Harvest Land Company. This firm is developing the Edward C. Levy mining company property

at Ten Mile and Wixom roads. Originally, the 8 a.m. untelevised session in the Novi Civic Center's Activities Room was to address the first reading of a rewrite of local zoning ordinances. To become local law, an ordinance change must gain council approval in first and second readings, usually, but not always at separate meetings.

Instead, the council, at the request of Council Member Edward Kramer, unanimously voted to change the early morning get-together to a study session and removed the first reading of any

ordinance from the agenda. "This council is in no way prepared to make any recommendations on the ordinance revision at this time. It's perfectly open to anyone who would like to join us at 8 a.m. this Saturday," Mayor Kathleen McCallen said.

"It's a shirts-sleeve session." But don't turn on your TV for this Saturday morning. As is the rule with study sessions, this will not be broadcasted.

The committee felt the present RUD lacks the techniques and incentives to preserve open land, natural resources and the rural character of Novi beyond what we can acquire under the current ordinances," she said.

The RUD is designed in part to permit an alternative to traditional subdivisions that preserves the environment and "rural community character that would be lost under a conventional development." It is accomplished by permitting flexible lot sizes and giving credits for additional home lots for

natural resource preservation. In other words, a developer could cluster homes or build more homes on smaller lots in a large-lot zoned residential area in exchange for the preservation of a "valuable" wetland or woodland area. The project could look more dense in some areas and appear much greener in others.

Some of the changes recommended by the commission include: • Requiring the parcel to be 10 acres or more in order to qualify for the RUD. • Allowing five acres of commercial development if the project spans 300 acres. Two acres of the five must be greenbelt. Commercial development could include dry cleaners, day care centers and delis and bakeries.

• Requiring the creation or enhancement of a wildlife corridor. The commission agreed to leave in the ability to exclude wetlands and lakes from density calculations when they are part of a comprehensive watershed plan.

In addition, the RUD can include churches, public facilities, schools and parks.

Planners reviewing the RUD

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioners have passed along their recommendations for revising the Residential Unit Development ordinance that will be used by Harvest Land Company for the large development at Wixom and Ten Mile roads.

Planning Chair Laura Lorenzo said the most important change is the focus on preserving "quality" open space in exchange for flexible lot sizes. She called it a "give and take" proposition and said a developer "won't be getting something

for nothing." "The committee felt the present RUD lacks the techniques and incentives to preserve open land, natural resources and the rural character of Novi beyond what we can acquire under the current ordinances," she said.

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Council looking at revisions of RUD ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

If there's one word that's been on the tongue of Novi planners lately, it's an acronym that hardly part of the common parlance — RUD.

The letters stand for Residential Unit Development ordinance. On the books since 1984, this is an option that permits developers of properties of more than 40 acres to cluster housing in return for preserving environmental features such as woodlands and lakes.

Most recently, it's been used in reference to an 820-acre proposal from the Harvest Land Company. Saturday, the Novi City Council plans to take a look at the RUD, along with other potential zoning changes.

ing, largely undeveloped half of the community.

"With the resources the city has, with the environmental assets, it's something we need to address now," Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said.

"The study of the RUD is not just for one project. It's for the western part of Novi. I think it's the most major current issue for the city."

In October, Steve Weiner of the Harvest Land Company requested a series of revisions to the existing ordinance. Earlier this month, the company submitted a suggested version of the ordinance along with the site plan for the proposed 1,000 home development.

Most of the Edward C. Levy mining company land at Ten Mile and Wixom roads is now zoned for RA and R-1 single family development. Under the old RUD ordinance, Weiner said 860 homes could be built. He is proposing that be pushed up to 1,000 residences, to be clustered in such a way that half of the land could be kept as a natural recreation area.

At over 300 acres, the proposed Harvest Lake is more than two and a half times the size of the giant Vistas of Novi development north of Twelve Mile Road. Levy also owns another 80 acres of the City of Novi and land for the new Novi Middle School. A city-initiated zoning from light industrial to residential for the portion of the property Novi seeks to buy is underway.

But size isn't everything. One revision of the ordinance could make it applicable to properties as small as ten acres.

"There are some magnificent little pieces of land that might benefit from the RUD," Rogers said. "I think if it's properly applied, it can preserve quality green space," he said.

In a report to the city, Rogers suggested that the RUD ordinance could offer "open space credits" to developers who preserve features such as bodies of water, city-regulated and unregulated woodlands, unregulated wetlands, wildlife habitats, meadows, recreational land, scenic areas and wetlands buffers.

"They (Harvest) wants to get some other credits and do some good things out there," Rogers said.

Since 1984, the RUD ordinance has allowed a lake, such as the 169-acre former gravel mine on the Levy property, to be counted as a density "bonus." Harvest Land would like to see that bonus increased, to compensate for other

changes requiring city approval. Another modification that Harvest would like is a change from Novi's sidewalk requirements. Rather than an asphalt or concrete sidewalk cutting across front yards, the company envisions a system of trails, including wood chip paths and boardwalks through the development's open spaces.

"We can achieve the same objective in a more environmentally sensitive way," Weiner explained. Meanwhile, Rogers said the Harvest Lake development falls under the old regulations.

"It's being reviewed under the existing ordinances, what else can I do?" he said.

"This is still under study but it's not in the books. I can't tell you what form the RUD ordinance will take."

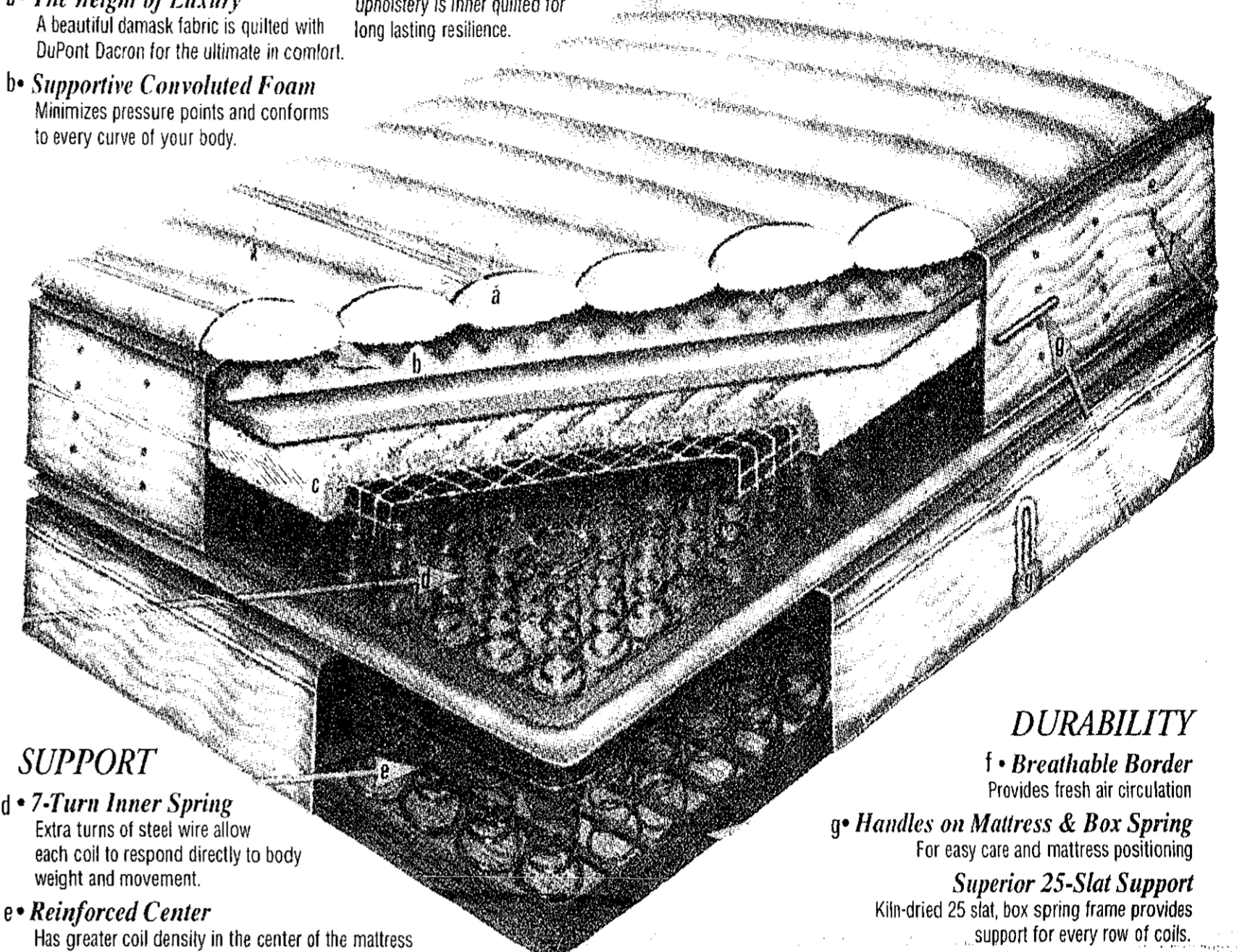
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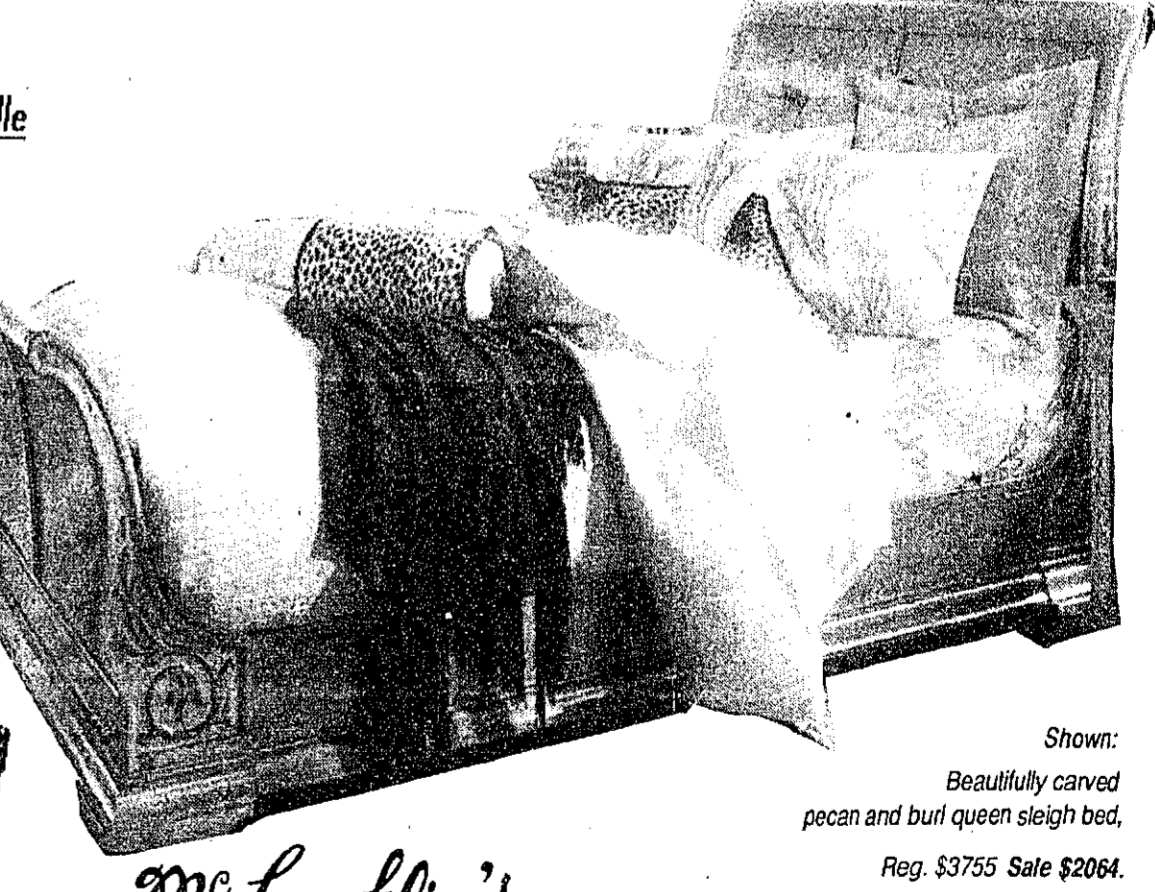
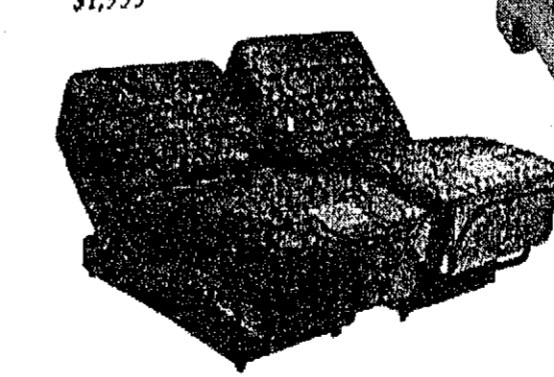
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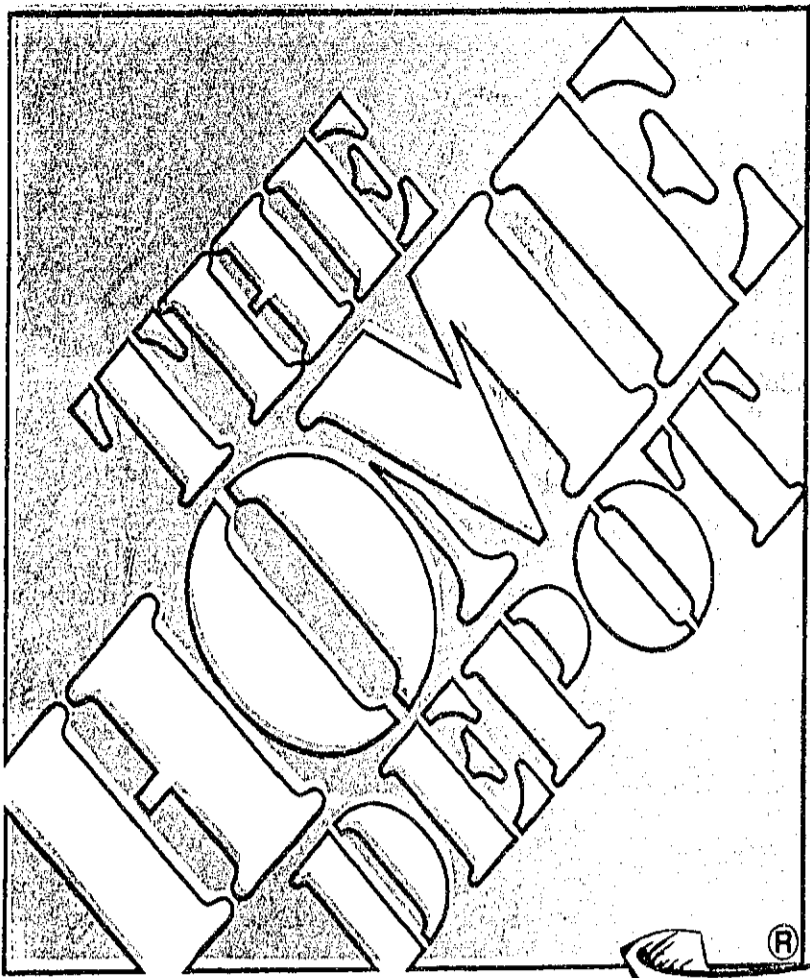
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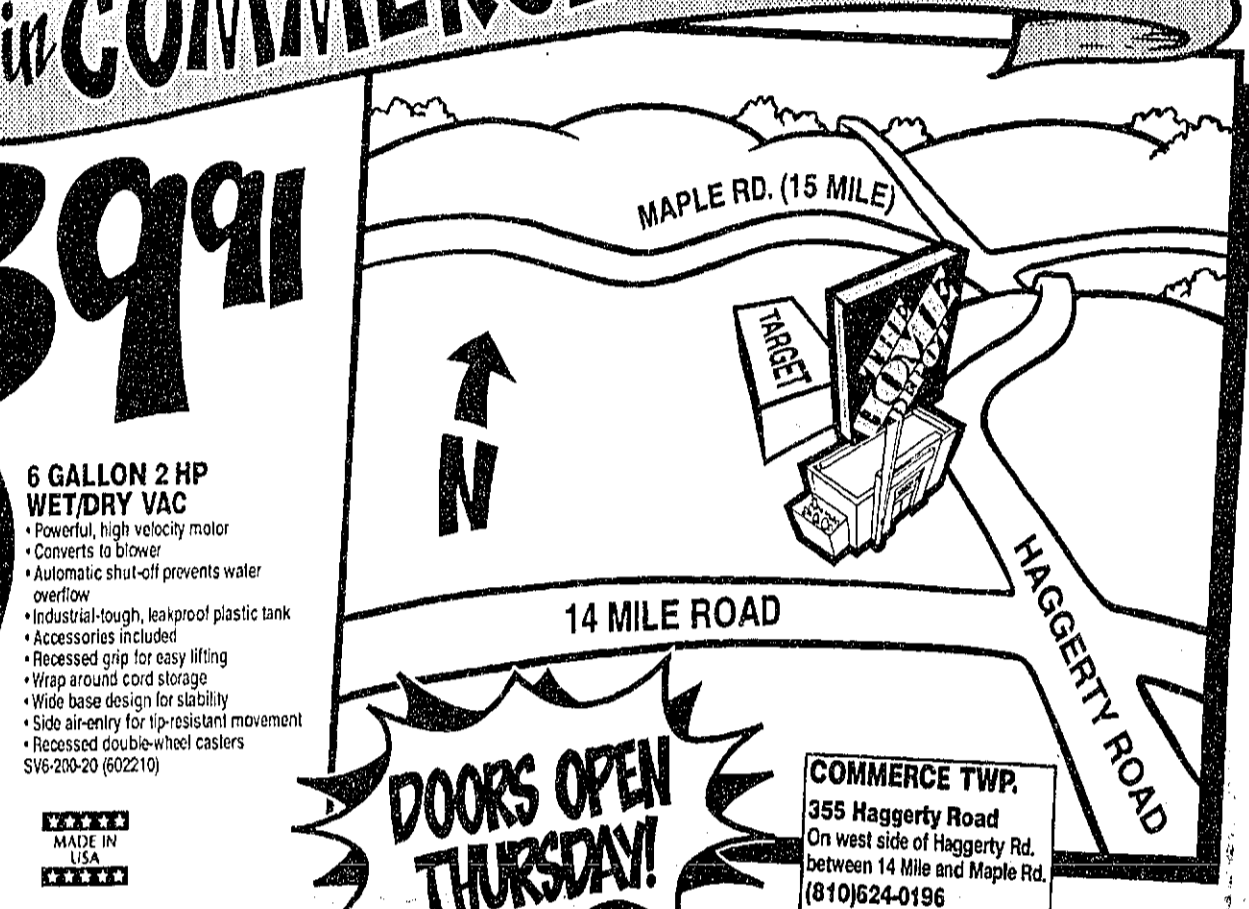
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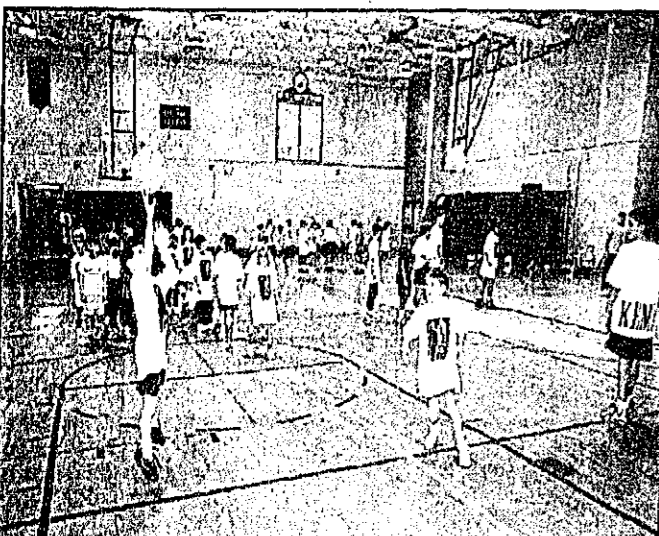
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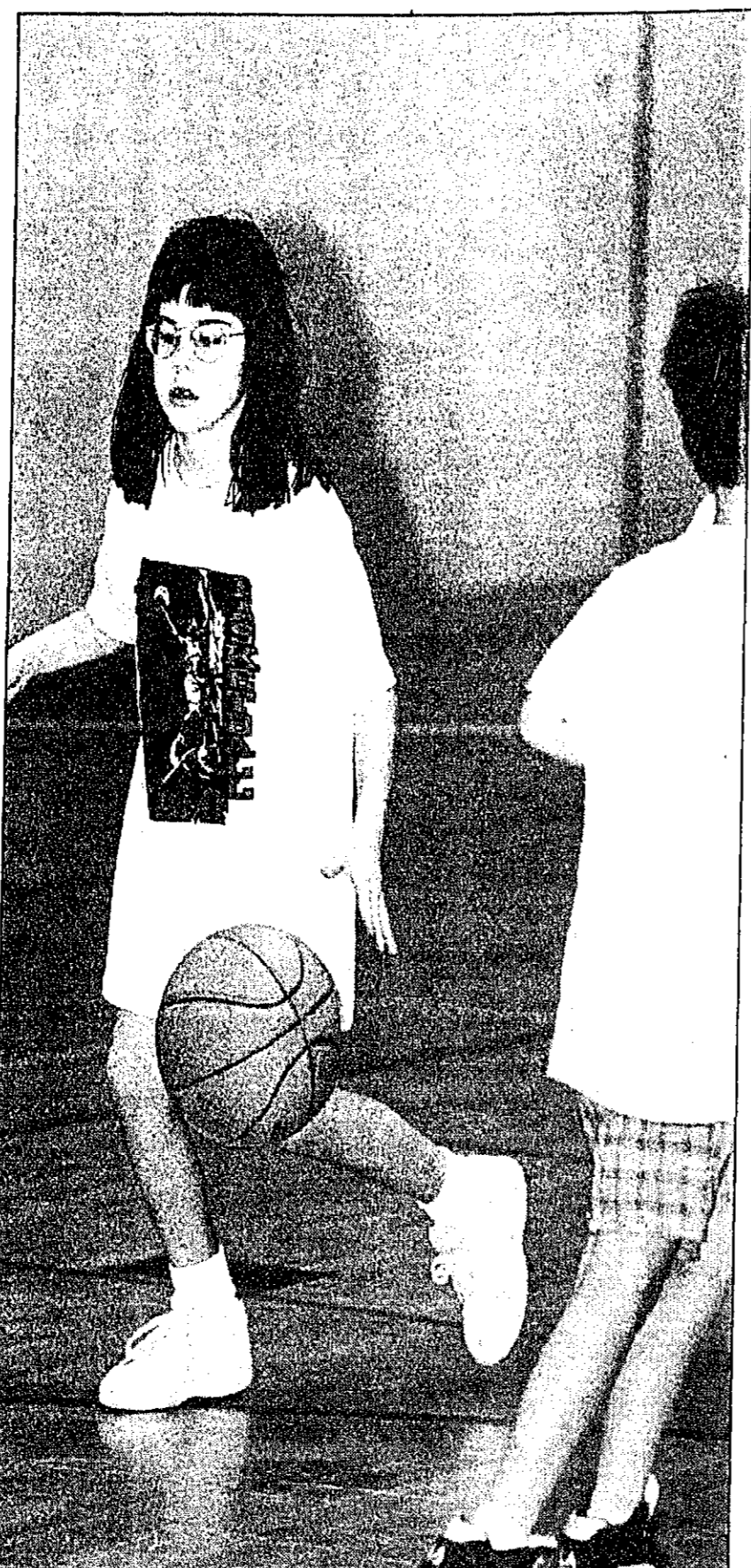


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Basketball camp

Novi Middle School spring break basketball camp counselor Gary Larson, top left, works on a line of students with their jump-shot ball release technique. Top right, Amanda Diacono, 8, dribbles in the Novi Middle School gym on Wednesday, working on her lay-up skills. Above, youngsters work on their "give and go" techniques and layup skills. About 50 kids ranging from 6 to 12 were involved in the four-day event.



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State may have tough time fixing custody laws

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

Not only will the Michigan Legislature have a tough time fixing the Child Custody Act; divorced dads will have a tough time getting judges to pay attention if a new law is enacted.

A state Senate bill would tell judges to presume that "shared parental responsibility" should be part of parenting plans made for children by divorcing couples.

"What will the judge do? Anything he pleases because this is my court," predicted Alan LeBow of Southfield representing Fathers for Equal Rights.

"This bill doesn't go far enough," said George Miller Jr. of Canton Township. "I have an ex-wife who

can't agree on anything."

Their warnings to senators emerged from a three-hour St. Valentine's Day hearing conducted in Livonia City Hall by the Families, Mental Health and Human Services Committee.

The Senate passed a similar bill last year, but it died in the House. Two years ago, Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, tapped a barrage of criticism, mostly from fathers, of Friend of the Court and judicial procedures.

All of Geake's proposals passed except the shared parental responsibility bill. This year it is being sponsored by Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, chair of the Senate panel.

Panel member Chris Dingell, D-

Trenton, repeatedly pointed out that the bill would merely set up a "presumption that you can knock over with a feather — a simple presumption that operates only in the absence of other evidence."

The bill was stoutly resisted by some women speakers.

Anne Agirotz, of Farmington Hills and a member of the Family Law Section of the State Bar, said judges should continue to have discretion. Agirotz said the bill would create more problems, including school attendance.

Replied Gougeon: "I've heard fathers say they are given short shrift and become non-custodial parents 300 times a day in hearings that ran from 9 to 6, almost non-stop," Gougeon said fathers

pay their child support at far higher rates when there is joint planning and custody. "Otherwise we end up with a welfare situation."

Lynne Kwiatkowski, from Safe House in Ann Arbor, opposed the bill because "joint custody may not be in the best interest of a battered woman. . . Increased parental contact results in more emotional problems. Not all parents have the capacity for joint custody."

Helen Bennett, a Southfield social worker who runs a crisis intervention center, called Agirotz's remarks "B.S. She doesn't know what she's talking about."

"I've dealt with Friend of the

Court for 20 years. We call them 'Fiend' of the Court out here. I would like to eliminate judges and attorneys entirely (from divorce proceedings).

"You do not enforce your laws totally between genders. Females are as violent as males but don't get arrested by police," said Bennett. She agreed with Gougeon that men pay child support 90 percent of the time and supported the joint custody bill.

A Westland grandfather, Charles McClain, said he hadn't been able to locate, let alone see, his grandchildren for 11 years after his son's ex-wife left Livingston Coun-

ty. McClain said there was "no communication between" Livingston and Washtenaw counties Friends of the Court offices.

He said the Livingston Friend of the Court "was absolutely zero concerned, cooperative or polite to me. Their only focus was trying to collect child support."

David Wightman, of Capitol Area Fathers for Equal Rights, endorsed the bill because "it is a fundamental social pathology of our times that one parent, mostly fathers, is systematically excluded from the lives of children by a father-hostile judiciary. Friend of the Court system and a Family Law bar."

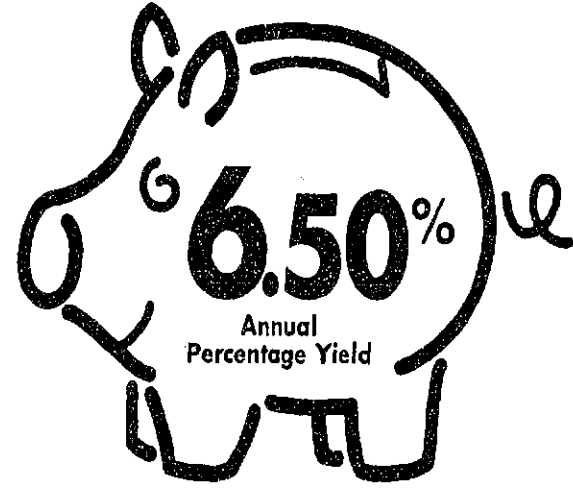
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February 27, 1997

SCOREBOARD

Table of sports scores including Basketball, Area Leaders, Wrestling, and Football. Includes columns for teams and scores.

Sports Shorts

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Novi Youth Baseball League registration will be held on the following dates:
Saturday, March 1, noon to 3 p.m.
Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi
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All new registrants must provide proof of age (birth certificate).
Registration fees are as follows: (Division - Ages - Cost)
Pinto, 7-8, \$45; Mustang, 9-10, \$50; Bronco, 11-12, \$55; Pony, 13-14, \$55; Colt, 15-16, \$60; Families of three or more will only pay \$125.
Troyouts will be held at Power Park for new players or new division players on Saturday, April 19. Pinto A to K, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; L to Z, 1-3 p.m.; Mustang A to K, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; L to Z, 1-3 p.m.; Bronco A to Z, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Pony A to Z, 9-10:30 a.m. Rain date will be announced.
Late Registration: There will be a \$10 late fee after March 8. Late registration at the Novi Parks and Recreation office only. (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) All openings are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Late registration ends March 21. Only those registered prior to this date are assured placement on a team.
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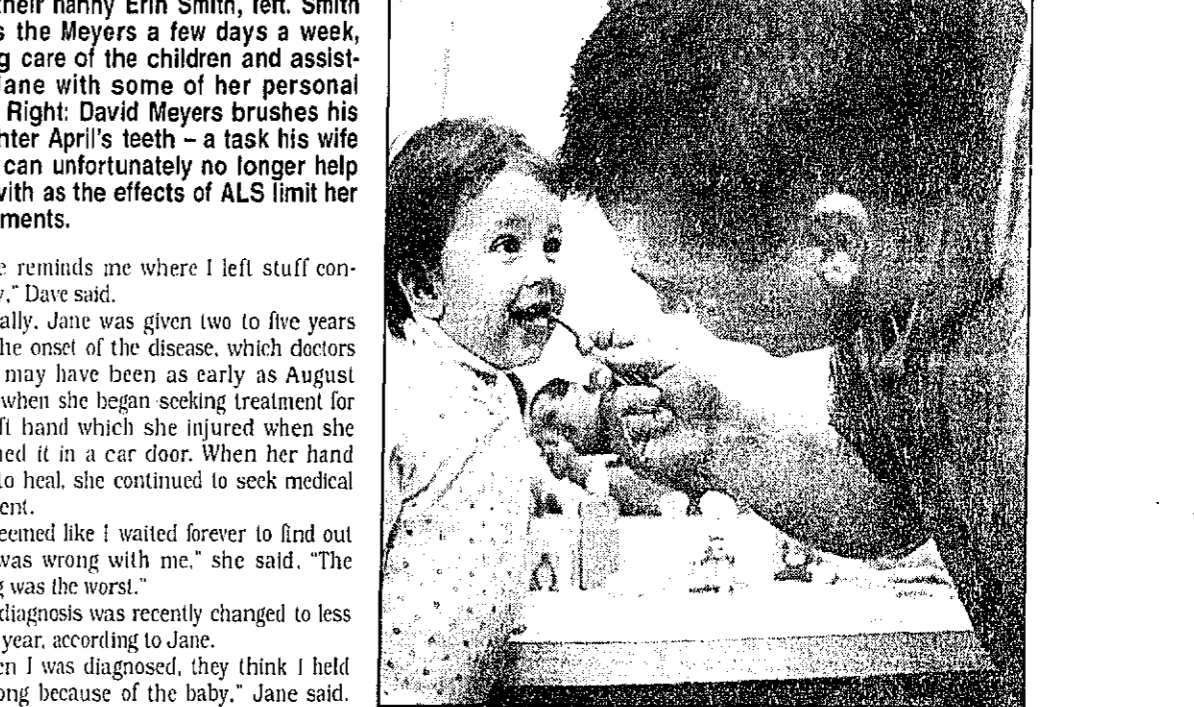
April Meyers helps to hand-feed her mother Jane some of the 28 different pills that she needs to take every day. ALS has taken away Jane's ability to control some of her finer motor skills, so she sometimes needs help with things like taking her medicines or lighting a cigarette.

Jane's Legacy

Last year, a Northville woman and her family received news that would change their lives forever. Here's their story.
Jane and David Meyers' world took an abrupt change a year ago. Jane, who hopefully will turn 30 in July, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) just one month before giving birth on May 26, 1996, to the couple's second child, a baby boy they named Michael.
Keeping things as normal as possible for the children, while at the same time dealing with the terminal illness of his wife and his own drive to provide for his family, has the 33-year-old father pulled in many directions.
From a happy, healthy toddler jumping up and down on his parents' bed to the plop on one corner of the small living room, life seems normal.
But for the Northville couple, the term "normal" doesn't apply any more.
April, who is 21-months-old, is no more familiar with the toys which are kept under the sofa table as she is with giving her mother one of the 28 pills she must take every day to help with cramping, nausea, panic attacks, depression, seizures, regularity and to control shaking.
ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a terminal illness which attacks the motor neurons which convey the brain's messages throughout the body. When the muscles do not receive the messages, they wither and lose their strength. Eventually, as the disease progresses, all the voluntary muscles become useless. The individual cannot move, eat, breathe or communicate and may choose to be kept alive by life support systems.
"my mind will never go with this," Jane said.



Above: Joining David and Jane Meyers and their two children April and David - is their nanny Erin Smith, left. Smith helps the Meyers a few days a week, taking care of the children and assisting Jane with some of her personal care. Right: David Meyers brushes his daughter April's teeth - a task his wife Jane can unfortunately no longer help him with as the effects of ALS limit her movements.

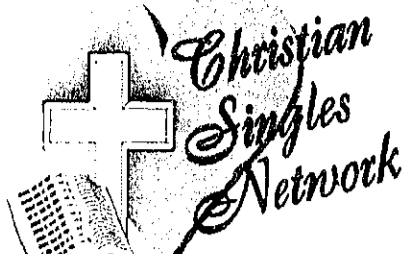


Story by Carol Werden
Photos by John Heider

"She reminds me where I left stuff constantly," Dave said.
Initially, Jane was given two to five years from the onset of the disease, which doctors think may have been as early as August 1995, when she began seeking treatment for her left hand which she injured when she slammed it in a car door. When her hand failed to heal, she continued to seek medical treatment.
"it seemed like I waited forever to find out that was wrong with me," she said. "The waiting was the worst."
The diagnosis was recently changed to less than a year, according to Jane.
"When I was diagnosed, they think I held on strong because of the baby," Jane said. "We were worried about the baby, but he turned out perfect and beautiful. As soon as I had him, the progression was rapid."
Jane and David went through the stages of denial and anger since the diagnosis.
"I was so mad at God," she said. "We weren't on speaking terms, is how I put it. Now we have made amends."
Jane recently joined Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.
"David and I both believe in the soul and we believe that I will be doing so much more for others in heaven than I can possibly do here."
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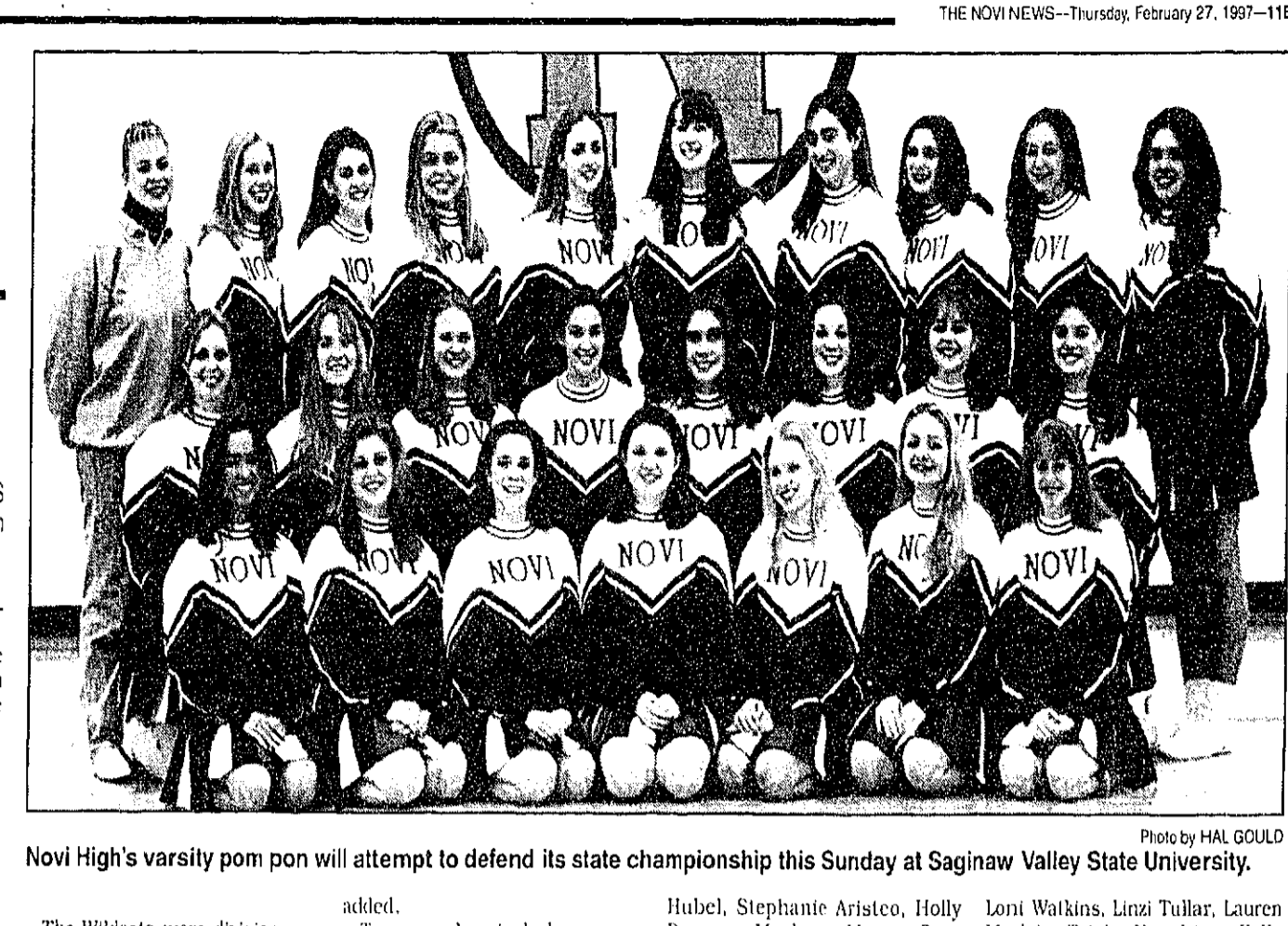
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Pom pon team heads to finals

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Novi High's varsity pom pon will attempt to defend its state championship this Sunday at Saginaw Valley State University.

Spikers fall flat at U of M tourney; lose to Howell combination of players for state tournament action this Saturday. The Wildcats will face the winner of Livonia Churchill/Salem at approximately 11:15 a.m.

The Wildcats were division one champs a year ago. Hobbs said her team will do well again. "They're really determined," she added.

Novi rebounded to sweep Detroit. The Eagles took the opener 15-10 and the nighttime 16-14. Fisetto said her team made too many critical serving errors to win.

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Hartland upsets gymnasts in conference championships

The combined team had similar problems last season on the beam. Winn said it was better to make the mistakes now than at state competition.

Northville won't survive the early stages of Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational. According to coach Julie Fisetto, though, her team did attain success of another kind.

Winn said, "All-in-all we came out pretty unscathed." NORTHVILLE 145.35. The combined team met Hartland on Feb. 18, and ironically, won.

Tankers win Flint invite

Novi need to win the 400-yard freestyle relay to take the Invitational. The team of Kelly, Lynch, Leroy and Kurti did just that with a time of 3:23.39.

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The Wildcats showed plenty of skills in last Saturday's competition. Novi scored 301 out of 360 possible points in round one, the compulsory round.

High Kickin'

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Cheer team 6th at finals

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